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കരണയുടെ വാതിൽ.....

.....“നിങ്ങൾ വീടുപണിയുമ്പോൾ ഒരു മുറി ഈശോയ്ക്കായി നീക്കി വെക്കണം. ‘ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ മുറി’ എന്ന് അതിന് പേരിടുകയും വേണം. അത് വഴിപോക്കർക്കും ഭവനരഹിതർക്കുമായി എന്നേക്കും തുറന്നിടണം”.... വി. ജോൺ ക്രിസോസ്റ്റം.

കരുണയുടെ ആഘോഷങ്ങൾക്ക് സമാപനം കുറിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് നവംബർ 13ന് കരുണയുടെ വാതിലടയുന്നു; ഹൃദയങ്ങളിൽ കരുണയുടെ വാതിൽ അടയ്ക്കാതെ തന്നെ. ചരിത്രപുസ്തകങ്ങളെ അതിശയിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് പോപ്പ് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് കരുണയുടെ അസാധാരണ ജൂബിലി വർഷം സമാരംഭിച്ചത്. പിതാവിനെപ്പോലെ കരുണയുള്ളവരായിരിക്കുക.... എന്ന ആപ്തവാക്യം സ്വീകരിച്ച്; പ്രാർത്ഥനയിൽ നിറഞ്ഞ തീർത്ഥാടനത്തിലൂടെ നമ്മൾ കല്യാൺ കത്തീഡ്രലിലെ വിശുദ്ധ കവാടം കടന്നു. പതിനാറായിരത്തോളം വരുന്ന തീർത്ഥാടകർ വിശുദ്ധ വർഷത്തെ പ്രാർത്ഥനയിലും അതികഠിനമായ ഒരുക്കത്തിലും പിതാവിന്റെ കരുണയിറങ്ങുന്നു.

“ഈ വിശുദ്ധ വർഷത്തിൽ, സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ അങ്ങേയറ്റത്തെ അഴുക്കുകളിൽ ജീവിക്കുന്നവനിലേയ്ക്ക്, നമ്മുടെ ഹൃദയങ്ങൾ തുറക്കുന്ന അനുഭവത്തിനായി നാം ഉറ്റു നോക്കുന്നു”.... മാർപാപ്പയുടെ ആഹ്വാനത്തിൽ നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസവും ഐക്യവും കാരൂണ്യവും ജ്വലിച്ചു. തുടർന്നു നിങ്ങൾ കാണുന്ന കരുണയുടെ മുഖങ്ങൾ, ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് ലഭിച്ച ചിത്രങ്ങളിൽ ചിലത് മാത്രമാണ്. ചിത്രങ്ങളെടുക്കാതെ പോയ കാരൂണ്യ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളായിരുന്നു അധികവും. കാരൂണ്യത്തിന് വഴിയൊരുക്കിയ സുമനസ്സുകളിലൂടെ ചിത്രങ്ങൾ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പക്കലുണ്ടെന്ന് തീർച്ചയാണ്....



കാരുണ്യ പ്രവൃത്തികൾ



01

വിശക്കുന്നവർക്ക് ഭക്ഷണം കൊടുക്കുന്നത്.

“വിശക്കുന്നവർക്ക് ഉദാരമായി ഭക്ഷണം കൊടുക്കുകയും പീഡിതർക്കു സാന്ത്വ്യം നൽകുകയും ചെയ്താൽ നിന്റെ പ്രകാശം അന്ധകാരത്തിൽ ഉദിക്കും. നിന്റെ ഇരുണ്ട വേളകൾ മധ്യാഹ്നം പോലെയാകും”.
(ഏശയ്യാ : 58/10)

ശരീരത്തെ നിലനിർത്തുന്നതിനാവശ്യമായ ഭക്ഷണം നൽകുന്നത് പരമമായ പുണ്യം.





02

ദാഹിക്കുന്നവർക്ക് കുടിക്കാൻ കൊടുക്കുന്നത്.

“ദാഹിക്കുന്നവനു ജീവജലത്തിന്റെ ഉറവയിൽ നിന്ന് സൗജന്യമായി ഞാൻ കൊടുക്കും”. (വെളി. 21/6)
ദാഹജലത്തിനുവേണ്ടി പരക്കെ പാഞ്ഞ ഒരു ജനതയ്ക്ക് കുടിവെള്ളം നൽകി നമ്മുടെ സമൂഹം മാതൃകയായി.



03

വസ്ത്രമില്ലാത്തവർക്ക് വസ്ത്രം കൊടുക്കുന്നത്.

“ഞാൻ നഗ്നനായിരുന്നു; നിങ്ങൾ എന്നെ ഉടുപ്പിച്ചു”... (മത്താ. 25/36). മനുഷ്യന്റെ പ്രാഥമിക ആവശ്യങ്ങളിൽ ഒന്നാണ് വസ്ത്രം. ഉദാരതയിൽ നിന്ന് നാം വസ്ത്രങ്ങൾ നൽകി അവരുടെ മാനുത സംരക്ഷിച്ചു.



