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## Tidtorial

Holding their breath, in total silence, people watched that spectacular tightrope walking display across the mist fogged roaring waterfall. The tightrope hero was cheered to the echo when he finished his daredevilfeat.

But the real shocker came when a small boy dared to do a piggyback ride with him on the rope. "How could you make that dangerous ride?" the spectators asked him after the nerve-wracking display. The Goy smiled confidently and disclosed that it was hisfather who took him on the rope.

This may be a very familiar story to you. But how familiar are such faith acts in your life? Do we trust our God Father with our life challenges in such a credulous manner? Many a time with much difficulty.
"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her," Luke 1:45 says. Mother Mary, with her fervent faith made Christmas happen. As we celebrate Christmas, our prayer should be to grant this daring faith to make our Lord's dream fuffilfin our lives.
"Born human, live as Christian and die as saint...," the words of Rev Fr Wilson Kannanaikkal, who helped us prepare for our parish feast stilfecho in our minds. This month we will see two such people who will be glorified to the status of Saints -- Blessed Kuriakose Elias and Blessed Euphresia. How did they achieve this dream status? They walked the way offaith and love. These Christian heroes show us the life of total obedience and surrender.

At our vibrant parish fiesta, did we remain as mute spectators or ardent petitioners? Did we fail to notice Little Flower's life lessons of love and holiness? St Paul through his second letter to Thessalonians instructs us: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification." This holiness oflife is not an option for any Christian but an obligation.

Glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Chief Editor


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Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect(Mi.5;48)

## LETTER TO MY LITTLE FRIENDS

"Extending one hand to help somebody has more value, than joining two hands for prayer."

1 am going to narrate a story about a great, vivacious lady, Hellen Keller who was born with the ability to see and hear. When she was 19 months old, she suffered an ilfness, which left her both deaf and dumb, but she had the sensation of touch.

One day, this curious little girl wrote on the palm of her teacher 'what is love'. $\mathcal{H e r ~ t e a c h e r ~ w a s ~ c a r r i e d ~ a w a y ~ b y ~ t h i s ~ s w e e t ~ l i t t l e ~ g i r l ' s ~ q u e s t i o n . ~ S h e ~ w a s ~ s a d ~ a n d ~}$ worried because Helen was deaf and dumb and couldn't visualise her explanations..

It was Christmas, the time when every child waits eagerly for Santa Clause and fis gifts. Finally, Santa Clause arrived and gave gifts to all the children Helen got two big packets, which made her very happy. When she touched her friend's gifts she felt it is smaller thian hers. Suddenly a droplet fell on her hand, Hellen understood her friend was crying, may be because she got smaller gifts. So, Hellen offered one of her bigger packets to fier friend.

The moment she got the gift, she fugged Hellen tightly. The teacher was quietly observing everytfing. She came to Hellen and she wrote on her palm 'This is Love'. After a few days Hellen wrote in her diary "It was during Christmas, Love was born in my feart."

So my dear little friends 'love' means to give, to share and to make everyone happy. God the Father fas sent His only Gegotten Son to this world as a symbol of Love, a gift to the mankind. Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truthandaction.(1In.3:18).

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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## PARISH NEWS AT A GLAVCE

## Eight days' lent

As part of the celebration of Feast of Mother Mary's nativity in September, an eight-day lent was observed. Priests from different parishes delivered messages for the season in the evening Mass on these days.

## Onam again!

The Parish celebrated Onam on September 14. The cultural extravaganza arranged by Pithruvedi, Mathrusangam, youth and children was a real 'Onasadya' for the parishioners. After the cultural programme, a scrumptious lunch was served to all.

## Retreat

As a spiritual preparation before the Parish Feast, a retreat was held in our church on September 19, 20 and 21. Rev Fr Wilson Kannanaikkal, a preacher and Vikroli Parish priest, did a commendable job for the same. His teachings on these three days was a real spiritual treat for the parishioners.

## Seminar

Mathrusangam zonal seminar was held in our church on September 20 followed by 'Onasadya'. About 150 members from parishes of Navi Mumbai zone were present on the occasion. Seminar was conducted by Rev Fr Shinto Vallanattu.

## Congratulations Mathrusangam

Nerul Mathrusangam team won the first prize in zonal street play competition held in our church on September 20 and they won the third prize at the diocese level. Their hard work and team spirit is commendable.

## Feast Days

Our Parish feast (September 26 to October 5) was an excellent show of team work and spiritual celebration. Special congratulations to the convenor, trustees, Rev Sisters and other committee members who worked for it.

## Tug-of-war winners

Pithruvedi members did it again. This time the tug-of-war competition was at the diocese level and they won the third prize. Congratulations to the whole team. They also participated in the Diocese Level Badminton Competition.

## Youth power

Youth members won several prizes in cultural competitions at the zonal level. In Talentia, they won third prize in dance competition. In zonal level sports competitions our youth won several prizes and bagged overall trophy.

## Property for Parish

Our parish bought a flat in Sanpada and its blessing was done by our Bishop Mar Thomas Elavanal on October 14.

## Welcome

Hearty welcome to Deacon Kiran Eluvathingal who will be helping us in parish matters.

