# Feast of Mother of Victory

**At Mother of Victory Shrine, Tikuji-Ni-Wadi**

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From 16 to 25 November, 2018

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**Fun Fair (MOV-Youth)**

**Nov. 25 (Sunday) Feast Day**

9.00 a.m.: Holy Mass, Novena, Litany (English)
Rev. Fr. Jacob Porathur (Rector: Minor Seminary, Panvel)

4.00 p.m.: Solemn Holy Qurbana, Ledinju (Malayalam)
Main Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Biju Mannam cheril (Director - Catechism, Diocese of Kalyan)
Festal Message: Rev. Fr. Tenny Parakka CMI (Principal, St. George School, Malad E)

Procession, Agape

We cordially invite you to seek the intercession of our Mother and join the celebration.

Fr. Biju Kollamkunnel (Rector)
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V. K. Johnson | Sunil Pooniyil (Convenors)
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Multi-tasking and Multi-learning: Overcoming our Challenges as New and Young Couples

Getting the first job, marrying the partner of one’s dreams and having children are some of the happiest occasions in one’s life. But beyond the initial euphoria, as the rubber hits the road, these occasions can also be the beginning of one of the most stressful phases of one’s life.
The stress begins with the search process for an appropriate job. Many young people do not even initially know what job they should look for. Even with the right educational qualifications, one is not guaranteed of a good job. The level of competition for the few good job openings in the market being intense, so many are forced to take up the first job offer that comes their way.

Stress levels do not abate even after getting a job. For that matter, it might only increase. Long commutes to and from work and long working hours are very common. Getting an understanding and caring boss often remains just a dream. Not getting a salary that is commiserate with the effort one puts in, only adds to the tension. Even if you get a reasonable salary raise at the end of the year, the moment you hear that a colleague got a higher increment than you, the feeling of injustice and stress levels only increase...

The Tension of Getting Married

Finding a wonderful partner in marriage is a significant step in one's life. This new companionship brings lots of joy. But marriage also makes big shifts in one's life, more so for the girls. From having a fairly pampered life with one's parents to a life of taking care of one's husband and in-laws is not an easy change. Before marriage, getting up early in the morning or helping in the kitchen was an option which many young girls chose not to honor, most of the time. Marriage usually changes it all. Getting up early in the morning and preparing food for all at home, doing the household chores do not come easy for most young girls.

Adding to the sadness of leaving their parent's home, girls have the onerous responsibility of adjusting to the new home environment of her husband. Any change in status quo is difficult to adjust to. But a new environment, more so in-laws who no more treat you with kids gloves as one's parents did adds to the stress levels.

Babies Coming Home

Just as you thought that you were getting used to the demands of married life, life takes new turns with the arrival of babies. The coming of little ones in our life turn even best prepared plans upside down. The baby crying for a bit longer time than usual is enough to increase the young parent's anxiety levels. Taking care of the baby, husband and in-laws and home and at the same time managing to do justice to one's career is quite demanding and challenging a task.

There are no ready-made solutions that perfectly fit all the problems. One needs to attempt trial-and-error methods while devising one's own solutions to reduce one's stress levels. Here are some broad solutions

Quality Time Together

Finding a little time for family prayer and having at least one meal together in a day can make a big difference. Several studies have shown that families that pray together and have a meal together tend to have lower tensions. Kids in these families grow up to be far more responsible than those families that do not spend some time together everyday.
The Power of Touch

Touch, or rather little gestures of care and intimacy, have a powerful way of dissolving even greatest of stress. Young couples should find opportunities to express their love and support to one another many more times during the day. A little peck on the cheek, a small hug, just holding each other's hand for a few moments can bring in a rush of positive hormones, in an otherwise stressful day. Malayalis, more so the men, are very poor in displaying these little signs of affection and care. We could all try saying at least one decade of rosary with all the family members holding hands together and see the difference in the relationship between the family members post that.

Young Men Please Step in

Young men do not have to shift their environment after marriage. Many of them continue to live with their parents as before. They are not bogged down with the assumed or expected responsibility of looking after the children. Young men should be sensitive and realize that the lives of their partners dramatically change post marriage more so after having a baby. Husbands should play an active role in taking care of the children and helping their wives in managing the household. This helping attitude of husbands will not only reduce the work load of his wife but will also help strengthen the bond between them.