04

പാർപ്പിടമില്ലാത്ത വർക്ക് പാർപ്പിടം നൽകുന്നത്

“ഞാൻ പരദേശിയായിരുന്നു. നിങ്ങൾ എന്നെ സ്വീകരിച്ചു.... (മത്താ. 25/35) അന്തിയുറങ്ങാ നൊരിടം എല്ലാവരുടെയും ഒരു സ്വപ്നമാണ്. ജീവിതവഴികളിൽ അതില്ലാതെ പോയവർക്ക് ഒരു കൈത്താങ്ങേ്.



05

രോഗികളെയും തടവുകാരെയും സന്ദർശിക്കുന്നത്.

“ഞാൻ കാരാഗൃഹത്തിലായിരുന്നു. നിങ്ങൾ എന്നെ അടുത്തുവന്നു”. (മത്താ. 25/36)

06

അവശരെ സഹായിക്കുന്നത്.

പാവപ്പെട്ടവരെയും അവശരെയും സഹായിക്കുന്നത് ദൈവികമാണ്. അവർക്ക് നാം കരുണയായി മാറിയ സന്ദർഭങ്ങൾ.....



07

മരിച്ചവരെ അടക്കുന്നത്.

.....എന്റെ ജനത്തിലാരുടെ യെങ്കിലും മൃതശരീരം നിന്നവേയുടെ മതിലിനു വെളിയിൽ കിടക്കുന്നത് കണ്ടാൽ, ഉടൻ ഞാൻ സംസ്കരിക്കുമായിരുന്നു. (തോബി. 1/17)

DOOR OF MERCY

“To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them. It is he who seeks us! It is he who comes to encounter us! This will be a year in which we grow ever more convinced of God's mercy.”
(Pope Francis)

In the extra-ordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Door of Mercy was solemnly opened and inaugurated in our Diocese by H.E. Mar Thomas Elavanal, Bishop of Kalyan, on 13th December 2015. The Door of Mercy is kept opened throughout this year and as planned, concluding on 13th November 2016. The Bishop instructed the Priests, the Religious and the parishioners of all parishes in the Diocese to enter through the Door of Mercy by pilgrimage. He also allotted each Forane, a particular month. Also he admonished the people of God to do the preparatory deeds to enter through the Door of Mercy; viz.,

- a. Receive the sacrament of Mercy (Reconciliation).
- b. Offer and receive the Holy Qurbana with this intention.
- c. Reconcile with those who have something against you.
- d. Do one act of Mercy.
- e. Enter through the Door of Mercy through Pilgrimage to St. Thomas Cathedral Church at Kalyan.
- f. Recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- g. Pray for the intentions of Holy Father (1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, 1 Glory be..)

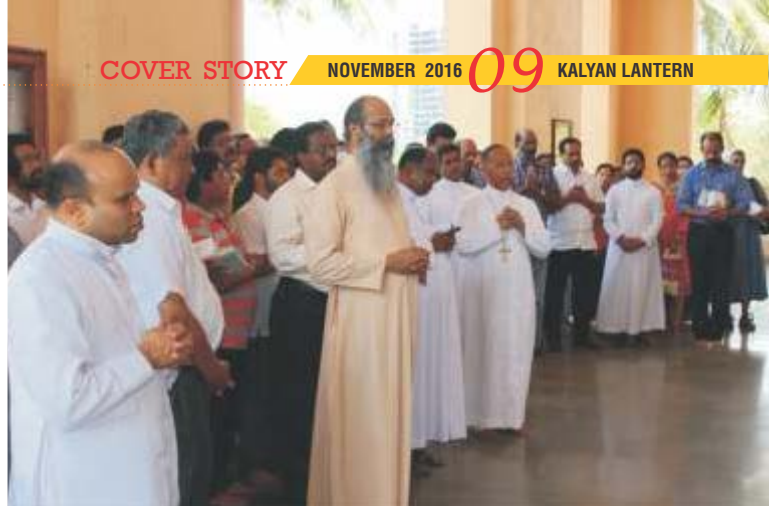
The Priests motivated the parishioners by preparing them with Sacrament of Mercy and helping them for reconciliation; encouraging the people to do some

acts of Mercy both Corporal and Spiritual. As of now, 15,858 pilgrims from different Foranes, Parishes also Priests, men and women Religious, including from mission regions have experienced mercy of God by entering through the Door of Mercy in pilgrimage at St. Thomas Cathedral Church. Even many others also have entered through the door of mercy individually or alongwith their families. Catechism students, youth groups from different parishes also made a point to enter through the Mercy Door.

Thousands of people flocked to the Door of Mercy in Cathedral especially on Saturdays, Sundays and other public holidays. The parishioners of the Cathedral parish, Kalyan West, cordially and hospitably welcomed the pilgrims. Each Family Unit of Cathedral parish was allotted each week to cordially receive the pilgrims. The parishioners were very enthusiastic and earnest in receiving the pilgrims by arranging the places of confessions and refreshments for the pilgrims.

Fr. Jacob Porathur,
Rector- St. Thomas Cathedral Church,
Kalyan West.







CONFESSION AND MERCY

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Confession is a fundamental part of Christian life and faith. After the resurrection when Jesus meets with the Apostles He breathes on them and says: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven” (John 20: 22-23). The presence and power of Christ to forgive sins remains in the Church through the Sacrament of Confession. And it must be noted that it is only in the Catholic Church that Confession remains a Sacrament being faithful to *the command and gift of Christ to forgive sins to the priests* properly ordained by the Bishops who get their ordination through Apostolic succession from the Apostles.

