

18 JUN – 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

First reading: Exodus 19:2-6

God bore the people up on eagles' wings, crossing the Sinai desert

Responsorial: Psalm 99

℟: We are his people: the sheep of his flock

Second reading: Romans 5:6-11

We are restored to grace through the death of Christ

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few

Let's Reflect...

Our belonging to Christ is through our incorporation into the Church, built upon the foundation of the twelve apostles. To these twelve and to their successors, the bishops, Jesus gave *authority*. Great enough would have been the “authority over unclean spirits” and the authority “to cure every disease and every illness,” but Jesus gives them the still greater authority to bind and to loose, to forgive sins and to celebrate the sacraments in his name until his coming in glory. Our belonging to Christ, who gives our life direction, is visible in and through the Church. In Baptism, our life in Christ begins, and, through the other sacraments, that life is nourished and deepened within us.

The Resurrection of Christ gave the lives of the apostles the definitive new direction that Christ wants to give to us. We rely upon the Church and her bishops to connect us to the witness of the apostles, to connect us to the life-changing reality of the Resurrection. We may be back in “Ordinary” Time (from *ordinalis*, “numbered”), but there is nothing ordinary about it; each day of our lives, especially each Sunday's celebration of the Resurrection, is extraordinary. The apostles were entrusted with the mission to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. As members of this kingdom, we share in the mission of the apostles: to announce to the world that Christ's kingdom is already in our midst and that we await the fullness of the kingdom on the last day.

'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest'.

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SUNDAY, 18-Jun **11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
Tamil Mass: 4.00pm

MONDAY, 19-Jun Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 20-Jun **St Alban, Protomartyr**
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 21-Jun **St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**
Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 22-Jun Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 23-Jun **SS JOHN FISHER, Bishop, and THOMAS MORE, Martyrs**
Mass: 12.00noon

SATURDAY, 24-Jun **THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**
Mass: 9.30am
6.30pm – *Sunday Vigil Mass*
Konkani Mass: 3.00pm

SUNDAY, 25-Jun **12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
Syro Malabar Rite Mass: 4.00pm

POPE'S INTENTION - JUNE 2023

For the abolition of torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Louis Gabriel, Domingo Fernandes and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

Thank you Justice & Peace Team: The Parish would like to thank the Justice and Peace group for organising the Senior's meal and keeping up the spirit of the seniors with sumptuous meal, music and games. We like to thank all those who were involved and contributed for the success of this event. God bless you all.

2023-2024 Catechism Programmes: All Catechism application forms for the **2023-2024** programmes will be available on the Parish website from next week.

The programmes are for **First Holy Communion** (for both Catholic and non-Catholic schools), **Post First Holy Communion Catechism** (for the Children who recently received their First Holy Communion), **Confirmation** and **RCIA**.

Parents wishing to enrol their Child may download and print the appropriate form. Fully completed forms for all programmes along with the copy of the requested documents must be submitted by **31st July 2021** through the Presbytery Letter Box. You do not need to ring the bell.

The **Day for Life** is the day in the Church's calendar dedicated to celebrating the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life theme is "Listen to Her", which takes place **Sunday 18th June**, seeks to highlight the trauma caused by abortion. Many in our society, but especially women, are affected by abortion and we want people to know they can find a welcome in the heart of the Church and the promise of hope and healing found in Christ Jesus. There will be a second collection this weekend Masses. Please be generous.

JUNIOR YOUTH MEETING: will be held on Friday 23rd June from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Pastoral Centre. This is a gathering for the youth from our parish aged 12 to 18. New members are welcome to join.

St John the Baptist: There will be a Konkani Mass celebrated on the feast of St John the Baptist on Saturday 24th June at 3.00pm.

CATECHISM CHILDREN FACILITATION: The dates are as follows
18th June - First Holy Communion (non Catholic school) who received their Sacrament on 6th May will receive their certificates. All Children are requested to attend the 10:45am Mass in their Communion attire and occupy the front seats.

25th June - Post Holy Communion Programme Children are requested to attend the 10:45am Mass and occupy the front seats.

2nd July - First Holy Communion (Catholic school) who received their Sacrament on 23rd and 30th April are requested to attend the 10:45am Mass in their Communion attire and occupy the front seats.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURES, PADUVA AND HOLY LAND: The parish is organising trip to Lisieux, Lourdes, Fatima, Lisbon, and Paris leaving on 21st July 2023. We are arranging another pilgrimage to Bologna, Paduva, Venice, Verona and Ferrara on 21st September and trip to Holy Land on 10th November. For further information, please see the notice board at the porch and contact the Group Organiser Julie Fernandes on 07400889899. The Last date to submit your application is on 30th of June 2023 for all the pilgrimages.

GETTING MARRIED

- **In the Catholic Church in this Country:** You need to contact one of your priests at least 6 months **before** the proposed date of the marriage- and provide a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate (dated within 6 months of the proposed marriage), and a copy of your Confirmation Certificate.
- **In the Catholic Church Abroad:** In addition to the information requested above, you will also need a letter of freedom from this Diocese, which may be obtained through your Priest.