Initial Focus of One's Career

The initial years of one's career are some of the most stressful days of one's life. Avoid the tendency to shift too many jobs in the initial days of one's career. The focus should be to learn the intricacies of one's job very well. Staying on in an organization that gives you more opportunities to learn should always be preferred over moving jobs too many times just for some immediate financial gains. Stability in the initial days of one's career provides much needed peace of mind at work and proves to be far more beneficial in the long run.

Undoubtedly, the initial years of one's working career, married and family life are one of the most difficult phases. However, once you get over this phase successfully, the experience and learnings provide young couples enough confidence to face any other problems in life.

Mr. Biju Dominic
Mr. Biju Dominic is the chief executive officer of Final Mile Consulting, a behaviour architecture firm.
As my partner-in-crime always tells me, the only friends I had before marriage was my family. Once I got married, I was in for a big surprise. I saw the great joy (and pains) in being a part of a huge family comprising my in-laws, many uncles, aunts, cousins, and loads of children (and believe me most of them also came to live with us time and again, and that too in a city like Mumbai!). We were also expected to help out in this extended family’s various problems, even the financial ones. Besides that, I also had my first-hand experiences of situations straight out of our favourite ‘Karuthamuthu’, though not that grotesque.

I always thought that I would take care of my parents, especially since we stayed very close to them. However, all through the ups and downs it was they who stood like a rock behind me, constantly giving me the support I needed to survive. They also helped me understand the challenges of living in a new family and giving my best to it.

Very recently, our elder daughter was diagnosed with a major illness. All through the trials and tribulations, bad and worse times, both my family and my husband’s entire family have been a major support system for us. By the Grace of the Almighty and thanks to everybody’s sacrifices and efforts, she is doing much better and is on her road to a complete recovery.

I would like to emphasize that as married women, it is our responsibility to love and respect both our parents and our in-laws. We need to take care of and look out for both parties equally, come what may. We need to understand that the world we live in is not an ideal world. Everyone has their good traits and flaws, it just may be at times more prominent in the person-in-law. But hey, the glass is always half full. We all have lots of good qualities as well.

We need to remember that in difficult situations, it is only our family (both sides) who will be by our side. We need to remember that in difficult situations, it is only our family (both sides) who will be by our side. So we need to ensure that we make time for our parents and parents-in-laws, take good care of them, respect their differences and work together to get the larger picture going.
Our Family:
Our Strength and our Weakness

Being in a metropolitan city like Mumbai where priorities are one’s job, amenities, home, vehicle, weekly enjoyments and relaxation, the decision to have a child is challenging. A number of families, especially those well settled, decide to restrict the number of their kids to one. Everyone welcomes a first kid with excitement. Saying a yes from the bottom of one’s heart to a second child, that too right after the first, is always challenging due to the insecurities couple face about being able to give enough attention to the first child, doing justice to one’s job, the challenge of taking care of kids, space limitations and so on. It was not a good news at the beginning, and we were literally disappointed, but we couldn’t say no too because it was our replica in the womb. Romal supported me to the core. He started spending more time taking care of Eva, helped more with the household chores and all other works too as I would be exhausted each day after work. He also kept reminding me that this was God’s gift and that we need to accept it with open arms. Relying on prayers, my pregnancy period passed by without much hassle. Tensions started after the delivery as there were complications and the baby had to be kept at the NICU for almost a week due to jaundice. Staying away from my elder one during this period was difficult. After 2 weeks of hospital life, and reaching home the real nightmare started when the elder one was upset with younger one.
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I came to Mumbai with my mother in law. I managed to get a maid as suggested by a family friend and managed to start working. But at home, the elder one was behaving very differently thinking that everyone had deserted her. We brought her back after a month and by then, my husband came back too.

Visits to the hospital with two kids to manage, and that too almost 4-5 times in a year tested our perseverance. Managing my job along with my kids was not an easy task and I started thinking of quitting the job. Thankfully enough, sensing my difficulties, my mother was able to get a maid from Kerala who could stay along with us and take care of the kids in a better way. Situations improved as kids got a friend to be with them, and gradually the number of times they got diseases reduced. The bond between my kids improved as they started spending time with each other.