The Sacrament of Confession grants us “pardon from God’s *mercy*”. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: “Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God’s mercy” (CCC: 1422).

Pope Francis on Mercy of God in Confession

The Sacrament of Confession shows God’s mercy in an explicit way. Ever since Pope Francis was elected to lead the Catholic Church, he has constantly emphasized the immeasurable mercy of God by telling us that the Sacrament of Confession presents “the merciful face of God.” Again Pope Francis on 22 August 2016 in ‘a message to the bishops, priests and Church workers attending Italy’s annual week of liturgical studies’ said that *God’s mercy is poured out and experienced in a special way in the Sacrament of Confession*. Like the merciful father in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15: 11-32), God, in His great mercy, is eager to forgive. Pope Francis would say: “each time we go to confession, God embraces us. God rejoices!” (General Audience, February 2014). Pope Francis in July 2013, during World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, said that God is pure mercy and how Jesus awaits us in the Sacrament of

Confession. He told the youth of the world gathered there that “with His mercy He will cure all the wounds caused by sin. Do not be afraid to ask God's forgiveness, because He never tires of forgiving us, like a father who loves us. God is pure mercy!”

Importance Confession in the Jubilee Year of Mercy

In this Jubilee of Mercy, we all are invited to focus on the Sacrament of Confession as an important aspect of experiencing God's mercy. “So many people, including young people, are returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; through this experience they are rediscovering a path back to the Lord, living a moment of intense prayer and finding meaning in their lives. Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of *God's mercy* with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace” (*Misericordiae Vultus*: 17).

The Priest in the Confessional

The priest who hears the confession represents Christ and the Church. Pope Francis says: “the priest represents not only God but also the whole community.” When one goes to confession, one is



making her/his confession to Jesus Christ, not the human person in a priest. Pope Francis tells us:

“Go. The priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent than priests. Jesus receives you, He receives you with so much love.” (General Audience, February 2014). In his *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis educates the priests who hear confessions: “I want to remind priests that the



confessional must not be a torture chamber but rather an encounter with the *Lord's mercy* which spurs us on to do our best. ... Everyone needs to be touched by the comfort and attraction of God's saving love, which is mysteriously at work in each person, above and beyond their faults and failings” (*Evangelii Gaudium*: 47).

The priest in the confessional needs to be merciful. He has to listen, accompany, and encourage. He has to pray, feel and weep for the sins. Pope reminds the priests to keep this in mind while hearing confession: “You carry his burden, as the Good Shepherd who goes in search of the lost sheep and carries it. But it must not be confused: this is very important. Mercy means carrying the burden of a brother or sister and helping them walk. Do not say 'ah, no, go on, go!', nor be rigid. This is very important. And who can do this? The *confessor who prays*, the *confessor who weeps*, the *confessor who knows that he is more a sinner than the penitent*, and if he himself has never done the bad thing that the penitent speaks of, it is but for the grace of God.”

Thus, confession stands for *God's mercy* for the one who comes to make confession, and also for the priest who hears the confession and absolves sins in His Holy Name.



THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY

- Geejo Davis

In 2013, when the Cardinals met to elect a new Pope – Cardinal Walter Kasper gave Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio a copy of his book 'Mercy', the Essence of Gospel and the Key to Christian Life. Bergoglio took it saying “Mercy! This is the name of our God”. Cardinal Bergoglio is now known as Pope Francis. Four days after his Papal Election in his homily on 17th March 2013 Pope Francis said, “I think and I say it with humility that this is the Lord's most powerful message Mercy. On December 8th 2015 Pope Francis Declared Year 2015-2016 to be An Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. In 2016 January Pope Francis presented to the world his book – The Name of God is Mercy.

Mercy is the Name of God. Jesus Christ is the face of God's mercy. Mercy is the essence of Christianity but the Pope feels that somewhere somehow it got lost. The book is reaffirming that Mercy is the name of our God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and mercy should be synonyms

with the Church and the life of every Christian. The Pope feels that the world needs to realize the mercy of God. Today people often don't have any sense of mercy being possible. People don't believe that they can be saved. Pope Pius XII, more than half a century ago, said that the tragedy of our age was that it had lost its sense of sin, the awareness of sin. To put in the exact words of our Pope “The fragility of our era is this, we don't believe that there is a chance for redemption; for a hand to raise you up; for an embrace to save you, forgive you, pick you up, flood you with infinite, patient, indulgent love; to put you back on your feet. We need mercy”.

Pope Francis speaks of the importance of recognizing that we all are sinners and the importance of confession. Sin is not a stain to be cleaned but a wound to be treated and healed and for this the first step is to realize we are wounded and we can take it no more. Pope Francis says that

realizing that we are sinners is a blessing in itself. If we are ashamed of our sins remember St. Ignatius asks for this grace of shame before confession of sins. The book speaks deeply on the GIFT OF CONFESSION. God awaits us with open arms; we need only to take a step toward him like the prodigal son. But if weak as we are, we don't have the strength to take that step, just the desire to take it is enough. The holy Father speaks to the clergy on the importance of confession and urges them to respond to the call of 'apostle of the ear'. Pope Francis reminds us never to judge others as we all are sinners. Pope Francis says Jesus never condemned the lady caught in adultery instead He forgave her. Pope tells us to forgive always because we are always forgiven. He tells us to forget the wrongs done by others to us as God too forgets the wrongs done by us towards Him. In his dialogues Pope tells man to be humble because it is one important requisite to receive God's mercy. Pope Francis also talks about a great evil of corruption and the terrible trap of thinking that life depends on money.