## First in Diocese

Nerul Catechism department stood first in the diocese in the last academic year and Sanpada got the third place. Congratulations to the whole crew for their commitment. Our Catechism teachers received the trophy from Msgr Jacob Porathoor on the Catechism Teacher's Day Celebration held in Airoli on October 2.

## Zonal Camp

Three-day Catechism zonal camp was held from October 30. The first day's camp for classes 1st to 4 th was conducted in our church and the rest of the days in Presentation School.

## FEGST CELEBRATON \& GNNUGL GETIOGETHER

Feast celebrations and annual get-together of various units like BI. Mother Theresa, Holy Cross, Cherupushpam, Holy Rosary, Fathima Matha, St. Jude and St. Martin were held in the church premises in the months of September and October. All the celebrations were very colourful events showing togetherness and unity among the people in the units.

Vicar Rev Fr Biju Kollamkunnel, Asst Vicar Rev Fr Jinto Kallukkaran, Rev Sisters and trustees were present in the celebrations. Unit members took great efforts in bringing maximum number of families for the get-together. All the celebrations were noted with various entertainment programmes by the unit members.

## A Way To Sanctity - 10

## ST. STIEPHEN

The Apostles asked the disciples to choose seven men who lived a holy life to help in the care of the poor. These men were called deacons, and Stephen was named first of the deacons. The Apostles ordained them by praying and placing their hands upon them. Stephen was very holy and brave, and worked great wonders among the people. But some of the Jews accused him of talking against God and Moses. Stephen talked with great wisdom before the court of the Jews.

People said there was a halo around
 his head and his face looked like that of an angel as he spoke bravely of Jesus. The Jews became very angry. But Stephen being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven, said: "I see the heaven opened and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God." The angry people dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. But Stephen forgave his murderers, saying: "Lord, lay not this sin against them. Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." He died as the first martyr.

St Stephen, stoned to death two years after the death of Christ, has always been the subject of very special veneration by the faithful.

In St Stephen, the first martyr, the liturgy emphasizes the imitation of Christ, to the extent of the total self surrender and great charity which made him pray for his executioners. By celebrating his feast on the day after Christmas (December 26), the church draws an even closer comparison between the disciple and the Master and thus extends his witness to the whole mission of the Redeemer.












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## God works in most surprising ways

## The Silent Sermon

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace... and waited.

The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone, then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

## Destiny

During a momentous battle, a Japanese general decided to attack even though his army was greatly outnumbered. He was confident they would win, but his men were filled with doubt. On the way to battle, they stopped at a religious shrine.

After praying with the men, the general took a coin and said, "I shall now toss this coin. If it is heads, we shall win. If tails, we shall lose. Destiny will now reveal itself." He threw the coin into the air and all watched intently as it landed. It was heads! The soldiers were so overjoyed and filled with
confidence that they vigorously attacked the enemy and were victorious．
After the battle，a lieutenant remarked to the general，＂No one can change destiny．＂＂Quite right，＂the general replied as he showed the lieutenant the coin，which had heads on both sides．

## Web is stronger than a wall

During World War II，a US marine was separated from his unit on a Pacific island．The fighting had been intense，and in the smoke and the crossfire he had lost touch with his comrades．

Alone in the jungle，he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction

Scrambling for cover，he found his way up a high ridge to several small caves in the rock．Quickly he crawled inside one of the caves．Although safe for the moment，he realized that once the enemy soldiers looking for him swept up the ridge，they would quickly search all the caves and he would be killed．As he waited，he prayed，Lord，if it is your will，please protect me．Whatever your will though，I love you and trust you．Amen．

After praying，he lay quietly listening as the enemy began to draw closer．He thought，well，I guess the Lord isn＇t going to help me out this time．Then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of his cave．

As he watched，listening to the enemy searching for him all the while， the spider layered strand after strand of web across the opening of the cave．

Hah，he thought．What I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent $m e$ is a spider web．God does have a sense of humour

As the enemy drew closer he watched from the darkness of his hideout and could see them searching one cave after another．As they came to his， he got ready to make his last stand．To his amazement，however，after glancing in the direction of his cave，they moved on．Suddenly，he realized that with the spider web over the entrance，his cave looked as if no one had entered for quite a while．Lord，forgive me，prayed the young man．

I had forgotten that for you a spider＇s web is stronger than a brick wall．
We all face times of great trouble．When we do，it is so easy to forget the victories that God would work in our lives，sometimes in the most surprising ways．

Remember：Whatever is happening in your life，with God，a mere spider web can become a brick wall of protection．Believe He is with you always and you will see His great power and love for you．

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## From St Thomas Till Today

In this three-part series on church history in India after the arrival of St. Thomas, significant events and dates are compiled.