Life is a journey with twists and turns, which always surprises us. Parenting life is not an easy job and not hustle free too, but the smiles on the faces of the kids is the ultimate joy. Children change our entire life. It is important for the husband and wife to support each other. This journey of mine would have been difficult had it not been for the support of my husband. Be it childcare, cooking, cleaning and anything else, we overcame these together and he was always there to share our responsibilities. Though hardships are there, the joy in the family keeps increasing with the presence of kids. We often joke about how we don't need to go for a trip to have fun. Every day is fun when kids are around.
Life in a Place called Home

I belonged to a lovely family of four, a family that has always been spiritually bonded and active in the church. My day began and ended with a ‘forehead kiss’ and a cross on the forehead by my mother. Throughout the day, my father or mother would keep a check on me to know if I was doing good; and the day ended with the four of us chatting or watching a TV show and dining together. Every stage of my life then had been a blessed journey; school life, junior college, under-grad, post-grad and professional life. Post this, marriage happened!

My life currently completely revolves around a house of three working adults and a two-year-old child. My morning chores begin at 4am and continues till 6am preparing meals for the day, (breakfast and lunch) for all family members; continued by a quick
Why is it that we as a couple are expected to give into the needs of his demanding parents who have adopted a maid and not a daughter into the family?

Why can’t I enjoy the freedom that my parents or my in-laws enjoyed as nuclear couple families? Why can’t I just voice out and move away from this chaotic mess? Why should I be the only one making all the sacrifices?
God blessed us with Daniel, our second son just before our 3rd wedding anniversary this August. Looking back to the initial days of our marriage, things have changed a lot. Nixon worked at a company where he used to have shifts and I was studying (M.Sc.). With the strong support of my partner and my in-laws, I could concentrate very well on my academics. We always found it difficult to spend time with each other. Going for outings together is still a dream. We kept thinking of spending time on outings after my studies, which could not happen as I was soon midway through my pregnancy. With the arrival of Samuel, our first child, time constraints were only increasing. Now we even have Daniel added to our family and the outing plans are still being postponed.

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All throughout this phase, we have constantly prayed together. Saying 10 Hail Mary’s together is a must every day before going to bed. For the children, we place our hands on their head and say the Apostles creed prayer every day. This for us, ensures the spiritual protection that the family needs. Nixon was blessed with a new job last year which lets him spend more time with us. I too was blessed with a job last year after a long maternity break.

There were days where I and Nixon could not even talk at home and those talks took place over the phone when we were at the work place the next day.

Now that I have taken a break, we are considering various options to opt for that will let me take up my career and at the same time let me spend good time at home. It is not always necessary to have a 9 to 6 office work to be able to earn. We are trying to focus more on options that will be of our interest. For example, teaching at coaching centers near home such that it’ll let me be in touch with my field and also give me experience and let me spend time at home as well.

To conclude, it is a fact that it takes many years for couples to settle in life with their families and career. Let us all seek the help of the Almighty to help us in this settlement as Isaiah 41:1 says- “For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you- Fear not, I will help you.”

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Challenges of Settling Down After Marriage: From a New Bride's Perspective

Being a newlywed bride was both exciting as well as fearful. I was both excited to start a new phase of life and fearful due to its uncertainties ahead. During the initial days, I considered myself lucky to be a part of this new family with my in-laws. My mother-in-law, a home maker, seemed very considerate and understanding. I remember my mother-in-law telling, “You don’t have to rush back home from work, there is hardly any work for me here”, “There is no stipulated method of cooking, you can cook in the way you are comfortable with” and so on... This convinced me that I had an amazingly understanding mother-in-law. I did household chores to the best of my ability to ensure that I equally participated in the home affairs as well. This, later became a part of my routine and my life revolved around this newly formed routine. I and my mother-in-law shared a loving bond with each other.

But after a few months, as the initial wedding bliss faded off, the initial attitude where I was made to believe that I was the ‘daughter of the family’ slowly changed. The evident signs started with a change in the tone of voice, lack of eye contact while talking, deliberately avoiding me out of conversations, not speaking to me unless required,
phase is temporary and fades off soon. In such a scenario, it’s your partner who is expected to stand by you as an unbiased rock showing you a way forward. I’m fortunate to have the strongest rock by my side who constantly reminds me to continue putting my best efforts as there will definitely be light at the end of the tunnel. In this current phase, despite the turmoil, I continue my usual routine irrespective of the comments or anger that may pour out. Though it does not change the existing situation, it acts as a coping mechanism to confront my conscience at the end of each day without guilt. Occasional walks, sharing with friends, spending time in personal prayer, reading the Bible and keeping myself engaged in hobbies are a few useful methods I found to channelize my negativity into positive energy thus ensuring efficiency in my routine activities at home and at my work place.