Pope Francis in this book becomes the most powerful voice against 'neo-liberalistic economic policies'. Pope calls for greater importance to corporal works of mercy which in today's world of gross economic and social inequality is what makes a Christian stand out as the visible face of God. The Pope shows that there are innumerable circumstances where we can show mercy to our brethren and we should do it freely as we have received the mercy of God freely. The Pope also urges us to follow what Jesus did in his life: to Love the Sinners. Pope Francis says, "By welcoming a marginalized person whose body is wounded and by welcoming the sinner whose soul is wounded, we put our credibility as Christians on the line. Let us always remember the words of St. John of the

Cross: "In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone." The book also gives great importance to forgiveness and compassion. A part of the book or a line which I liked very much was the prayer of a priest "Lord, forgive me if I have forgiven too much. But you're the one who gave me the bad example. One very important part which put a great impact on me was the Pope himself declaring that he is a sinner and in dire need of God's mercy. The stand our Pope takes on sin and sinners - especially prostitutes, homosexuals, divorcees, imprisoned criminals- is so likely to the stand taken by Jesus in the scriptures against age old principles but in tandem with God's infinite Mercy.

He is the shepherd who went in search of the one lost lamb. Like Jesus who spoke in simple parables and He spoke the Truth. The importance of mercy for humanity I found in a sentence which



a Grandmother spoke to Pope Francis in Argentina, "If the Lord didn't forgive everything, our world would not exist". The Name of God is Mercy is not simply a book but it's a universal truth, which our beloved Pope is trying to make the world realize. The stone of mercy which the builders rejected is to become the chief corner stone of our lives. God's mercy is the only hope for mankind in midst of all suffering. The Year of Mercy is intended to make humanity realize and accept God's mercy and reciprocate the same mercy to each other. As the Jubilee Year of Mercy comes to an end the real mission begins, the mission to open

ourselves to God's mercy to realize that God's name is mercy and we who have been created in his own image are also named after him and He calls out to each one of us by our name.

Each day of our life we need to pray "Lord I am a inner come with your mercy".





THROUGH PINK'S LENSE...

AnnRary Charles

The movie Pink revolves around the lives of three ordinary working ladies that come to a juncture coated with pain, both physical and mental, struggle and frustration because of few men who did not know the meaning of the word NO and also who lived their lives based on their irrational assumptions! The movie explicitly explores and reveals the perils in the society with respect to its attitude towards women in general. Almost every woman who watched the movie could relate to at least one of the few mentioned tags and stereotypes shown in the movie which makes Pink the (true) story of any ordinary woman.

The movie is a forceful reminder of the various prevalent precarious notions that continue to co-exist in the human society. The movie points out to the reality where people assume the character and morals of a girl based on the length of her clothes, the guy friends she hangs out with, the time she comes back home after work, the things she could end up doing behind locked doors if she's single and the list goes on. Along with stabbing the society's attitude towards

women, the movie also very subtly, yet very vividly attempts to shatter the age old misconceptions regarding decency and education.

The movie exposes the commonly believed and accepted notions like if a girl chooses to stay alone and away from her family or if she decides the way in which she should dress or if she goes for a rock concert or if she chooses to drink alcohol or if she has a late night shift at work she is definitely the object of raised eyebrows, rolling eyeballs and a number of doubts by the fellow human beings in her own society. If she chooses even any one of the above given options, she is bound to be labeled as an indecent girl. Well, the boys in the movie claim to come from decent families where girls don't drink and go to pubs but the boys take pride in outraging the modesty of a girl.

The boys from the so called decent family believe in claiming their rights over girls who do not belong to the conventional cutout of a girl. Many of us, even today, consider that money and power are the indicators of a decent family, both of which the boys in the movie owned. Pink, very genuinely, forces us to think on the idea of decency in general and the decency which the world has been enforcing on women for a very long time.

Pink also in a very interesting way points out the futility of education from premiere institutes if education doesn't mould you into a better person. The culprit in the movie is a well educated chap who went around the world pursuing his dreams and acquiring good academic qualifications. In spite of his education, he still chose to ensconce himself in the narrow mindedness of a society which shrouds women in every walk of life. If education does not liberate the minds chained in groundless behavior and attitudes, let there be no education at all. If education has not contributed to dispelling the darkness of inhumanity and insensitivity, let none take pride in being educated. Pink attacks the nature of infallibility which few educated people assume for themselves.

Staying honest to its theme, Pink undoubtedly stays focused on the challenges an individual faces because of her gender. It explicitly reveals the inane approaches we have in our society towards

women. It takes a bold step by bluntly bringing forth questions in the courtroom that made the women cower to answer. Such a step actually impels us to ponder upon the psychological and physical torture a woman has to go through while facing such questions out in the public. Pink leaves an impression deep down in the minds of people who wish to stop by, think, empathise and act accordingly. Along with the revelations it urges us to break away from the shallow mindset which has been our close companion for years. The movie tries to shatter the meaningless beliefs that form an integral part of our thought process to dwell in the society.