## PART II

22.05.1653 : Controversial Episcopal ordination of Thomas Parambil, the Archdeacon at Alangad by 12 priests of St. Thomas Christians. As the Episcopal ordination of Thomas Parambil was not recognized by the Pope, division took place among the St. Thomas Christians. The majority of St. Thomas Christians remained faithful to the Catholic Church under the Latin bishop while others accepted the Syrian Jacobitism. Then the former group came to be known as old party (Pazhayakur) and the latter group called New party (Puthenkur). The old party is the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church and the new party is the Orthodox Church. Both have St. Thomas Christian tradition.
03.12.1659 : Vicariate Apostolic of Malabar (Verapoly) erected by Pope Alexander VII.
15.12.1659 : Episcopal Ordination of Italian Sebastiani OCD
17.12.1659 : In order to solve the issues in the Church of India, Bishop Sebastiani OCD took charge as Administrator of Malabar.
24.12.1659 : Bishop Sebastiani was given power to ordain a Bishop in Malabar by Pope Alexander VII through the Apostolic Letter Pro Commissa Nobis
07.01.1662 : By the conquest of Portuguese territories in Malabar and especially of Cochin by the Dutch all the Catholic Missionaries including Bishop Sebastiani OCD were expelled from the territories occupied by the Dutch.
01.02.1663 : Parish priest of Kuravilangadu Church Fr. Alexander Palliveettil Malpan (Parambil Chandy, Alexander de Campo) was appointed as the first Syrian Vicar Apostolic of Malabar by Bishop Sebastiani OCD.

1665-1671 : Spread of Jacobite Faith by Mar Gregorios in Malabar.
02.01.1687 : Bishop Alexander Palliveettil (Parambil Chandy Malpan, Bishop Alexander de Campo) passed away.
29.06.1704 : John Ribeiro S.J. appointed Abp. of Kodungalloor (Padroado).
13.03.1709 : Suppression of Vicariate Apostolic of Malabar and Vicariate Apostolic of Verapoly erected by Pope Clement XI.
16.07.1782 : Mar Joseph Kariyatty appointed as Archbishop of Kodungalloor by Padroado.
16.12.1782 : Rome approved Mar Joseph Kariyatty as Archbishop of Kodungalloor.
17.02.1783 : Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Kariyatty at Lisbon, Porgugal.
1.09.1786 : Archbishop Kariyatty died in Goa. Paremmakkal Thoma Kathanar appointed Gubernador (Administrator) of the Archdiocese of Kodungalloor.
01.02.1787 : Angamaly Padiyola (Padiyola is an agreement written on palm leaf). After the death of Mar Kariyattil, Thoma kattanar arrived at Angamally and he invited all Syrian church representatives to assemble at Angamally. The church representatives rushed to Angamally to hear their leader and to know the truth of the death of Mar Kariyattil at Goa. Thachil Mathew Tharakan (1741-1814 A.D.), a dignified foremost man in the Christian community, who had been honoured by Karthika Thirunal Maharaja as 'Tharakan,' exercised his influence in all-important affairs of the state-both political and religious. He took active part in the attempts to get a Bishop of the Syrian rite and for the re-union of Jacobites with Catholics. In February 1st, 1787, the community leader Mathew Tharakan organized a meeting at Angamally incorporating the representatives from 84 churches. This historical event took place at St. George church and Paramakel Thoma Kattanar presided over the function. The famous historic 'Angamaly Padiyola' (decisions) was written in that meeting. Mathew Tharakan and his associates could make an agreement that the Carmelite missionaries should not interfere in the liturgical matters of native Christians. This agreement was brought to the notice of Kochi and Travancore rulers and got approval. The document was filled with national spirit and desire for self-rule and condemnation of the injustices of the Portuguese missionaries. The Angamaly padiyola deteriorated the relations between Carmelite missionaries and the native St. Thomas Christians. It was a spontaneous outburst of the grievances and aspirations of the St. Thomas Christians. At the same time, it was a strong expression of the Community to be ruled by her own ecclesiastical heads. However, the community had to wait for another century for the realization

Walk while you have the light (Jn.12;30)
Be renewed in the spirit of your minds (Eph.4;23)
of this desire.
20.03.1799 : Paremmakkal Thoma Kathanar expired.
10.02.1805 : Birth of Kuriakose Elias Chavara at Kainakary, Alappuzha
11.05.1831: Foundation of the first indigenous religious congreation (CMI) at Mannanam by the priests Thomas Palackal, Thomas Porookara and Kuriakose Elias Chavara.
24.04.1838 : The Metropolitan See of Kodungalloor (Angamaly) and the See of Cochin were suppressed and territory is added to Vicariate Apostolic of Verapoly by the Brief "Multa Praeclara" of Pope Gregory XVI.
08.06.1861 : Fr. Kuriakose Elias Chavara appointed as Vicar General for Syrians.
13.02.1866 : Foundation of the first indigenous religious congreation for women (CMC) at Koonammavu.
03.01.1871 : Death of Kuriakose Elias Chavara.
17.10.1877 : Birth of Sr. Euphrasia (Rose) at Kattur, in the parish Edathuruthy, Thrissur.
15.11.1877 : Bishop Marcellinus OCD made ruler of the Syrians.
23.06.1886 : See of Cochin was restored by Pope Leo XIII.
01.09.1886 : Establishment of the Latin Hierarchy in India by Pope Leo XIII by the Decree Humanae Salutis Auctor. Vicariate Apostolic of Verapoly elevated to Archdiocese of Verapoly.
15.04.1887 : Nazarani Deepika launched
20.05.1887 : Establishment of Vicariates of Kottayam (present Changanasery) and Trissur: Charles Lavigne and Adolf Medlycott were made VicarApostolic respectively (Quod Jampridem, Pope Leo XIII). - The Syrian Christians were separated from the Latin administration by the establishment of two Vicariates to them.
14.12.1888 : Bishop Lavigne established St. Germane's, the first Orphanage and Franciscan Clarist Congregation (FCC) at Changanaseri.
18.12.1888 : Bishop Charles Lavigne convened Changanacherry Synod.

