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Letter to my Little Friends...


Parish News



Saint Hermenegild .
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Don't let the world change your smile, use your smile to change the world


Sanctity is for everyone,
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## Fidtorial

"Each of them is Jesus in disguise," Mother Teresa once said about the poorest of the poor, the sick, homeless, widows and the orphans whom she served with wholehearted dedication. She proclaimed our Lord through her life, personifying our Lord's merciful love. Missionaries of Charity, the religious order that she founded 66 years ago (1950), is all about His compassionate love. Our Lord has now given her a glorious position of sainthood which will be announced by Pope Francis on September 4. Our country, which was the operational ground of the saint, is honoured by the presence of this holy soul.

Can we attain such saintly status like her? Bible says we are called to Holiness, to be Saints. `Holiness is really the perfection of faith, hope, and sharing in God's very nature, which is love' (1John4:8). "Holiness is not about what you do but with how much love you do it. As it is impossible to attain holiness on our own might, God invites us into an intimate relationship with Him through Jesus. He takes up residence within us and makes it possible to love with His love. It means doing daily, ordinary things with extraordinary love," writes Catholic theologian and writer Dr Marcellino D'Ambrosio.

As this divine call is in the offing, we must nourish and exercise the spiritual muscle we procure through Baptism. God provides the necessary nourishment through the Word of God and the Eucharist. And He sends us ample opportunities to exercise our spirituality.

Leon Bloy, a French Catholic writer, once said, "the only tragedy in life is not to become a saint." Holiness is about realising our deepest, greatest potential, and becoming who we were truly destined to be. We shouldn't miss our opportunities.

- Chief Editor


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Be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect (Mt.5;48)

## LETTER TO MY LITTLE FRIENDS

When Doordarshan announced the demise of Mother Teresa 19 years ago, the whole nation was in mourning. The entire country witnessed a Christian name - and a holy person-- getting great respect. The Holy Catholic Church lost the messenger of peace and an example divine love in the form of a poor old nun. It was indeed a delicate moment for the Catholic Church.

Mother Teresa was a lady who struggled within herself to discern and convey the deepest feelings of Jesus in each and every moment gifted to her by God. She was always busy seeking the thoughts of Jesus in the situation she was in, among the people she used to meet and the things she used to do. Mother Teresa tried her best every morning to discover all these and more, close to Jesus, in the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, her most precious treasure.

Now with the canonization of this divine soul, it's ideal that we, not only as Indians but also as little Theresians, share the joy of being related to this saintly soul. We should devote our hearts and efforts to whom it matters - Jesus Christ.

Wishing all the little Theresians the goodness of the season.

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 Abide in my love (Jn.15;9)

The prudent man ignores insults (Prov.12;10)

























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## PARISH NEIIS AT A GLANCE

## Mathrusangam sports day

On July 9, members of Mathrusangam organised their sports day. It was beautifully conducted by our former Asst Parish priest Rev Fr Jinto Kallookkaran. As many as 80 members participated.

## Orientation seminar

Catechism teachers of Navi Mumbai, Antop Hill and South Mumbai Forane churches had an orientation seminar at our church on July 17. Around 125 teachers participated in this enlightening seminar. It was conducted by Mr Anthony Varghese, Executive Coach, Learn UN Learn.

## St Thomas Academy

July 24 was a day for displaying various talents of our Catechism students. They presented group and individual programmes like dance, song and instrumental music. This talent day was greatly appreciated by all.

## Parents day

Parents day was celebrated on July 31. On this day after the Holy Mass, Catechism students presented greeting cards to their parents. Our youth members displayed a video presentation of grandparents and grandchildren sharing their memorable experiences.

Grandparents who are staying with their children and grandchildren in our parish were honored on the occasion.

## Feast of St John Maria Vianny

Feast of St John Maria Vianny, the heavenly patron of priests, was commemorated on August 4. It was the birthday of our

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Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.(JN.18;37)
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It is I; do not be afraid (Jn.6;20)
parish priest Rev Fr Biju Kollamkunnel. After the Holy Mass, Rev Fr Biju and Rev. Fr. Franklin were felicitated by catechism students and the representatives of various associations.