Pink becomes successful only when there's a change- a visible change. It was past midnight when I returned home after watching Pink. I was riding pillion with my brother when a policeman stopped to check my brother's licence. He looked at me and with a sly smile told my brother, "Sorry for the disturbance." Did it cross your mind that I shouldn't have gone out that late? Change!





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SYMBOLISM OF SOSAPPA

കാസയും പിലാസയും മുടിയിരിക്കുന്ന തുണിയാണ് ശോശപ്പ. മിശിഹായെ സംസ്കരിച്ചപ്പോൾ അവിടുത്തെ തിരുശരീരം പൊതിഞ്ഞ തിരുവസ്ത്രത്തെയാണ് ശോശപ്പ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. (യോഹ. 20:7-8) ഡീക്കന്റെ പ്രഘോഷണപ്രാർത്ഥനയുടെ സമയത്ത് കാർമ്മികൻ, ശോശപ്പ എടുത്ത് മടക്കി ബലി വസ്തുക്കൾക്ക് ചുറ്റുമായി വയ്ക്കുന്നു. ഈശോയുടെ ഉത്ഥാനത്തിൽ കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ചുള്ള ദിവ്യരഹസ്യങ്ങളാണ് തുടർന്നു പരികർമ്മം ചെയ്യപ്പെടാൻ പോകുന്നത് എന്ന് ഈ കർമ്മം നമ്മെ അനുസ്മരിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. വി. കുർബ്ബാന കർത്താവിന്റെ പീഡാനുഭവത്തിന്റേയും മരണത്തിന്റേയും സംസ്കാരത്തിന്റേയും ഉത്ഥാനത്തിന്റേയും അനുസ്മരണവും ആഘോഷവുമായതിനാൽ ശോശപ്പായുടെ പ്രതീകാത്മകത ഏറെ അർത്ഥവത്താണ്. ശോശപ്പ ഉപയോഗിക്കാതെ വന്നാൽ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട പ്രതീകാത്മകത നഷ്ടമാകും.

പുരോഹിതന്റെ രഹസ്യപ്രാർത്ഥന

“നിശ്ശബ്ദരായി നിങ്ങൾ ഹൃദയത്തിൽ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുവിൻ” എന്ന് ശുശ്രൂഷി നിർദ്ദേശം നൽകുമ്പോൾ, ദിവ്യരഹസ്യങ്ങൾ പരികർമ്മം ചെയ്യാനുള്ള യോഗ്യതയ്ക്കായി, പുരോഹിതനും താഴ്ന്ന സ്വരത്തിൽ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. “കർത്താവേ, ശക്തനായ ദൈവമേ” എന്നുള്ള സംബോധനയോടെയാണ് പ്രാർത്ഥന തുടങ്ങുന്നത്. നമ്മുടെ കുർബ്ബാനയിലെ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളിൽ ആവർത്തിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന പ്രാർത്ഥനാരൂപമാണിത്.

അതിവിശുദ്ധവും സജ്ജീവവുമായ ഈ കുർബ്ബാന അർപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ബലഹീനനായ തന്നെ യോഗ്യനാക്കണമേയെന്ന് കാർമ്മികൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയാണ്. കാരണം ബലഹീനതയിൽ സഹായമേകുവാനും

ബലിയർപ്പണത്തിന് യോഗ്യനാക്കുവാനും കഴിവുള്ളത് ദൈവത്തിന് മാത്രമാണ്. വി. കുർബ്ബാനയെ ‘സജ്ജീവവും വിശുദ്ധവുമായ ഈ ബലി’ എന്നാണ് വിശേഷിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്. ജീവിക്കുന്നവനും ജീവൻ നൽകുന്നവനുമാണ് ദൈവം. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ വചനം ജീവദായകമാണ് (ഹെബ്ര. 4:12; 1 പത്രോ. 1:23) ഈശോ ജീവന്റെ അപ്പമാണ്, വി. കുർബ്ബാന ജീവദായകമാണ്. (യോഹ. 6:51).

ഈ കുർബ്ബാന അർപ്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്നത് പ. ത്രിത്വത്തിന്റെ ബഹുമാനത്തിനും ദൈവജനത്തിന്റെ നന്മയ്ക്കും വേണ്ടിയാണെന്ന് ഈ പ്രാർത്ഥനയിൽ ഏറ്റു പറയുന്നു. എല്ലാ ദൈവാരാധനയുടെയും ലക്ഷ്യം ദൈവത്തിന്റെ മഹത്വവും മനുഷ്യന്റെ വിശുദ്ധീകരണവുമാണല്ലോ. സമൂഹമെന്നതുകൊണ്ട് സഭയെ മുഴുവനും അർത്ഥമാക്കുന്നതായി കരുതാം. കർത്താവിന്റെ ശരീരവും രക്തവും പരികർമ്മം ചെയ്യാനുള്ള കൃപ ലഭിച്ച കാർമ്മികന് ഒന്നു മാത്രമേ പ്രതിഫലമായി ചോദിക്കാനുള്ളൂ.