1889-1892 : Msgr. Nidhiry Mani Kathanar served as the first vicar general for Kottayam.
03.02.1891 : St. Berchmans, the first high school of the Syrians founded on the precincts of St. Mary's Cathedral Changanacherry.
21.03.1891 : Seat of Kottayam Vicariate moved to Changanacherry.

Bishop Lavigne shifted his residence to Changanacherry (Mount Carmel CMC Convent)
26.07.1896 :The long desired dream of administration of the SyroMalabar by the Syro-Malabar bishops was materialized. Three Vicariates were formed - Ernakulam, Trissur and Changanacherry and three SyroMalabar priests, Mar Aloysius Pazheparambil, Mar Mathew Makkil, and Mar John Menachery were made the bishops respectively (Quae Rei Sacrae, Pope Leo XIII).
29.08.1911 : A separate Vicariate was established for Sudhists Knananites - at Kottayam
21.12.1923 : Establishment of Syro - Malabar Hierarchy with Ernakulam as the Metropolitan Archdiocese and Trichur, Changanacherry and Kottayam, as suffragan dioceses. (Romani Pontifices, Pope Pius XI).
16.11.1924 : Mar Augustine Kandathil installed as the 1st Archbishop of Ernakulam.
(To be continued in the next issue)

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## Key Bíble Verses for Youth

We often pray to our Lord Almighty when we are in an awful situation. We will be on our knees for hours when we face a major illness. In our joyful days, we forget to thank God for what we have received from Him. And in a distress state, some of us even curse Him. Remember the bible quote Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans for you, plans for your welfare and not for evil, to give you a better future and hope."

Trust these life-giving Words. And what changes He can bring in your life. These are some quotes that we should remember and would help us to lead a fruitful spiritual life!

Ecclesiastes 12:1: Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them".

Mathew 6:34: Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Mark 12:29-31: Hear, O' Israel the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

Psalm 127:1-2: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Psalm 121:1-3: I lift my eyes to the hills from where will my help come? May help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.

Psalm 146:5-7: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Isaiah 40:29-31: He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

1 Timothy 5:1-2: Do not speak harshly to an older man, but speak to him as to a father, to younger men as brothers, to older women as mothers, to younger women as sisters with absolute purity.

2 Timothy 2:22-25: Shun youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. Have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, patient, correcting opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth, and that they may escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Proverbs 1:10: My child, if sinners entice you, do not consent.
Proverbs 8:32-36: And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. For, whoever finds me finds life and obtains favour from the Lord; but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death.

Believe in Jesus. Believe that He always blesses you. Believe that He will always love you. For, He is the one who created you; He is the one who named you; He is your protection; He is the only reason behind your achievements.

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## JOYFULLY COME

Joyfully come to praise the Lord with song
Joyfully come to praise the Lord
Know that He the Lord is God and we His people
Enter now His courts with songs of thankful praise
Quench your thirst, drink from the springs of living water Come be filled with the life giving word.

By : Darwin Paul
St. George Unit

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What comes of the mouth defiles a man. (Mt.15;11)

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1) Third Letter of John was written to a church leader named ......
2) The Second Letter of John was written to $\qquad$
3) As long as his .......... remains in you don't need anyone to teach you.
4) Which chapter and letter speaks about God's love in length
5) The writer of The third Letter of John warns against a man named .....
6) Name the 3 people who are mentioned in the third Letter to John
7) Everyone who has this hope in Christ keeps himself $\qquad$
8) How many zones are there in the diocese of Kalyan
9) Name the prayer Book of the Bible


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## mY mom

What was love? It was never known to me My head was swaying and my heart hurting. But you took my hand and showed me the way. I guess that's the time when for the first time I saw a new bright day.
Yougaveme the power to fight
Everything that was inside me.
Gave me the inspiration to become
What I never thought I would be
When my eyes opened
For the first timel saw your face
From that day I was never alone in this long race
Your were like an oil to my pure inspiration.
Water to the burning aggression
Your heart was the sacred place.
Where you gave me the place to stay.
The last thing I could do is to make you feel sad,
And I did, I know I'm bad I'm sorry
$B^{\prime} \cos$ I hurt the only person who loved me when I was small.
My most generous and loving Mom.

## By : Mr. Immanuel John, <br> Don Bosco Unit

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## ORGAY DONFTOY

Donating organs can lengthen life or improve the quality of life, and therefore it is genuine service to one's neighbor, provided no one is forced to do it. [2296]

It must be certain that the donor during his lifetime gave his free and deliberate consent and that he was not killed for the purpose of removing the organ(s). Donation by living donors is also possible, for example, in bone marrow transplants or in the donation of one kidney. Organ donation from a cadaver presupposes a certain determination of death and the consent of the donor during his lifetime or else of his representative.

- Youcat, 391


## INDIA OUR MOTHERLAND

Angel Varghese St. Joseph Unit
Today, our country is surely one of the best In many ways, it is leading the rest !
But years ago, we all faced a test
Which challenged our patience above all the rest.
The British, The Dutch, The French came here, Many more came here too Looking at Mother India's wealth All of them hastened their belts
Pulled up their socks and got ready.