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A very important step that one needs to take today is to buy insurance, both life and health insurance. We may be following a generally healthy lifestyle but unforeseen things happen in life. In situations where the family loses its earning member, the rest of the family will find the journey difficult financially in addition to the emotional toll. Those who have created debts and have huge repayment obligations should ideally buy insurance and get an adequate cover. Same is true of health insurance for the whole family, as nowadays the expenses on health care are high. This is probably one of the most important aspects of managing our finances and liabilities better.

Replace or Repay High Interest Loans

Replacing high cost or high interest loans with low cost borrowing is something that is resorted to, to reduce monthly outgoings. This would require you to speak to a few banks and find out how this can be operationalised. This is a favourite product with many private banks, but make sure that the loans do not carry any pre-payment or foreclosure penalty.

Make Dead Assets Work for You

Assets which give us no income or returns are dead assets. Their value may go up over time but they do not provide any regular income like a bank deposit. Best examples are real estate and gold. Against the security of such assets it is possible to borrow money at lower interest rates from banks, and this money can be utilized to retire high cost debts.

Curtail Credit Card Spends

Credit cards come in handy while having to meet some expenses when we travel or while we shop and the steep limits usually given by banks act as a stimulant to spend more as you don’t shell out anything immediately. This accumulates over time till the limit gets exhausted. The interest which these credit cards charge you are often exorbitant, to say the least. Eliminating credit card dues should be one of the first targets. Or spend less from the credit card limits if you still have free limits.

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Take up Part-Time Jobs

Opinions for young people to take up part-time jobs. Those who are skilled or who work in offices in urban centres, which can also land in good consulting assignments, can also land in good consulting assignments.

Talk to Select People

Important that you speak to select people, whom you trust, in confidence. Quite often, some of which compensate really well.

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The fourth Gehantha begins with this prayer ‘Lord, Our God, as you taught us’. This prayer can be considered as having three parts. From the prayer ‘Lord, Our God as you taught us’ to the prayer ‘let all the people on earth know’ is the first part of the Gehantha. After the institution narrative the second part of the third Gehantha too begins like this ‘Lord as you have commanded us’. That was a prayer addressed to Christ Jesus. At the beginning of the institution narrative, the prayer to the Father mentions ‘As your beloved son taught us’. This fourth Gehantha in general is addressed to the Father. But the prayer is ‘Lord, our God, as you taught us’. But there may be a doubt as to how can we say ‘you taught us’. Is it God the Father who taught us to offer the body and blood of Jesus on the altar? Yes it is true that all that Jesus taught us have been really taught by the Father through His Son. This is clearly expressed in this prayer.

The words of Jesus too makes it very clear. Jesus said “what the Father has taught me is what I preach’ (Jn. 8:28) and “What the Father has told me is what I speak” (Jn. 12:50). He wanted to emphasize this point again as He said: “The words I say to you, I do not speak as from myself; It is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work” (Jn. 14:10). Hence the prayer ‘Lord, our God, as you taught us’ referring to the Father manifest clearly the union between the Father and the Son.

On this pure and holy Altar

The altar on which the Body and Blood of Jesus is offered is qualified as ‘the pure and holy Altar’. This altar is considered to be holy because of the purity and holiness of the sacrifice offered on the altar. It is the Body and Blood of Christ on the altar that makes the altar holy. While the deacon recites the prayer of reconciliation before communion, the priest recites the Kusappa prayer where we see “Lord our God, You made us worthy to stand before your ‘pure and holy altar’ and offer you this Qurbana”. In our Qurbana altar is qualified as the throne of God and the Sepulchre of Our Lord. Hence the altar is holy and so we consider the altar as the altar of sanctification’. Jesus teaches about the “altar that makes the offering sacred” (Mt. 23:19).

The Altar in Heaven

St. Ireneus teaches us that our worship and altar here on earth is to be understood in relation to the worship incessantly offered to the Lamb of God in heaven (Rev. 5:6, 13). He says: “Our Church and altar is in heaven. Our worship is orientated towards heaven” (Adv. Haer. IV, 18). St. Ephrem teaches us that “Christ Himself is our altar and the Lamb” (Scrip. Syri. 109). In the vision of Isaiah we see that one of the seraphs few to him, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar in heaven with which he touched his mouth and purified him (6:6-7). If only we try to understand our Qurbana in relation to heavenly worship, we will be able to understand the meaning of these words ‘pure and holy altar’.