‘വിധി ദിവസത്തിൽ നിന്റെ സംപ്രീതി’ അഥവാ നിത്യസൗഭാഗ്യത്തിനുള്ള യോഗ്യത.

ധൂപാർപ്പണം

ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ബഹുമാനത്തിനായിട്ടാണ് ധൂപം സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നതെന്നും ഇത് അങ്ങയുടെ പ്രസാദത്തിനും അജഗണത്തിന്റെ പാപമോചനത്തിനും കാരണമാകണമെന്നും ധൂപം ആശീർവ്വദിക്കുമ്പോൾ കാർമ്മികൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ ആരാധനാക്രമത്തിൽ ധൂപാർപ്പണം പാപമോചനത്തിനായുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥനയുടെ പ്രതീകമാണ്.

കാർമ്മികൻ ശുശ്രൂഷിയുടെ പക്കൽ നിന്ന് ധൂപക്കുറ്റി വാങ്ങി ബലിവേദിയുടെ നടുവിൽ നിന്നുകൊണ്ട് ബലി വസ്തുക്കൾ ധൂപിക്കുന്നു.

ബലിവസ്തുക്കളോടുള്ള ആദരവും ബഹുമാനവുമാണ് ഇതിലൂടെ പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്നത്. നമ്മുടെ കുർബ്ബാനയിൽ പുരോഹിതൻ ഇവിടെ മാത്രമേ ശുശ്രൂഷയുടെ പക്കൽ നിന്ന് ധൂപക്കുറ്റി വാങ്ങി ധൂപിക്കുന്നുള്ളൂ. ഈ ധൂപാർപ്പണത്തോടെ കുർബ്ബാനയുടെ ആത്മീയമായ ഒരുക്കങ്ങൾ അവസാനിക്കുന്നു. ആത്മീയ ഒരുക്കത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമെന്ന നിലയിൽ ഈ ധൂപാർപ്പണം പ്രധാന കാർമ്മികൻ തന്നെ നടത്തുന്നു. വി. കുർബ്ബാന ഏറ്റം സമുന്നതമായ ദൈവാരാധനയാകയാലും, ധൂപം പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട പ്രതീകമാകയാലും ആഘോഷമായ കുർബ്ബാനയിലെങ്കിലും ധൂപം ഉപയോഗിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

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Sosappa is the veil used to cover the chalice and paten placed on the altar. It symbolises the cloth that was used to cover the body of Jesus as He was buried in the tomb (Jn. 20:7-8). While the deacon makes the prayer of announcement, the celebrant takes the sosappa and folds it and puts it around the chalice and paten. This action of the priest reminds us that the following rites and prayers are orientated towards the mystery of the resurrection of Christ. Since the Qurbana is the commemoration and celebration of the passion, death, burial and resurrection of Christ the symbolism of sosappa is significant and its use is to be considered unavoidable, or else an important symbolism will be excluded from the celebration.

The silent prayer of the Priest

As the deacon announces 'to pray silently in your hearts' the celebrant too prays in a low voice for the grace to celebrate the divine mysteries in a worthy manner. This prayer begins with the salutation 'Lord, mighty God'. This is often repeated in the prayers of our Qurbana. Then the priest prays 'by your grace make me worthy to offer this living and holy sacrifice'. Because only God can help us in our

unworthiness and make us worthy to offer this divine sacrifice. Qurbana is qualified as 'living and holy sacrifice'. Only God is the eternally living and the one who gives life to all. The word of God too is life giving (Heb. 4:12; 1 Pet. 1:23). Jesus is the life giving bread and we receive this life through the Eucharist (Jn. 6:51).

This prayer reminds us that the Qurbana is offered for the good of the community and the praise of the adorable Trinity. The aim of all liturgical prayers is the glorification of God and the sanctification of the community. Here by community we mean the whole church. The priest who, by the grace of God, is made worthy to celebrate the mystery of the body and blood of Christ has only one favour to ask from God "May I find favour in your presence on the day of judgement".

Incense

The prayer of blessing the incense makes clear that the incense is offered for the honour of the Trinity and that it should find favour with God and obtain forgiveness of the sins of the people. In our liturgy incense is symbolic of our prayer for the forgiveness of sins.

The celebrant gets the furible and incenses the oblation on the altar. This is the expression of great honour shown to the oblation. In our Qurbana only at this time the celebrant makes the act of incensing. This incensing is considered as the conclusion of the spiritual preparation for the Qurbana and it is as part of the spiritual preparation that here it is done by the main celebrant himself. As the Qurbana is the sublime form of worship and adoration incense is to be used at least in all the solemn celebrations of our Qurbana.

Modern Children on the Way to Sainthood...

St. Jose Luiz Sanchez delRio



In lawful self defense, innumerable Catholics took up arms to defend their Faith. Whenever they charged into battle, the Cristeros, as they were called, shouted: "Viva Cristo Rey!" "Long live Christ the King!"

Saint Jose Luis

Sanchez del Rio was

among them. He was born on 28 March 1913. From a young age he had a great love and enthusiasm for the Blessed Sacrament. He encouraged his friends to have more devotion to Our Lord and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Whenever Jose heard of the glorious battles of the Cristeros, which his two brothers were engaged in, his desire to join the holy army only reinforced. Ultimately, Jose requested one of the Cristero Generals, Prudencio Mendoza, to be allowed to fight which the latter approved.