## Feast of Assumption of Mother Mary

On August 15, the Assumption of Mother Mary was celebrated with much devotion. On this day eight catechism students joined the altar service and they received their ecclesiastical vestments during the Holy Mass. As it was also our Independence Day, our parish priest Rev Fr Biju Kollamkunnel hoisted the National Flag prior to the Holy Mass.

## Seminar for Mathrusangam

On August 21, an informative seminar on social media was conducted in our church for mathrusangam members of Navi Mumbai, Panvel and Antop Hill Forane churches by Mr PKX Thomas, the Head of Technology and Operations at Hopscotch.in. It was attended by 310 mothers. After this session, Rev Fr Sony Thekkekara took a heart- warming class on God's Merciful love.

## Faith formation day

August 28 was celebrated as faith formation day. After the Holy Mass, Rev Fr Sony Thekkekara gave a motivating talk for parents on formation of faith in the family. It was followed by cultural programmes by catechism students.

## Unit annual get together

Feast celebrations and unit annual get together of St. Dominic Savio unit (July 10), Holy Trinity unit (July 17), St Marys unit (August 14) and Holy Cross unit (August 28) were held with various cultural programmes. Respected priests, sisters and trustees were present on these occasions.

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Sr. Lizy, Apostolic Oblates





































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## A Way To Sanctity－ 20

## SAINT HERMENEGILD

Leovigild，the first King of Spain had two children，Hermenegild and Recared．The King believed in Arianism（people who deny the divinity of Christ）and brought up his children in the Arian heresy．Hermenegild grew up and married the daughter of the King of Austrasia， and embraced the true Catholic faith．When he did this，his father who was the King disinherited him，and he was deprived of all royal rights．The King tried to change the mind of his son to return to Arianism，but Hermenegild refused and was thrown into the prison．

Tortures and bribes were in turn employed
 to shake his faith，but Hermenegild wrote to his father that he regarded the crown as nothing，and preferred to lose scepter and life rather than betray the truth of God．In the year 585，on Easter night，an Arian Bishop entered his cell and promised him his father＇s pardon if he would receive Communion from his hands． Hermenegild indignantly rejected the offer and the King got so angry and ordered the soldiers to kill his son．Hermenegild knelt with joy for his death－stroke，praying for his persecutors．The same night a light streaming from his cell told the Christians keeping vigil nearby that the martyr had won his crown and was celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord with the saints in glory．His feast falls on April 13．Thus Hermenegild stood firm in the faith and received a martyr＇s crown．

King Leovigild，on his death－bed，was changed interiorly．He had been witness to the miracles that had occurred after his son＇s cruel death and he told his son and successor to seek out saint Leander，whom he himself had persecuted．The King said Recared should follow Hermenegild＇s example，and be received by the bishop in the church． Recared did so，but his father himself had no courage to renounce the false faith publicly．After his father＇s death，the new King laboured so earnestly for the extirpation of Arianism and he brought over the whole nation of the Visigoths to the Church．

## Mother Teresa's message: Spread your love everywhere you go

Walk the path of love and kindness, and joy will be your constant companion. Don't ever underestimate the power of kindness. "Random acts of kindness" may be just a slogan, but it has caught on all around the country and world for a reason. Doing lovely things for others for no reason has so many rewards. In an instant, the best of our humanity and heart comes forward. Acts of kindness connect our heart to the heart of another person and create bridges over which our love can flow. Every day presents us with hundreds of opportunities to practise kindness toward our fellow humans. Seize these moments and discover how wonderful it feels.

At the home for the dying which the Missionaries of Charity have in Calcutta there was a man who had cancer, his body half-consumed by the sickness. Everyone had abandoned him as a hopeless case. Mother Teresa came near him to wash him tenderly. She encountered, at first, only the sick man's disdain."How can you stand my body's stench?" he asked. Then, quite calmly the dying man said to her, "You're not from here. The people here don't behave the way you do."Several minutes went by. And then the terminally ill man murmured a typical Indian expression: "Glory to you, woman." "No," replied Mother Teresa. "Glory to you who suffer with Christ." Then they smiled at each other. The sick man's suffering seemed to stop. He died two days later.