This again reminds us that we should take special care to keep and to perceive our altar as sacred and pure. According to the age old tradition of our Church, Qurbana can be offered only on the altar that is consecrated with sacred oil because the Body and Blood of Christ can be placed only on pure and holy altar. So we should always bear in mind that it is not at all proper to place the bouquet, candles etc. on the altar. Let us try to show proper respect to the altar of God.
Winners of ‘Kurishinte Vazhi’ Word Puzzle (February 2018)

1. Nancy James K  
   Pre-confirmation section  
   Infant Jesus Church, Kharghar.

2. Sarah Rose George  
   Communion Section  
   St. Bartholomew Church, Kalyan East.

3. Joel Shaji  
   Pre-confirmation Section  
   San Jos Church, Wagale Estate

4. Aaliya Varghese  
   Pre-confirmation Section  
   Infant Jesus Church, Vikhroli

5. Liza Rajan  
   Confirmation Section  
   St. George Forane Church, Panvel

6. Arackal Treesa Rose  
   Confirmation Section  
   St. Thomas Catholic Church, Mira Road

7. Angela Merlin Thomas  
   Youth Section  
   St. Thomas Catholic Church, Wanaganur

8. Jishajoseph  
   San Jos Church  
   Wagan Estate

9. Alphajooy  
   Pre-Confirmation Section  
   Amala Matha Church, Mulund W.

10. Nikhita LEO  
    Post Communion  
    Amala Matha Church, Mulund (W)

11. Albin Thomas  
    Youth Section  
    San Jos Church, Wagale Estate

12. Sybille Benny John  
    Youth Section  
    St. Alphonsa Church, Mankhurd

13. Joel Kodyian  
    Confirmation section  
    St. Sebastian Church, Mahim

14. Sibil Sebastian  
    Pre-Confirmation Section  
    Tilak Nagar

15. Hannah Maria Deepak  
    Pre confirmation Section  
    St. Thomas Church Dapodi

16. Diya Bridgit  
    Post Communion Section  
    St. Thomas Church Dapodi

17. Shaunna Pallikunnath  
    Post Communion Section  
    St. Paul’s Church, Ulhasnagar

18. Kevin David  
    Pre-Confirmation Section  
    Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bhayander

19. Abinsony  
    Post Communion Section  
    St. Thomas Church, Vasai East

20. NosholeDony  
    Pre-Communion Section  
    St. Sebastian Catholic Center, Kanjur Marg

21. Allan Allwyn  
    Post Communion Section  
    Mother of Victory Shrine, Tikujiniwadi

22. Margret Shoney Ayallore  
    Confirmation section  
    St. George Forane Church, Panvel

23. Aaron Binoj  
    Post Communion Section  
    Immaculate Conception Church, Dombivali.

24. Ryan Antony  
    Post Communion Section  
    Mother of Victory Shrine, Tikujiniwadi

25. Maria Pinto  
    Post Communion Section  
    Sacred Heart Church, Bhayandar

26. Asher Abraham,  
    Confirmation  
    St. Peter’s Church, Satpur, Nasik.

27. Thomson J oseph  
    Post Communion Section  
    Our Lady of Rosary Parish, Katraj, Pune.

28. Reynaldo Reji  
    Confirmation Section  
    Infant Jesus Church, Kharghar.

29. Selwyn Saji  
    Pre-Confirmation Section  
    St. Thomas Cathedral Church, Kalyan West

30. Sandra Xavier  
    Youth Section  
    St. Joseph’s Parish Chembur

31. Abila Francis  
    Confirmation Section  
    Amala Matha Church, Mulund

32. Abeena Francis  
    Pre-Confirmation Section  
    Amala Matha Church, Mulund

33. Joylin Joseph  
    Youth Section  
    Little Flower Forane Church Nerul,

34. Irene Mariya Thomas Padiyil  
    Pre-Confirmation  
    St. Thomas Catholic Church, Vashi

35. Eric Mathew Valliara  
    Confirmation Section  
    Sacred Heart Church, Bhayander East

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41. Kevin Siby  
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    Dehu Road.