In a certain battle while Jose was rushing to bring a fellow soldier a new supply of ammo, he saw the General whose horse had been shot dead. On foot, without a horse, the General was in danger. Making a sacrifice that might cost him his life, Jose readily offered the General his own horse.

Later, the federalists seized and imprisoned Jose in a church sacristy. One of the guards had put a number of costly fighting roosters within the church for safekeeping. This sacrilege perturbed young Jose. He exclaimed: "This is not a

In 1927, Catholic Mexico was immersed in a violent storm of religious persecution. The President of Mexico at that time was an autocrat named Plutarco Calles. His hatred for the Church was limitless. He murdered priests and burned churches.

barnyard! This is a place for God!" He soon caught all the prized roosters and snapped their necks.

The enemies of Christ the King soon decided to kill him. On the way to execution, soldiers struck him savagely with sharp machetes. With every blow, the young boy cried out, "Viva Cristo Rey!" When he got to the cemetery, he was bleeding heavily. His torturers had also cut off the soles of his feet and forced him to walk on salt. The boy yelled with pain but would not give in. As the road had rocks and dirt, the stones where he had walked were soaked in his blood. The soldiers said: "If you shout, 'Death to Christ the King', we will spare your life." He only answered: "Long live Christ the

King! Long live Our Lady of Guadalupe!"

The commander ordered the soldiers to bayonet Jose. They pierced his body. But with every stab he only shouted louder and louder: "Viva Cristo Rey!" The commander was so infuriated that he shot Jose dead on the spot. There was no trial. This occurred on February 10, 1928.

Blessed Jose is an outstanding example of faith and courage for all Catholic youth who wish to be faithful to Christ. He was declared a martyr and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on November 20, 2005. Eleven years later, on October 16, 2016, Jose Sanchez del Rio was solemnly declared a saint. He is patron saint for Persecuted Christians, children, adolescents and Sahuayo.

Quiz

1. War Call of Cristeros: _____
2. Meaning of Viva Cristo Rey: _____
3. Which scene perturbed young Jose in church sacristy?
4. Which country did this incident take place?
5. What did the soldiers asked St. Jose to say to spare his life?
6. When was St. Jose assassinated?
7. How old was St. Jose when he shot dead?
8. St. Jose was beatified on?
9. St. Jose was canonized on?
10. Feast of St. Jose is celebrated on?

Send your answers along with your name, catechism section and parish to **lanternkidsroom@gmail.com** before **25th November, 2016**.
Names of the lucky winners will be published in the next issue of the Lantern.

WINNERS OF BLESSED CHIARA BADANO QUIZ (OCTOBER 2016)

1. Aaron Pious (Tikujiniwadi)
2. Arin Raju (Kalyan West)
3. Ciby Cherian
4. Dhanesh Rodriguse (Pen)
5. Mariatta Joseph (Pune)

A Catholic elected as the next UN Secretary General (LNS)



On 13 October, António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres was formally elected by the United Nations General Assembly as the 9th UN Secretary General. António Guterres, will succeed Ban Ki-moon on January 1, 2017. Guterres served as Prime Minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002, President of Socialist International from 1999 to 2005, and head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 2005 to 2015. An engineer by training and fervent Catholic, Guterres, 67, fought unflaggingly for migrants' rights over a decade as UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Mother Teresa was mother to all Indians: Home Minister Rajnath Singh (UCANews)

Two people from Macedonia are famous in India – the first is Alexander the Great, who came to conquer India "but Mother Teresa came and conquered India's heart," Home Minister Rajnath Singh said to the applause from the 1,000 strong audience. "She was mother to all Indians," said Singh, speaking at an Oct. 19 function in New Delhi, which church officials organised to celebrate the nun's canonization last month. "India is no place for religious discrimination," he told the gathering that included India's four serving Cardinals, Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio and some 60 bishops and invited guests. "On behalf of the nation, I honour Mother Teresa," he said.



Balaknama: street children publish a newspaper (Agenzia Fides)

Delhi's Balaknama newspaper - the "Voice of Children", which is run by the street children, has been working to highlight the plight of fellow youngsters. The children who work for



this famous newspaper have different origins. For example, the current publisher, who is 17, washing cars during the day to make a living. Others are scavengers, do small odd jobs in street coffee shops, at bus and train stations. Many do not know how to read or write. Friends and colleagues lend themselves to write their stories for the magazine. Having no possibility to access the internet or fax, the majority of 'reporters' describe their reportage to colleagues in Delhi over the phone. They have an editorial meeting twice a month to decide which stories to publish. It has been in circulation since 2003, the eight-page tabloid covers seven cities and has become a part of the life of approximately ten thousand street children.

Pope: Not enough to get Mercy; we have to give it too (Zenit)

Receiving God's mercy is not enough, we also have to be a "sign and instrument" of mercy for others, says Pope Francis. He said this during his address at the General Audience. "How, then, can we be witnesses of mercy?" the Holy Father asked. It's nothing complicated, he answered, saying it's about simple gestures that have great value in God's eyes. "The Church has called these gestures 'corporal works of mercy,' because they help persons in their material needs." He continued: "There are, however, seven other works of mercy called 'spiritual,' which have to do with other equally important needs."