According to Mother Teresa, suffering by itself is nothing. But suffering as a share in Christ's Passion is a great gift. "Man's greatest gift is the possibility of sharing Christ's Passion. Yes, it is a gift and a sign of God's love. This is the way the Father showed his love for the world: giving us his Son to die for us. This is the way Christ showed that the greatest gift is love: he gave himself in suffering for us," she said.

When Mother Teresa started her work with the dying destitute she was in desperate need of a place in which to care for them. Local authorities in Calcutta offered her a section of the temple to the
goddess Kali, which, though originally intended for the temporary housing of pilgrims, had become a hangout for thieves, drug addicts, and pimps. When the news circulated that the temple was being used by a woman and a foreigner and that she was trying "to convert the poor to Christianity," groups of people protested at city hall. Others went to the nearest police station to demand that the woman be evicted. The police commissioner promised to do just that, but wanted first to personally check things out.

When the police commissioner went to see Mother Teresa, she was caring for a poor sick man by putting potassium permanganate on wounds from which worms were crawling out. The stench was unbearable. Mother Teresa treated the officer with respect and offered to show him about. He answered that he preferred to look around on his own. When he came out he met some of the people who had complained about Mother Teresa and said, "I gave you my word that I would throw this woman out of here, and I would like to keep it. But, before I do so, you will have to get your mothers and sisters to do what she does. I make that the only condition for exercising my authority."

Mother Teresa said, "By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus."

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Sherin Ukkan, Sacred Heart Unit

## Bible Quiz Answers

(July - August 2016)

1. John the Baptist
2. Galilee
3. Mother in law
4. Alphaeus
5. Sabbath
6. Bartimaeus
7. Olives
8. Open up
9. Elijah, Moses
10. Fire


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## Newly born in Christ Jesus

Rhea - d/o Mr. Poulose Moolan and Mrs. Sumy Poulose from St. Thomas Unit on August 27, 2016.

## Called for Eternal reward

Mr. M.D John from Holy Trinity Unit on July 28, 2016
Mrs. Rosanna Varghese from St. Dominic Savio Unit on August 21, 2016

## Hearty welcome to new family members :

1. Mr. Santosh Abraham and family in Holy Family unit
2. Mr. James John Manikulam and family in Ulwe
3. Mr. Jeesan Abraham and family in St. Francis Xavier Unit
4. Mr. Gineesh Antony and family in St. Jude unit

## Farewell and heartfelt gratitude to...

1. Mr. V. C. Mathai (Benny) and family, (St. Alphonsa Unit) shifting their residence to Immaculate Conception Church, Dombivli East
2. Mr. Jonet and family (St. Chavara Unit), shifting their residence to St. Joseph's Church, Akurdi.
3. Mr. Joseph Nenmani and family (St. George Unit), shifting their residence to St. George Church, Panvel
4. Mr. Joseph Vadaparampil and family (Holy Trinity Unit), shifting their residence to Infant Jesus Church, Kharghar
5. Mr. Antony Mathew and family (St. Alphonsa Unit), shifting their | residence to Carmelamatha Church, Kiraloor, Mundoor.

Inviting articles for the next issue of Viva Teresa (Nov - Dec. 16)

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## 'Don't let the world change your smile, use your smile to change the world'

Sincy Thomas, Don Bosco Unit

Anamika was driving to a city shopping mall. At one of the traffic signals as she waited for the signal to turn green, she noticed a van full of policemen on duty. One policeman sitting in the front smiled at her. She smiled back. She drove to the mall, and was standing in the queue at one of the department stores, waiting for her billing. The lady in front of her, had a basket full of goodies to be billed and when she saw Anamika, she smiled. Anamika smiled back. She went to the food court to quell her hunger pangs and when she walked across a particular food stall, the sales boy smiled and asked her to try out their pizza. She again smiled back.

Anamika came back tired. As she entered her building, she saw an old couple going out. She smiled at them, and they smiled back. She entered the lift and smiled at the liftman. He smiled back. She smiled at her neighbours in the lift, she smiled as the maid opened the door of her house...

Job 8:21 in Bible says, "He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with shouting." This is a great verse, because it declares that it is the Lord that fills our mouths with laughter.

Indians speak a record 1,652 languages, and an individual at the best may speak three to four languages. But did you know that we all smile in the same language? I want to ask you one question. Did you smile today? Ask yourself again: did you smile today? In fact, after asking this question, some of us may try and recollect how many times we smiled since the crack of the dawn. Can't we smile often enough that we don't have to try hard to recollect our last smile?