42. Jeeya Varghese  
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    St. Alphonsa Forane Church, Kaledswadi

43. Riya Pauly  
    Pre-confirmation Section  
    Communion Section

44. Mathew Thomas  
    Confirmation Section  
    St. Thomas Catholic Church, Mira Road

45. Benita Sijo  
    Pre-Communion Section  
    Holy Family Church, Chembur

46. Aishwarya Sajan  
    Confirmation Section  
    Infant Jesus Church, Kharghar.

47. Alvin Shijo  
    Post Communion Section  
    Infant Jesus Church, Kharghar.

Congratulations to the Young Readers!!!!!
Answer to the Activity for October Issue

The various ‘Tools for Evangelization’ hidden in the puzzle are as follows:

1. BIBLE STUDY
2. BLOGS
3. CATECHESIS
4. CHURCHES
5. CLASSES
6. CONCERTS
7. CONVERSION
8. COURSES
9. DIRECTION
10. DISCIPLESHIP
11. DISCUSSION
12. EDUCATION
13. E-MAIL
14. EUCHARIST
15. EXAMPLE
16. FRIENDSHIP
17. HOLIDAYS
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19. INVITATION
20. LIFESTYLE
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22. MASS
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26. MUSIC
27. NETWORKING
28. NEWSPAPERS
29. PHOTOGRAPHY
30. PILGRIMAGES
31. PRAYER
32. RETREATS
33. ROSARY
34. TELEVISION
35. TOURS
36. TRAVEL
37. WORD
38. WORKSHOPS
39. YOUTH GROUP

Winners to the Activity for October Issue

The list of Lantern readers who found the maximum number of ‘tools for evangelization’ is as follows:

1. John Jacob and Thomas Jacob
   - St. George Forane Church, Panvel
2. Shanelle & Shaunna Pallikunnath
   - St. Joseph’s Church, Airoli
3. Jinsu Biju, Sacred Heart Parish
   - Goregaon West
4. Glennis Joy
   - St. Kuriakose Chavara Church, Kandivili E
5. Glen Johny
   - Infant Jesus parish, Tilaknagar
6. Emmanuel J osy
   - St. George Church, Nalasopara
7. Sonia Denzil
   - St. Joseph’s Church, Akurdi, Pune
8. Jeslyn J osy
   - St. George Church, Nalasopara
9. Jordan Mecheriyal
   - StAlphonsaForane Church, Kalewadi
10. Jessica Toyson
    - St. Mary’s Church, Malad East.
11. Marylene Francis
    - St. Alphonsa Church, Mankhurd
12. Lincy Biju
13. Joel Wilson Mulakkal
    - St. Bartholomew Church Kalyan East
14. Joel Joy
    - St. Mary’s Catholic Church Dehuroad, Pune
15. Reshma Ruby
16. Nikhita Leo and Rohan Leo
    - Amala Matha Church, Mulund west
17. Aaron Binoj
    - St. George Forane Church Panvel
Remote north-east Indian village celebrates St. Francis amidst God’s creation

School children of a small village in remote north-east India, celebrated the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi in a novel way, learning to love the animals and nature's bounty that surround them. The students of Newman School Neotan in Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh state were taught to treat animals as siblings and to foster love for the environment like St. Francis. Known for his love for animals and creation, St. Francis composed the famous Canticle of the Creatures that proclaims God's praise and thanks Him for some of the wonders of His creation. St. Francis thus referred to the sun, wind, air, and fire as his brothers, and to the moon, stars, earth, water, and death as his sisters.

Young people of Bombay Archdiocese in “Synodgy” with Rome Synod

Young Catholics from all over the Archdiocese of Bombay in India came together in Mumbai on October 7 to participate in a novel way in the Synod of Bishops on young people currently taking place in the Vatican. Mumbai’s young Catholics celebrated what they called Synodgy2018 that aimed at inspiring young people to work together with the Church, with the promise that the Church would listen and respond to them. The synod has as its theme “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.” Father Magi Murzello, the rector of St Andrew’s College, explained that he coined the word “Synodgy” combining the words ‘synod’ and ‘synergy’, which means synod and youth working together. Sunday, October 7, being the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Synodgy2018 kicked off with a rosary pilgrimage by more than 1,000 young people at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount, Bandra.

Catholic University professor leads response to French president’s remark on large families

Following a comment by President Emmanuel Macron, in which he expressed skepticism that any well-educated woman would decide to have many children, women with large families have been using the “#PostcardsForMacron” hashtag to send the French president pictures of their happy families. Macron stated that when women are educated, they do not have many children. “I always say: ‘Present me the woman who decided, being perfectly educated, to have seven, eight or nine children,’” said Macron. In response, many women took issue with the French president’s apparent disbelief that academically successful women would choose to be mothers of several children.