But sure it was tough for them
To even try to fool
Even though they were rough with us We never lost our cool.

At last! We got our freedom And were free from their rule I salute the people who fought Not like the ones who just sat and thought.

Now, we all enjoy this freedom But have forgotten its value It's high time we remember All the efforts made for us.

Let's pay respect to our Motherland In unity holding our hands.

# Watch out, our enemy is roaming around 

Sheena George, St Mary's Unit.

Who is this enemy? Suddenly those names flash before our eyes one after another: those who have treated us like scums, those who have ignored us, those who have indulged in calumny and those who have showed jealousy and invidiousness. When these things happen, most of us find ourselves unprepared and vulnerable. We often cry out to God against the one who wronged us. We ask for justice, or even vengeance, and end up making things tougher for everyone involved, including ourselves.

The antagonist is lurking in the shadows. See what's written in Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Yes, here Jesus teaches us very clearly that our real and the only enemy is the evil one. Satan and his demons.

They are our sworn enemies. They are behind many of our personal affront and insolence that we encounter. They are abominable and detestable characters, or spirits, who try to enslave people by making them disobey God. The people who hurt us and persecute us are only Satan's tools. It's these execrable spirits which are pulling the strings from behind. When devil wants to hit us, he uses gullible people to get the job done. If you believe in God and what the Bible says, you have to believe in its existence and works too.

That said, what do we do? How do we fight him and his cohorts? Bible says, by the Word of God. Christian theologians explain it in a 'user friendly' manner.

1. Identify the real enemy (that we have already done now)
2. Use the Name of Jesus and the power that has been given to you as a believer and bind the devil from doing you any further harm through those persons in that area.
3. Pray the prayer of intercession.

When you reach this third step, I can hear you say, "Oh no, that's impossible". Once we really understand the first step, this will not be a
problem as you think. You need to realise that Jesus needs our help to save this soul. Yes, here we're obeying our Lord 's word in Matthew $5: 44-45$, "Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those spitefully use you, and persecute you... so that you may be the children of your Father in heaven."

According to Pope Francis, if you think that devil will leave you alone after tempting you once or twice, you're mistaken. He will come back... again and again. Our victory depends on how we can thwart his attempts again and again. Devil will try to trap us through many ways. It can be through somebody - even a close relative - or internet or our devious and deceitful thoughts and actions instigated by the Satan. It can be our jealousy, envy, greed, adultery or arrogance.

If we are trapped by the devil and remain oblivious to that situation, my God, it's quite serious. This situation can keep us away from eternal life in Heaven. We can't give our souls to Satan. It belongs to God. As Pope Francis says, the devil always comes back to us; he never stops tempting man. "The devil has patience. He never leaves that which he wants for himself... that is, our souls," he says.

After the temptations in the desert, when Jesus was tempted by the devil, in Luke's version it says that the devil left Him for a time, but during the life of Jesus he returned again and again. Pharisees and Sadducees tested Jesus several times. Who inspired them? "When they put Him to the test, when they tried to trap Him, in the Passion, finally on the Cross... 'But if you are the Son of God... but you come, you come from us, so we cannot believe," Pope says.

Internet is a great trap laid by devil to lure people these days. Hundreds of porn sites on the internet are booby traps laid by devil. Many of our children and adults are being trapped by devil through this devious route.

Instead of crying out for the vengeance of God to strike like a lightning bolt against the people who caused the distraught and contretemps, target the real force -- Satan -- behind the action and banish him to the feet of Jesus. Remember our Lord's great mercy. Not just for me and you, but for everyone. Our Lord assures us victory when He says in Luke 10:19: "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

The bottom line is: we must not allow devil to mess around with our lives.

# Musings on Reading 

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Around a month ago, the rage on Facebook was the Book Bucket Challenge. It was close on the heels of the ALS Ice Bucket challenge and Rice Bucket challenge. All these challenges worked on a similar principal of spreading social awareness and propagating the message by nominating nine others to take the challenge. These chain challenges gained immense popularity and media coverage with celebrities endorsing it and finally in India, the PM used it to propagate his idea of a 'Swachch Bharat'. Incidentally, the Book Bucket Challenge originated in Kerala and was the initiative of One Library Per Village, an NGO based in Kochi. The initiative was aimed at fighting illiteracy and spreading the joy of reading. The challenge involved donating books, listing ten books which impacted the life of the individual undertaking the challenge and further nominating nine others to do the same. In the midst of all the compiling of the 'Book List', the important detail of donating books to nearby libraries and the needy was forgotten. I came to know of this important detail only now, while reading an article on the Book Bucket Challenge as a tiny research for this essay.

The Book Bucket Challenge although having failed to popularize donating books, did prompt many enthusiastic readers to share their reading lists and suggest good books to others. Many had impressive lists with many famous authors and prize winning novels featuring in their lists, some had a list of popular fiction and high grossing books. And many others shrugged their shoulders with a mere 'I don't read' comment. This challenge prompted me to re-evaluate my reading habit. Amazed at the lists of others and ashamed of my poor reading, I decided to improve my reading as soon as the semester examinations were over. I had a long vacation to look forward to and fortunately a membership to a well stocked library.