Smile is contagious. But in our busy life, sometimes we forget to smile. Charlie Chaplin once said, "I have many problems in my life. But my lips don't know that. They always smile." The smile on my face may not always mean that my life is absolutely perfect. We all have our own set of problems, tension, stress, busy schedules etc, but one smile gives an impression that I appreciate what I have and what all

God has blessed me with.
We can never estimate the pain a person is going through, daily. Frankly speaking, we all are struggling, we all have problems, we all are busy... and smile is one of the ways to not let the world know that.

Pope Francis once said, "I cannot imagine a Christian who does not know how to smile. May we joyfully witness to our faith." But the big question is: what does this smile actually do to us, and do to the people around us.

Smile can keep us happy, smile can make others happy. Smile is a positive emotional symbol for others around us, just like a frown on our face is a negative emotional symbol for others. Smile actually generates positive emotions within us. Smile attracts us to others. A smiling person always draws people to him/her. Smile is highly contagious. It does not have any age or position barriers. The policeman smiled at Anamika as she turned her car, and she smiled back. When Anamika smiled at the liftman, he smiled back. Smile is contagious and it's simply good enough. So please confidently try and spread it to others. Smile has healing powers. Sometimes a smile may brighten up someone's day, you never know.

It's very difficult to smile when we are sad and upset. It's understood. But a smile just helps us to shift into a better mood. Smile tries to show the world that you are happy. We have worries, fear, pain, problems, busy schedules etc and the one simple PASSWORD to break it is a SMILE.

Nowadays, generally some people only smile when they take a selfie on their latest Android phone. They smile when they have to pose those photos on Facebook and WhatsApp. Should our smile be reduced to selfies, Facebook posts and WhatsApp profile pictures? We buy so many pretty things to wear, but the prettiest thing that you need to wear is a smile.

Psalm 126:2 says, "then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them." Remember that it is God who does great things for us. Celebrating that fact will fill us with laughter and joy.

To all those who have been practicing this wonderful smile therapy in their life, I would tell them to continue spreading this contagious SMILE. The world around is smiling because of you.

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## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES : BY MOTHER TERESA

1. God doesn't require us to succeed, He only requires that you try.
2. Intense love does not measure, it just gives. If you judge people, you have no time to love them
3. If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."
4. Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.
5. One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody. 1
6. The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it.
7. We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.
8. Peace begins with a smile.
9. Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.
10. Only in heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us to love God better because of them.

POPE FRANCIS

## SANGTITY IS FOR EVIERYONE, SAUINTS ARE NOT 'SUPERMEN'

On the Feast of All Saints, Pope Francis emphasized that the saints are not "supermen" who are "born perfect," but rather are ordinary people who followed God "with all their heart."
"They are like us, they are people who before reaching the glory of heaven lived a normal life, with joy and grief, struggles and hopes," the Pope said. Each saint changed his or her life "when they recognized the love of God, they followed him with all their heart, without conditions and hypocrisies.""They spent their lives in the service of others, they endured suffering and adversity without hatred and responded to evil with good, spreading joy and peace," he said.
"Sanctity is beautifu!! It is a beautiful way!" Pope Francis stressed. "The saints give us a message. They tell us: be faithful to the Lord, because the Lord does not disappoint! He never disappoints us ever, and He is a good friend always at our side."The Pope emphasized that everyone can be a saint.
"To be a saint is not a privilege of a few... all of us in baptism have the inheritance of being able to become saints. Sanctity is a vocation for everyone."'All of us are called to walk in the way of sanctity, and this way has a name, a face: the face of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis said the Feast of All Saints "reminds us that the goal of our existence is not death, it is paradise!"
"The saints, the friends of God, assure us that this promise does not disappoint," he added. "In their earthly existence, in fact, they had lived in profound communion with God. In the smallest and most despised faces of their brothers, they saw the face of God, and now they contemplate him face to face in his glorious beauty."The saints show joy and love, he said.
"The saints are men and women who have joy in their hearts and spread it to others. Never hating, but serving the other, is the greatest need. To pray and to live in joy: this is the way of sanctity!"The saints do not "place conditions" on God, the Pope explained. In addition, they "are not violent but merciful and they seek to be makers of reconciliation and peace."
"The saints never have hated," the Pope added. "Understand this well: Love is of God, but where does hatred come from? Hatred does not come from God, but from the devil!"