Dr. Catherine R. Pakaluk, a professor of social research and economics at the Catholic University of America, started the hashtag by sharing a photo of herself and six of her eight children. She followed up that tweet explaining that she holds both a Master’s degree and a Ph.D. from Harvard University and has, as she phrased it, “Eight children by choice.” Her post garnered thousands of views, and other women followed her lead.
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More than 100 young Catholic missionaries died for their faith since the year 2000, according to a report issued October 6, 2018, by the Vatican Press Office.

The report, prepared by Fides News Agency, offers a dozen brief stories of missionaries killed while serving the Church during the period. And it lists another 90 who perished during the same period.

While these 102 missionaries have the common characteristics of having died for the faith and being under the age of 40, their backgrounds and stations in life varied vastly. And the site of their deaths spanned the globe. They include priests, nuns, and lay people - professionals and volunteers.

At the end of the Great Jubilee of the year 2000, which introduced the Church into the new millennium, Pope John Paul II strongly exhorted “The missionary mandate accompanies us into the Third Millennium and urges us to share the enthusiasm of the very first Christians: we can count on the power of the same Spirit who was poured out at Pentecost and who impels us still today to start out anew, sustained by the hope “which does not disappoint”, the Fides report recalls.

Pope Francis has canonized Pope Paul VI, Archbishop Oscar Romero and five other saints in St. Peter’s Square, before a crowd of about 70,000 people on October 14. He also proclaimed canonized saints Francesco Spinelli, Vincenzo Romano, Maria Caterina Kasper, Nazaria Ignazia of Saint Teresa of Jesus, and Nunzio Sulprizio.

St. Paul VI, like St. Paul, Francis observed, “spent his life for Christ’s Gospel, crossing new boundaries and becoming its witness in proclamation and in dialogue, a prophet of a Church turned outwards, looking to those far away and taking care of the poor.”“Even in the midst of tiredness and misunderstanding, Paul VI bore witness in a passionate way to the beauty and the joy of following Christ totally. Today he still urges us, together with the Council whose wise helmsman he was, to live our common vocation: the universal call to holiness.”“Not to half measures, but to holiness,” the Pope reminded.

“It is wonderful that together with him and the other new saints today, there is Archbishop Romero, who left the security of the world, even his own safety, in order to give his life according to the Gospel, close to the poor and to his people, with a heart drawn to Jesus and his brothers and sisters.”

Pope Francis said we can say the same about Francesco Spinelli, Vincenzo Romano, Maria Caterina Kasper, Nazaria Ignazia of Saint Teresa of Jesus, and “our young boy” from Naples, Nunzio Sulprizio.
There is a saying that Jesus was not raised physically, that he was raised in a "spiritual body" instead of a physical body. He says Paul teaches this. What is the straight story?

This canard is often used by Jehovah’s Witnesses to buttress their idea that Jesus is Michael the Archangel. In attempting to prove that Jesus did not physically rise, 1 Peter 3:18 and 1 Corinthians 15:45 are cited, stating that Jesus was, "put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit" and "[Jesus] became a life-giving spirit . . . [for] flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom."

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He is not suggesting that matter is an evil to be discarded. Rather, grace builds upon nature, and so the resurrected body is a fulfillment of the natural body, not the destruction of it. The tendency to think otherwise is Manichean, regarding matter as evil and spirit as good. Christians have always rejected this misconception since it contradicts the goodness of God’s creation—and the Incarnation itself.

In Luke 24:39, the risen Jesus says to the disciples, "See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have" (emphasis added). This verse is sufficient to debunk the idea that Jesus did not rise bodily, but John 2:19-22 provides another nail in the coffin. Here, Jesus claims, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Two verses later, it is made clear what Jesus has in mind: "he spoke of the temple of his body." Thus, Jesus prophesied that his body would rise.

The questions to ask are, "If Jesus’ body was not raised, where did it go, what was raised, and what is so miraculous?" The idea that Jesus’ body was discarded while his spirit rose seems to require more faith than acceptance of the bodily resurrection. In the words of Paul, "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain, and you are still in your sins" (1 Cor 15:17).