The examinations soon came to an end and the first week of vacation passed without me having opened a single good book. There were so many movies to watch, songs to listen to, friends to meet, social networks to keep me busy and a host of other excuses. I reminded myself of my decision and made a visit to the library. As always the visit again amazed me with the sheer number of books I am yet to read, the timeless classics which I have to re-read. The guilt resurfaced. I am not a reluctant reader or a person who has not yet chanced upon the pleasure of reading. It is simple
laziness and a host of other activities which serve as an excuse for not reading.

On retrospection and discussions with friends and other youth over the habit of reading, I came to the understanding that I am not alone in blaming my lack of reading on academics and co-curricular activities. This reason cited by many of us is just a stupid excuse to spare ourselves the guilt. We all desire to read but there are so many other distractions which lure us away from picking up that book which once picked up is impossible to put down. Watching a movie or a series on the idiot box seems to be easier than spending the next few days pouring over a single book or story, when you can go through 10 more stories in the same duration right? Scrolling up and down a networking site may seem much more appealing than turning the pages of an old book. Chatting and gossiping with friends whom you meet on a regular basis seems so much more interesting than roaming around with a book and being labeled a nerd.

But the rare moment in which we do actually pick up and finish a book is so much more rewarding than all those hours wasted watching mindless cinema churned by the movie industry. The pride and sense of achievement after completing a novel is something that nothing else can impart. And the time spent reading the book, the transportation to another world of imagination and fantasy is wonderful and comes with the oft stated benefits of improving one's language, gaining education and so much more.

Another thought which strayed into my mind during the Book Bucket Challenge on Facebook was the wide range of books which still haven't been discovered by the youth and children of today. Our parents have a much better reading than us and have read the works of brilliant authors like Shakespeare, Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Dickens and AJ Cronin, whereas very few of my counterparts have actually read these authors. We have failed to read even the great names of our times like Salman Rushdie, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Yann Martel, Vikram Seth, Anita Desai and others. Most of our lists are curtailed to J K Rowling, Suzanne Collins, Stephenie Meyer, Dan Brown, the desi Dan Brown- Ashwin Sanghi, Nicholas Sparks, Chetan Bhagat, Amish Tripathi, John Green and thankfully due to the influence and meddling of our parents in our reading as children Enid Blyton. These authors have no doubt left their mark in our lives but none of them is nowhere near to being called a classic for their writing style or language, apart from JK Rowling's Harry Potter (thanks to her loyal fans who ceaselessly hail the series as a modern day classic); of course Enid Blyton's books shall always retain the honor of being a timeless classic.

The importance of reading is not a subject which I need to reiterate
upon as it had been sufficiently done by many others before in words and styles which I cannot ever match. Our generation, in addition to inculcating the habit of reading, also needs to focus on good reading. No writing or reading can be complete without suggesting a book, and I wish to wind up my musings by suggesting a good book which I recently had the pleasure of reading. On my last trip to the library, I happened to chance upon a collection of writings of Shashi Tharoor on the subject of reading and books which is titled 'Bookless in Baghdad'. It is a beautiful book written in the unique, friendly and lucid yet thought provoking style of the former Under Secretary General of the United Nations and current Member of Parliament. The book is a wonderful read for everyone -- consistent readers who are constantly on the lookout for suggestions on future reads, readers like me who love to read yet fail to read as much as they would like to due to various reasons, reluctant readers and those who have not yet discovered the pleasures of a good read.

## A POUND OF BUITER

A farmer used to sell one pound of butter to a baker. One day the baker decided to weigh the butter to see whether he was getting a pound and found that he was not. This angered him and he took the farmer to court. The judge asked the farmer if he was using any measure to weigh the butter. The farmer replied, "honourable Judge, I am primitive. I don't have a proper measure, but I do have a scale". The judge asked, "Then how do you weigh the butter?" The farmer replied, "Your Honour, long before the baker started buying butter from me, I used to buy one pound bread loaf from him. Every day when the baker brings the bread, I weigh it using the scale and give him the same weight in butter. If anyone is to be blamed, it is the baker."

What is the moral of the story? In life we get back what we give to others. Whenever you take an action, ask yourself this question: Am I giving fair value for the wages or money I hope to make? Honesty and dishonesty become a habit. Some people practice dishonesty and can lie with a straight face. Others lie so much that they don't even know what the truth is anymore. But they don't realise they are deceiving themselves.

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## GOD'S MOST PRECIOUS GIFT TO MANKIND !

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In all of God's creation holy Mary is the most beautiful and perfect. The only creation that carried the creator himself in her womb! Even before the creation, Mary's role as co-Redemptrix was decided in God's plan of salvation for mankind. Bible in Gen. 1:26 says God created man in His image and likeness. Since God is spirit i.e. without any visual image, man made in the image of God was a pointer to God's own incarnation in the form of man. This warranted a mother through whom God will take birth in the human form. A mother with the holiness and grace worthy to carry God Himself in her womb. Hence Mary Immaculate was eternally chosen to give birth to God's only begotten son Jesus Christ, thus playing an essential part next only to Jesus in the salvation plan for mankind.