Pope Francis said the Kingdom of Heaven is for those who trust in the
love of God and do not put their security in material things. It is for those with humility and a "simple heart" who do not judge others. The Kingdom of Heaven is for "those who suffer with the one who suffers and rejoice with the one who rejoices."The saints are also a source of fortitude and hope, he noted.
"The saints encourage us with their witness not to have fear of going against the current or fear of being misunderstood and derided when we speak of the Lord and of the Gospel," the Pope said. "They show us with their lives that the one who remains faithful to God and to his words experiences now on this earth the comfort of his love and then experiences it a 'hundredfold' in eternity."

Source : Catholic News Agency

## From Youcat

Why do we honour the saints in heaven?
We honour the saints in heaven because they practiced great virtue when they were on earth, and because in honoring those who are the chosen friends of God we honour God Himself.

Does the first commandment forbid us to honour the saints in heaven?

The first commandment does not forbid us to honour the saints in heaven, provided we do not give them the honour that belongs to God alone. For, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. (Luke 1:48)

How can we honour the saints?
We can honour the saints: first, by imitating their holy lives; second, by praying to them; third, by showing respect to their relics and images. Brethren, be imitators of me, and mark those who walk after the pattern you have in us. (Philippians 3:17)

When we pray to the saints what do we ask them to do?
When we pray to the saints we ask them to offer their prayers to God for us.
(YOUCAT or The Youth Catechism, which is written in language suitable for young people deals with the entire Catholic faith as it was presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC))

## Expect the urexpected, ard reake use of it

Claire Paul, Cherupushpam Unit

On a sultry Friday evening, I came to the church for choir practice. That was when a youngster approached me saying that I was selected as one of the MCs (master of the ceremony) for FRESCA, the church event to welcome new youth section members.

For once I was startled, because hosting a programme is not a joke. You need confidence, good oratory skills, a powerful voice... and the list goes on. And hosting FRESCA is not simple. I thought it was like dealing with something really big and important.

We had only two weeks left for the event. A week later, after Sunday school, Bijitha teacher, the youth animator, came to me saying that a guy named Denoy and I had been finalised as the MCs. She briefed me about how to go about with the event. And I kept nodding, listening to every bit of it. After a week, Rev Fr Biju called all the executives and the hosts to discuss about the programme. After the agenda was prepared, we came to the scene. That was the indication for us to get our work started.

We had to plan the script. Planning the script is another hectic job. You need to let out your creative side to make dialogues, because if there isn't any humour in between, then the crowd may fall asleep. We always need to make it interesting to grab the eyeballs. So keeping all these in mind, we started preparing the script for the whole programme. The co-host and I discussed how to conduct the programme.

It took us two days to make the script. We both delved our brains hard and came out with a pretty good one. The day we finished writing the script was also the day when the executives wanted to hear us speak. The co-host and I fumbled in front of them out of nervousness.

The very next day, we were told to speak in front of Rev Sr Mollykutty, the youth coordinator. Both of us still fumbled, stammered, forgot our parts and made mistakes. Then the big day of FRESCA approached.

My grandmother often tells me to say a small prayer before I get up
from the bed. But I normally forget about it daily. However, on the D-day as the alarm rang in my phone, I opened my eyes and the first thing that I thought of was the FRESCA programme and I prayed, "God save me."

I went to church for the Holy Mass. As time passed by, my tension level also rose gradually. When the announcements began after the Holy Mass, my hands started sweating. Then FRESCA started. My cohost and I got very nervous. Although I was shivering a bit, we started off well. The crowd was closely listening to us. They did respond to our silly jokes that we cracked. That was the signal that our script did really come out well. Whenever there would be a speech by a person, after calling them to the dais, we would run behind the curtain. We took quick steps, walked from one end to the other, breathed deeply and told each other "Inner Peace, Inner Peace", just to get ourselves relaxed. Later, we got used to it and the event went off smoothly. We realised that with focused preparation, anything can be achieved.