Pope Francis says his India trip quasi-sure (UCANews)

Pope Francis has said that he is planning to visit Portugal, India, and Bangladesh in 2017.

The trip to Portugal, Francis said, would likely be brief and only to Fatima, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the famous apparition of Mary, May 13. The pontiff said the India and Bangladesh trip is "quasi-sure."

Nigerian bishop: Rosary crusade is defeating Boko Haram (CWNews)

A Nigerian bishop who reports that Jesus appeared to him to inspire a rosary crusade now believes that the Boko Haram terrorist campaign "will soon fizzle out." Last year Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme of Maiduguri said that while he was praying, he experienced a vision in which Jesus handed him a sword, which was transformed into a rosary. "I didn't need any prophet to give me the explanation," he said. "It was clear

that with the rosary we would be able to expel Boko Haram." Bishop Doeme, whose diocese had been a hub of Boko Haram, began to encourage rosary processions and daily recitation of the rosary in Catholic parishes, schools, and homes. Since that time, Boko Haram has suffered a series of reverses and the change; Bishop said is "mostly because of the prayers of the people."



101-year-old woman receives First Communion (CNA)

At 101 years old, Doña Penha has seen quite a bit of life. Doña Penha arrived about a year ago at the nursing home, which is run by the Sisters of the Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Association. She began to attend Mass with the other women. One day, she asked to go to Confession. Fr. Domingos Sávio Silva Ferreira realized she had not yet received Communion and asked the sisters to prepare her to receive the sacrament. "It was a very beautiful moment, that showed us that it is never too late to receive the Eucharist, which for someone seeking God, neither time nor shame can prevent," said the administrative assistant of the nursing home.





In loving Memory of

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Birth : 19th January, 1987

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| 2nd | Curia Meeting – Bishop's House | | Church Blessing – Thalegaon |
| 3rd | Silver Jubilee Qurbana – Ayampuzha, Kerala | 15th | Holy Qurbana – Khopoli |
| 5th | Pastoral Planning Session – Powai | 16th | Curia Meeting – Bishop's House |
| | Com. & Confirmation – Mulund | 18th | Holy Qurbana – Tikujiniwadi |
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| 12th | Meeting Regents of MST – Powai | | Wagle Estate |
| | Com. & Confirmation – Vasai (West) | 27th | Pastoral Visit – Tilak Nagar |
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3rd Death Anniversary



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KALYAN MATHRUSANGAM

The Diocesan level competitions of Biblical ballet and Bible Quiz were conducted on Sunday 9th October 2016 at St. Theresa's High school, Dombivli (E). Twelve Foranes participated for Biblical ballet and Thirteen Foranes in the Bible Quiz competitions. V. Rev Fr. Biju Mannamcheril, Kalyan Forane Vicar, inaugurated the competitions. President Mrs. Rajeeva Mohan welcomed the gathering and Secretary Mr. Usha

Paul proposed the Vote of Thanks. Rev. Fr. Biju Kollamkunnel, the KMS Director, who was celebrating his feast day, was felicitated. The teams from the various Foranes put in amazing performances. V. Rev. Fr. Shibu Pulickal, kept the participants and the audience engrossed in the Bible Quiz session. Trophies and cash prize were presented to the winners by V. Rev. Fr. Shibu Pulickal.



THE WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

BIBLICAL BALLET

Position	Zone	Church
1st	Kalyan	Immaculate Conception Forane, Dombivli
2nd	Antopill	Infant Jesus Church, Tilaknagar
3rd	Thane	Mother of Victory Forane, Tikujiniwadi
4th	Andheri	St. Joseph's Church, MC Road
5th	Navi Mumbai	St. Joseph's Church, Airoli

BIBLE QUIZ

1st	Nasik	St Mary's Forane Church Nashik City
2nd	South Mumbai	Sacred Heart Church, Colaba
3rd	Vasai	St. Alphonsa Forane Church, Vasai West

Kalyan mathrusangam is greatly indebted to the organizers and the participants for their enthusiasm and sporting spirit.

KMS ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

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KALYAN PITRUVEDI

Msgr. Thomas Thalachira Memorial Diocesan level Bible Short Play competition was conducted on Saturday 8 October 2016 at St. Andrew's Auditorium, Bandra East.

THE WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1st	Immaculate Conception Forane, Dombivli
2nd	Sacred Heart Church, Bhayandar
3rd	St. Mary's Church, Malad East

Prize	Person
Best Director	K.S. Joseph, Immaculate Conception Forane Church, Dombivli
Best Actor	Mr. Joji Antony, Immaculate Conception Forane Church, Dombivli
Best Actor	Mrs. Jancy Johnson, Immaculate Conception Forane Church, Dombivli



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25th Wedding Anniversary

9th October 2016



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The Feast of Our Lady of Velankanni will be celebrated from 18th to 27th November, 2016 at Mother of Jesus Forane Church, Antop Hill. Devotees of Our Lady of Velankanni are invited to participate in the feast and seek the intercession of Our Mother. Your Co-operation and presence for the success of the feast is highly solicited.

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| 26.11.2016 | : 7.30 p.m. Holy Qurbana Novena & Agape |
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