After the fall of man caused by the folly of Eve, God talks of a new woman in enmity with serpent the devil whose offspring will strike the serpent's head. [Gen. 3:15] This is a clear pointer to Mother Mary and her son Jesus Christ. Again in the book of Isaiah, we see God's prophesy about a virgin bearing a son and naming him Immanuel, which means God is with us. This prophesy is also about none other than Virgin Mary and her son Jesus. God does things with much preparation according to His eternal knowledge. The two great works of God are Creation of man and Redemption of the fallen man. By the disobedience of the first woman Eve mankind lost its destiny of eternal bliss in paradise, but the same was restored through Jesus Christ by the co-operation and obedience of the new Eve [Mary] the Virgin Mother.

In the New Testament after conceiving Jesus in her womb by the power of God, Mary visits Elizabeth who by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit addresses Mary as most blessed among women and the mother of my Lord. This is the declaration of God Himself through Elizabeth, that Mary is unique among women filled with grace and most holy, eternally chosen to be the mother of God's Son. Mary inspired by the Holy Spirit confirms this by prophesying "From now on all generations will call me blessed" [Lk. 1:48]. Again in New Testament, Jesus Himself confirms the most esteemed status of Mother Mary amongst mankind when He declares that " I tell you among those born of woman, no one is greater than John" [Lk. 7:28]. This declaration of Jesus who is the Lord of John sets apart Himself and His Mother Mary from the rest of mankind. If John who was the messenger to Messiah is the greatest born of woman, how much greater the mother of Messiah will be among humans. This is also a proof
of Mary's Immaculate Conception, since all humans after the fall of man are born with original sin.

In the year 1854 the dogma of Mary's Immaculate Conception was defined and accepted in the Church by pope Pius IX. Four years later in 1858 as heaven's approval of this truth, Mother Mary appeared to a peasant girl Bernadette as the 'Immaculate Conception' and confirmed to the world the veracity of this dogma. St.Bernadette's incorruptible body and the innumerable miracles at Lourdes is a living proof of the Virgin Mothers appearance there. The privilege of being immaculate was essential to bear the only Son of God in her body and give birth. Thus Mary stands out as the New Eve who co-operated with God in achieving the fallen mankind's redemption by Jesus Christ, God's own Son. Whoever believes that Jesus Christ is true God and true man has to accept Mary's Immaculate Conception, extreme Holiness and eternal Virginity. It is on account of our Divine Lord Jesus Christ that Mary is blessed with these special blessings.

God needed Mary's help to implement his salvation plan for mankind; how much more we need her help to achieve our redemption. Virgin Mary by her 'YES' to God has consented to the formation of Jesus in her womb; with her intercession she now helps us to form Jesus in our souls. Jesus did not abstain from giving His own Father as ours when He taught us the Lord's Prayer which we start with "Our father in heaven". He will be all the more happy to give His own mother as our own. Our Lord spent three hours in redeeming, three years in teaching the apostles and His disciples, thirty years in obeying and living as son of Mary. Three years association with Jesus enabled the apostles to establish God's Church on earth, how much more divine wisdom and holiness Mary amassed during those thirty years to assume the responsibility as Mother of Mankind. Mary's life was without any shadow of even the slightest sin. This intense life of purity and holiness was further raised to a higher degree because of her divine Motherhood.

Mother Mary not only submitted herself to God's salvation plan for mankind, but also actively participated in it along with Jesus. She accompanied her son Jesus in His passion journey to Calvary and stood beneath His cross. She silently shared the terrible and inhuman atrocities inflicted upon her son and was a mute spectator to His excruciating crucifixion. Mary knew her son was innocent and divine, at His crucifixion her heart was pierced with the sword of sorrow. Yet her faith in God was so great that she offered her son to a most terrible death on mount Calvary. Thus in her own way sharing in the redemption of her children. Mary's ascension as the mother of mankind started at the wedding feast in Cana where she intervened to assist her children in their crisis. She made a simple prayer to her Divine Son "They have no wine". Hidden in those
words was her conscious desire to remedy the situation. The answer of our Lord was "Woman what is that to me? My hour is not yet come" [Jn.2:4]. Note that Jesus addressed His mother as woman, this is to ascertain that mother Mary is the same woman referred in Genesis when God said to Satan that He will put enmity between the serpent and the woman. It was not out of indifference as the ignorant say, but Jesus was dignifying Mary with the title of 'woman'. Mary said to the wine steward "Do whatever He tells you", this was her last words recorded in the scripture. The result was that Jesus performed His first miracle before His hour for His mother, confirming her intercessory power. Yes Mother Mary is the Mediatrix between mankind and Jesus the Saviour.

If Jesus performed His first miracle before His hour at the behest of His mother, He will certainly defer His judgment on the request of Mary. The apparitions of Mary in Fatima in the year 1917 and the miracle of sun on 13th of November in the presence of more than 70000 people is the proof of Mary's compassionate appeal for mercy on behalf of her children and God's favorable response. It was the time of great miseries due to World War 1. Communism was taking roots alienating people from faith in God. God's warning of the end times in bible says "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of heaven will be shaken" [Mt. 24:29]. This is exactly what happened at noon on 13th Nov. 1917 in Fatima. Mary appeared with Her hand raised towards sun. News paper report of this incredible and unprecedented miracle reads like this "The astonished eyes of the immense crowd turned towards the sun with terror. The sun has trembled and made some brusque moments outside of all cosmic laws. The sun turned around itself like a wheel of fireworks, and it fell from the sky almost to the point of burning the earth with its rays. Believers and un-believers both prostrated themselves upon the ground pleading to God for mercy and forgiveness". The earnest pleading of our most loving mother saved the world from an imminent disaster. This today at Fatima has made hosannas to burst out from faithful and has impressed even free thinkers and others not interested in religious matters.