To cut the story short, the programme was a great success. Both of us were appreciated for our work. Everyone liked it. All those appreciations that we got were really a relief to us. God really saved my day. The compliments brought a smile on my face. I really didn't expect that I would host the show so nicely. The church gave me a chance to showcase my talent. So what I learnt from this is life is full of surprises and these surprises come to us when we are not expecting them. In short, expect the unexpected.

## Family Renewal Retreat

(In preparation for the Parish Feast)
16-18 September, 2016
(Friday, Saturday \& Sunday)

Preacher : Rev. Fr. James Elanjickal (Director - Charismatic Renewal Services, Diocese of Pathanamthitta)

The beginning of pride is $\sin ($ Sir. $10 ; 13$ )

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Philomina Sibichan，St．Thomas Unit

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Daisy Joy，Infant Jesus Unit

















# In the City of Joy 

Alisha Joykutty, Holy Rosary Unit

"Mother House...?" asked the perplexed taxi driver. After a 15-minute taxi journey from Nizam Palace, we finally reached the Mother House in Kolkata, nicknamed as the 'City of Joy' by Dominique Lapierre in his novel. A huge board -- Missionaries of Charity, Mother House -- made us realize that this was our destination. It was a 3-storied grey building in the midst of a congested area on the side of a busy road with no compound. It was previously known as ‘Grey Nuns Building'.

An old sister clad in a wrinkled white saree with blue stripes covering her head and a rosary in her hands, welcomed us with a smile. Adorning the walls were Mother Teresa's statues, photographs with eminent persons and a board signaling 'Photography not allowed.'

The plot originally belonged to the Gomez brothers who gave it to Mother Teresa to start the institution. A narrow staircase led to a small, poorly furnished room with a small bed, a chair and some paintings. Simplicity reflected the place where she lived -- a simple life, so that others may live a simple live.

Nuns were decorating her large sober tomb with marigold. We paid our homage. Not many were present, barring a few Indians and foreigners. While some had quivering lips with tears rolling down their eyes, others knelt and stooped near the tomb in devotion. Sisters were doing household chores, as the aroma of surfactant, washing bar and breakfast filled the air.

The museum displayed Mother's worn-out sandals and enamelled dinner bowls. The wall was adorned with her early life photos. I saw her beautiful handwritten notes. But what I loved the most was a representation of her life made using dolls. It was innovative. We read her life story.

We were happy to meet a Keralite nun who described everything about Mother and made us feel comfortable.

She was born as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu to a God-fearing Albanian Roman Catholic family in Skopje (Republic of Macedonia). She left home to join Sisters of Loreto and came to Darjeeling, India as a novitiate in
1929. She added a 4th vow of 'whole-hearted service to the poorest of poor' to her vocation. On a train journey from Calcutta to Loreto convent on September 10, 1946, she heard a 'call within a call' and replaced her Loreto habit with a saree to start Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

Then we left for our next destination. Rabindra sadan - Netaji Bhavan - Kalighat: the journey by the Kolkata Metro reminded me of our own Mumbai local trains. The train was crowded as it was Mamata Banerjee's oath-taking ceremony. Our destination was Mother's world famous, but surprisingly small home for the dying and destitute -- Nirrmal Hriday or 'Home of the Pure Heart'. Established in 1952, it is situated adjacent to a Kali Temple. We walked along the lane dodging garland makers, Hindu God idols and people and was surprised to find Nirmal Hriday, with its architecture in typical Hindu temple style.

Yes, it was a temple converted into a destitute home. The signboard read, "Mothers First Love". Realising that we were lost, a sister donning an apron, greeted us. We were told to keep silence amidst the chaos. People were screaming with pain. As I touched a small unpolished table, she said, "Mother's table, she wrote all income and expenses here." Just by the side, a group of foreign volunteers lifted an old disfigured man crying with pain on his way to bath. The volunteers come every day without showing any hesitation, she said. They would wash the open sores of inmates, bandage them with love and soothe them with comforting words. The motto is: "Service to humanity is service to God".

Upstairs, green beds were neatly decked in rows as the inmates had gone to pray. For their near and dear ones, they were just a heap of bones and flesh with diseases, but for the sisters, they were beautiful creations of God. They just smiled with tears rolling down their soft and helpless eyes. They were unwanted, unloved, uncared for and forgotten by everybody before they came to Mother's home.