Adapted from: https://www.catholic.com/qa/was-jesus-resurrection-of-a-physical-or-purely-spiritual-nature
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"No one has ever become poor by giving" - Anne Frank

The initiative that witnessed the togetherness of Kalyan Eparchy Youth who came together and collected money through various activities like paper drive collection, street collection, railway station collection, auction of paintings and used articles, sports tournaments, home dress sale, Rosary sale, chocolate sale, etc.
TUG OF WAR COMPETITION

Pithruvedi Kalyan Diocese organizing Tug of War Competition on 30-12-2018 at Vasai (West) ground near St. Alphonsa Forane Church Vasai. Registration from the parish duly attested by the parish priest along with registration fee Rs. 1000/- per team, should reach the Director Pithruvedi Diocese of Kalyan on or before 13th December, 2018. First 32 teams registered will be entitled to participate the tournament.

1st Prize: Rs. 25000/- + Silver Jubilee Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy
2nd Prize: Rs. 20000/- + Trophy
3rd Prize: Rs. 15000/- + Trophy
4th Prize: Rs. 10000/- + Trophy

For details contact:
Dominic Pathrose - Convener (9545257379)

KKK News

On 30th September, bachelors and bachelorettes meet (a matrimonial meet) had organized for our youth who are ready to find out their life partner from Kalyan diocese in the coming months. Kalyan Kudumba Kootayma and Family Apostolate jointly organized this event at ARC Panvel in which fifty two participants enrolled their name and was present there with their parents. A special session was conducted by Fr. Thomas Valanmanal for them followed by introduction, interaction and the event ended with Holy mass. A good response / feedback received from many parents and requested to continue with the meet at least twice in a year.

"Jubilarians Meet", the event was for silver jubilee and golden jubilee couples and for their families which was celebrated at St. Thomas Cathedral Church, Kalyan on 21st October, 2018. Approximately ninety jubilarian couples and their families enjoyed the Jubilee day; along with thanks giving mass by Mar Thomas Elavanal, jubilee day message by Fr. Thomas Valanmanal, cultural programmes by Cathedral parish. Our bishop honoured every jubilarian personally and enjoyed the "agape" with all jubilarians. Finally, His Exelency Mar. Thomas Elevanal honoured them with a memento followed by photo session with jubilarians and their families. All the jubilarians enjoyed the day and appreciated the Family Apostolate and Kalyan Kudumba Kootayma organisers for respecting them on behalf of our diocese.
5th Death Anniversary
20/11/2013

For certain is death for the born and
certain is birth for the dead.
Therefore over thou should not grieve.

Daisy, Nixon, Nancy, Anwar, Arsh,
Nelson, Diana, Tianna & Joanna

M R Varghese

1st Death Anniversary
25th November, 2018

We loved him a lot
but
God loved him more

Deeply missing and
fondly remembered by
Mother, Brother, Sister & Niece

Mr. M.V. Joseph
Date of Birth: 25th Nov., 1961
Date of Eternal Abode: 25th Nov., 2017

Sacred Heart Church, Goregaon (W)
**THANKSGIVING TO ST. JUDE**

Paul Antony — Canada  
T.C. Thomas & Family — Borivli  
Lissy Devassy — Tikujiwadi  
Chinnamma George — Kalyan (W)  
Mini Jojo — Nerul  
Pushpi Abraham — Kamothe  
Rosamma Francis — Nerul

**THANKSGIVING TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Anonymous — Bhayander

**THANKSGIVING TO MOTHER MARY**

Anonymous — Bhayander

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41st day of demise

Holy Mass at 11 am. on Saturday 27th October 2018
at St. Thomas Cathedral Church, Kalyan (West)

We all be remembered thousands of beautiful memories you left amongst the Parishners of Kalyan through your selfless & dedicated service & for me after 37 years of living together you will be a guidance of my rest of life.

“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it” (Luke-9:24)

By: Mr. E.P. Antony,
Eluvathingal Muttikkal House,
Shahad, Kalyan (W)

Mrs. Ancy Antony
Born on: 19.07.1957 - Died on: 18.09.2018

1st Death Anniversary

Even though you are gone the prayers you said over us over and over again have kept us going and things will never be the same again but we must let go and adjust to life without you. We miss your caring hand during hard times. But we believe you are with our papa in the god's garden watching us.

Fondly remembered and missed by
Children - Najo & Baijo
Daughter -in- law - Blessy & Jaaby
Grand children - Angelina , Abel & Alfred.

Gracy Thomas
Thalakotthoor House
Born - 24.10.1954
Died - 19.11.2017

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