There was a time of peace in the world after the end of world war one in 1918 and the renewal of faith in certain parts of the world. Yet the tentacles of communism spread further and infamous leaders like Hitler and Mussolini dragged the world into the second world war in 1939. This ended only with the most disastrous man made tragedy the world has ever seen,the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. God pained by man's indifference towards Him and absolute contempt towards fellow beings, sent His mother again in 1947. She appeared to a devote nurse Pierina Gilli, declaring herself as Mother of her divine son Jesus and the
mother of all the people. In the subsequent appearances as 'Rosa Mystica' she also revealed herself to others. The three roses white, red and golden seen on her breast represents her purity, suffering and royalty. She appealed to all people in her maternal love to avoid sin, repent and turn to her divine son Jesus, the Savior. God in His abundant compassion and mercy is sending His Mother to warn mankind to shun their sinful ways and seek God so that they may be saved.

Before leaving the world, on the cross the Son of God presented mankind with the most valuable gift ever, His Mother as our own. Bestowing her the Universal Motherhood Jesus said to Mary "Woman behold your son" [Jn. 19:26], which the holy Mother whole heartedly accepted. Then to John who represented the mankind He said "Behold your Mother" [Jn.19:27]. The final appeal of Jesus from the cross to mankind was to behold His Mother as our own. Do we accept this and practice it with due reverence as the final appeal of the Son of God at the pinnacle of His passion. God in His eternal wisdom knew that children need the care of a mother and hence He blessed us with His own. Mary the most holy and compassionate mother cares for each and every one of her children with utmost love. As her son ascended to heaven to preside at the right side of The Father as the Mediator between Man and God, it was imperative that the Universal Mother of Mankind should also be in heaven interceding for her children to her Savior Son. Hence after her earthly life she was assumed body and soul to heaven to be at the side of her Divine Son as the distributer of her Son's merciful graces from heaven.

Let us thank God for this most wonderful gift, Mary our Holy Mother! Who repeatedly reminds us with her last words recorded in the scripture "Do whatever He [Jesus] tells you". Let us also pray for those unfortunate children who by their ignorance belittle her and resist her most compassionate love. Mother Mary is constantly interceding for her children to her divine Son. The shedding of blood tears from the eyes of Mary's statues and pictures at various places in the world are proof of our compassionate mother's continuous pleading to God on behalf of her sinful children. Even non-Christians seek Mother Mary's help in their miseries. Crowding of devotees at various shrines of Holy Mary prove this. Even the Koran testifies to Mary's immaculate birth and in her virginity. Koran records angels address to Mary "Oh Mary God has chosen you and purified you above all the woman of the earth". Prophet Mohammed says about his daughter Fatima 'thou shall be the most blessed of all women in paradise after Mary'. Fatima herself declares that 'I surpass all the women except Mary'. Our Lady of Fatima will eventually lead all mankind to her divine Son Jesus, the Savior of the world. Mary our Mother pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

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## All Souls Day

This is a day annually set aside by Holy Mother the Church to remind us of the value intrinsic in recalling our dear departed，indeed，all the departed in purgatory，and praying for the repose of their souls．The feast was established in 998 by St Odilo，first Abbot of Cluny，to enable his monks to offer special prayers for the departed．This Cluniac practice gradually gained popularity and spread to parts of Europe and Latin America．

The date，which became practically universal by the end of the 13th Century，was so chosen as to immediately follow the feast of All Saints． Thus，having honoured the Church Triumphant in heaven on 1st November，the very next day the Church Militant on earth，with due concern，turns her gaze onto the members of the Church Suffering in Purgatory，thus demonstrating in no unmistakable terms the supernatural bond of the Communion of Saints．The Council of Trent officially declared that the souls in Purgatory benefit from and need the prayers and works of charity of all Christian believers as spiritual helps in eventually surmounting their spiritual separation from God．Catholic tradition regarding All Souls Day centres on the belief that even though some people who have died are presently in a painful state，they nevertheless experience some joy in knowing that they will，in time，be fully united with the Creator in His glory and happiness．Accordingly，the Church has entriched with a Plenary Indulgence the custom of visiting the cemetery to pray for the deceased during the octave 1－8 November，and a Partial Indulgence on other days．Besides，on 2 November，one Plenary Indulgence applicable to the dead can be gained under the usual conditions［visiting a Church，receiving the sacraments，praying for the Pope＇s intentions］．

For the succour of the innumerable dead in World War I，Pope Benedict XV，by a decree dated 10 August 1915，granted each priest the blessed privilege of celebrating three Masses on this day－one for his own intentions，another for the Souls in Purgatory and a third on for the intentions of the Holy Father．

In the final analysis，this day is a day of hope for th entire Church， focusing as it does on the fullness of the Paschal Mystery enveloping every believer in its redeeming embrace．

Reflection ：＂It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead， that they may be loosed from sins＂（2 Mac 12：46）．


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