The next day morning, after having a warm matka chai, we went to the Mother's House to attend the Latin rite mass. The loud noise of the trams didn't affect our joy and enthusiasm. It was a feeling of heavenly worship with hymns and prayers in Bengali, Hindi and English. We saw the novitiate sisters sitting in unbroken lines worshipping our Lord.

From just 13 members in Calcutta to 45,000 in 133 countries, Mother's institution has made a remarkable progress. She experienced doubt, loneliness and temptation in early years to return to the comforts of convent life, but didn't succumb to the pressure. Let every action of mine be something beautiful for God: this was her belief.

## ST. LITTLE FLOWER FEAST 2016

September 23 to October 2.

| Parish Priest | $:$ | REV. FR. BIJU KOLLAMKUNNEL |
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| Asst. Parish Priest | $:$ | REV. FR. FRANKLIN CHERUVATHOOR |
| Sr. Superior | $:$ | REV. SR. LIZY |
| Trustees | $:$ | E. P. DEVASSY \& SANJU THOMAS |
| General Conveners | $:$ | MR. BIJU MATHEW \& MR. BIJU ALEX |



## SUB-CDMMITTEES

## 1. Decoration (Pandal) Outside Church \& Road

| T. D. Johny (L) | T. S. John | Joseph Mathew |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Davy Antony | Joy V. D. | Thomas Varghese |
| Johnson Antony | Jimmy Luckose | Jose Joseph |
| Varghese Mathai (Shaj) | ji) T. D. Paul | Joel Mathew |
| Shebin Sony \& Youth |  |  |
|  | Electric Work \& III |  |
| Biju Mathew (L) |  | Baby Antony |
| Varghese Mathai (Shaj) |  | Jose Joseph |
| 3. Pr | reparation of Nercha | asam |
| Sr. Moliamma | George Kuruvilla (L) | P. J. Antony |
| Bessy George | Georgekutty | Babu K. C., |
| Rejeena Mohan | Davis C. J. |  |
| Babu Marokhi \& Mathru | rusangam |  |

4. Holy Water, Holy Oil \& Packing

| Bea Thomas (L) | Mercy Francis | Jessy Shaji |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jennifer Victor | Bijitha Joyce |  |
| Mathrusangam. |  |  |
| 5. Feast (Thirunal) Office |  |  |
| Georgekutty (L) | Yohannan K. K. | Felix Varghese |
| Jerry Joseph | Mathew John | P. J. Anthony. |
| 6. Flower, Cross, Adima Prarthana |  |  |
| K. J. Baby (L) | K. C. Babu | Davis C. J. |
| Amal Joy | Roy Mathew |  |

7. Distribution of Nerchapayasam Holy Oil \& Holy Water
K. X. George (L) JittoThomas Babu Marokhi

George Joseph John Antony Angel Mohan,
Sheena Varghese
8. Liturgy Committee (Communion Inspection, Inside Discipline)


You shall love your neighbor as yourself (M.22;39)
Sanctify them in truth (J.17:17)
13. Kodimaram Arrangements

| Varghese Mathai (L) | C. J. Davis | V. L. Johnson |
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| Thomas Varghese |  |  |
| 14. Chendamelam |  |  |
| Jose Mathew (L) | Mohan Kandathil | V. A. Mathew |
| 15. Muthukuda \& Kurissu Arrangements |  |  |
| Franco Thomas (L) | C. J. Davis | Tony Chacko |
| V. I. Varghese | Jossen Jose | JilsonJose |
| 16. Guest In-Charge |  |  |
| Sr. Molikutty | Lalson George (L) | Rejeena Mohan |
| Lathika Joseph | Jessy Shaji | Kunjumol Thomas |
| Elsy George | Chechamma Varkey | Daisy Inasukutty |
| 17. Vehicle Blessing |  |  |
| Jitto Thomas (L) | Joel Mathew | K. K. Simon |
| B. A. Joshy | Babu Marokhi |  |
| 18. Police Permission \& Procession In-Charge |  |  |
| K. P. Francis (L) | David Antony | Jose Mathew |
| Joseph Francis | George Kuruvilla | Savio George |
| Siby Jacob | Sabu Scaria | Francis Chacko |
| Siby Joseph | K. P. Thomas | K. T. Paul |
| C. J. Nelson | Maju Mathew | Shebin Sony |
| M. K. Thomas | Sibichan M. C. | J. M. Jose |
| P. C.Antony | Tony Thoppil |  |
| 19. Food Committee \& Distribution Team |  |  |
| V. I. Varghese (L) | Bethlehem Zone <br> (Holy Trinity, St. Antony, St. Martin) |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | Emmaus Zone |  |
|  | (Fatima Matha, Cherupushpam, St. John) |  |
|  | Israel Zone |  |
|  | (St. Alphonsa, Sacred Heart, St. Paul) |  |

## HEALTH

 CORNER
## WELCOME MONSOON, NOT THE DISEASES

After extreme heat during the summers, we look forward to the refreshing monsoon season. But this is also the time of the year when contagious infections are on the rise. Our body is more susceptible to health issues in the rainy season. Warm, wet, and humid climate cause infections and water accumulation become possible breeding ground for many disease-causing organisms. This article will help you regarding your health concerns during monsoons.

Why is body susceptible to health issues during monsoon season?

- Allergies and infections can happen due to reduced immunity.
- High humidity can cause digestive problems, such as gastrointestinal disturbances, diarrhoea and dysentery.
- Damp and filthy conditions play a host for many disease-causing germs which are responsible for dengue, malaria, conjunctivitis, typhoid, and viral fever.


## Prevent yourself from monsoon-related illnesses:

- Make drinking water safe by boiling, filtering and by using ultraviolet purifiers to ensure its purity.
- Prevent stagnation of water near your house, storage tanks, flower pots, coolers, etc.
- Soak your salads and leafy vegetables in salt water for about 10 minutes to remove germs.
- Do not wear wet clothes for long to prevent fungal infections of the skin or nails.
Nutritional tips to keep your body resistant against diseases:
- Improve your body's immunity by adding a dash of garlic to the soups, stir fries and curries you make.
- Instead of milk add yoghurt, curd, and almonds in your diet.
- Brown rice, oats, and barley are the best foods this season.
- Consume bitter gourd, neem, turmeric powder and methi seeds to prevent infections.
- Avoid spicy and sour foods to prevent skin allergies and water retention.


## Prevent monsoon-related diseases:

Malaria: The most common disease of the rainy season can be prevented by using mosquito repellent and nets and by not allowing stagnation of water.

Cholera: Another deadly disease caused due to contaminated food, water and poor hygiene conditions can be prevented by maintaining hygiene, drinking purified water, avoiding street food and eating completely cooked food items.

Typhoid : Water-borne bacterial disease spread through contaminated food and water and can be prevented by avoiding raw foods, drinking untreated water and keeping oneself dehydrated.

Dengue : Another disease spread by mosquitoes which can be prevented by avoiding mosquito bites and not letting them breed.

Jaundice : The jaundice virus is spread through contaminated food/water. Avoiding street food and consuming boiled water can keep jaundice at bay.

Stomach Infection : This can cause severe vomiting, diarrhoea and stomach pain and can be prevented by drinking plenty of safe fluids and consuming uncontaminated foods.

Viral Fever : The most common condition causing constant sneezing, sore throat, cough and fever can be prevented by avoiding getting wet in the rain and seeing a doctor if the situation worsens.

Chikungunya : Transmitted by the bite of mosquitoes and can be prevented by cleaning water containers regularly and using insect repellents.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

It is advisable to wear nylon clothes during monsoons as clothes made of polyester and nylon are light and dry easily.

Sources: Mayoclinic, India Infoline.

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1. Tobit was the son of $\qquad$
2. Ahikar took care of Tobit for ............. years before he went to Elymias
3. During the reign of $\qquad$ Tobit returned home.
4. Tobit belonged to the tribe of ......
5. Sarah stayed at $\qquad$ in Media with her Father Raguel
6. Tobit had left money with ............. at Rages in Media
7. Ahikar was the son of $\qquad$
8. On their way to Rages they camped by the $\qquad$ river
9. Wife of Raguel .........
10. Ahikar's nephew . $\qquad$
11. Sarah had been married 7 times, and the wicked demon ............. had killed them
12. Tobit's son was $\qquad$

CONGRATULATIONS ::!

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