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St. Ignatius of Loyola, Vasai

We wish you a very
Happy Feast



Edition 1

A MILE OF SMILES

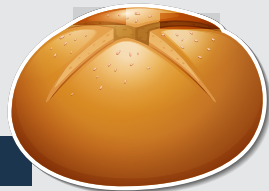
Desiree Vaz

The feast of the Good Shepherd is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Easter. Our zone celebrated this feast on June 4th at the 6 pm mass followed by a get-together. It was an exciting evening with our new Parish Priest Fr. Vincent Vaz, Fr. Nazareth and Fr. Joe who actively participating. The dance performed by the youth and kids was enjoyed by everyone. Games, snacks and prizes kept everyone in great spirits. The DJ kept everyone on the dance floor with the ever popular Goan Masala and other popular music. Thanks to my community leaders and zonal members for making this event a success and always being there together as a family. God bless our zone and may his son Jesus, be our Shepherd, always guiding and protecting is all.



FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY, A 'PAO'WERFUL MIRACLE WORKER

James Mathias



Our zone celebrated the Feast of St. Anthony with a Tridecina (13 Day Novena), a Mass, as well as a get-together. It was a pleasure to attend the feast along with my family. As we gathered together to pray and celebrate, I felt so comfortable as though it was my own home and I was with my own family. It is heart-warming to witness how people of all ages, interact and genuinely care about one another. Even new members felt welcome and happy to be a part of the celebration. We were happy to meet our new zonal chaplain, Fr. Nazareth along with the other fathers.

We as a zone, are thankful to St. Anthony, for he is like our big brother, a

confidant who is always present and available whenever we are assailed by problems, be they big or small.

May St. Anthony continue to intercede for us all.



WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST

The feast of Corpus Christi is a feast very dear to the hearts of the Eucharistic Ministers. It is when we renew our commitment to the ministry. Our members not only give communion to approximately 100 sick and housebound parishioners, but also spend time with them. Some have been bedridden for years, yet they are cheerful and wait to receive Jesus. It is something like the hymn 'As the deer that pants for water so my soul.....' Their faith is an inspiration to us and their thanks a blessing in our lives. What motivates and inspires us to give our time and energy for this ministry? The feast of Corpus Christi teaches us that we are all members of the body of Christ that we receive in the Eucharist. We need to reach out and support the suffering members of the body of Christ.



CARE FOR NATURE, DO YOUR BEST, MOTHER NATURE DOES THE REST.

Our Parish has a regular trekking and an environmental group. Fr. Joe along with a few other members from our parish often go trekking to Tungreshwar. Thanks to Fr Joe who is environmentally conscious; he makes it a point to collect and dry seeds from local fruits. Armed with wooden sticks, trowels and skewers, we had a fantastic experience this time, digging holes in the dirt and planting these seeds. We pray that some of them sprout and bear fruit and add to the beauty of the area.

The monsoon season is a majestic time to trek. One can enjoy the soothing smell of fresh earth, get refreshed in gushing waterfalls and wade through clean streams. There is nothing like it if you want to clear your mind and rejuvenate your body after a hard week.

We encourage everyone to join in on Saturday mornings and experience this enjoyable activity during this amazing season.

Avitha D'souza

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

What was your nickname growing up?

Naz

Name a person in the Bible, whom you would like to meet (besides Jesus)

John the Baptist

If you weren't a priest, what would you do?

I would be a Family Man

Music or movies?

Yellow Bird, Edelweiss, Movie The Little Princess

Who or what inspired/inspires you?

*My Parish Jesuits -
Fr. Raymond Nubiola and Angelo Benedetti*

What's the last book you read?

Natsamrat - The Marathi translation of King Lear

Favourite hymn/song

So I leave my boats behind

Favourite food

Sea Fish in any form



NAZARETH JOHN GONSALVES



01/09/54

A new batch of bright eyed Confirmation students enjoyed a session of introductions, icebreakers and games as they look forward to beginning their journey towards receiving the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024. May the Lord bless and be with them during the coming year.

READY, SET, LEARN



INTER-PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM



It was the feast of the Holy Spirit, our zonal feast where we made a decision to meet the sick & the housebound of our zone. It was an opportunity to connect with and get to know them. As soon as they noticed us, we saw their faces light up. They showered blessings on us to demonstrate how happy they were to see us. We are glad we were able to make a small difference in their life and spread joy through this simple act of compassion.



KINDNESS.
PASS IT ON

Amudha Sequeira



VINCENT ANTHONY VAZ SJ



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY



14/03/55

Our Family forms the Words **A LOVE**
Anne (Mum) **L**ionel (brother) **O**live (sister)
Vincent (me) **E**ugene (Dad)
Unfortunately not named after any Saint



What was your nickname growing up?

Vincy. Now it is VV the PP

Name a person in the Bible, whom you would like to meet (besides Jesus)

Peter

If you weren't a priest, what would you do?

Good husband material

Music or movies?

Music - I'm loving It

Movies - The Mission, Fiddler on the Roof, 90 Minutes at Entebbe

Who or what inspired / inspires you?

Francis Xavier and the Jesuits who take on the challenges of the world

What's the last book you read?

*Lead with Humility (A book on Pope Francis)
Falling Upwards (A book on Spirituality)*

Favourite hymn/song

Oh many hymns both in English and Konkanni Just led by the Spirit

Favourite food

Rechado Bangda, Prawn Coconut Curry and Rice (Crisp Mandellis with Urak and Limca as an appetiser and a Mankurad Mango as a Dessert)

Idol when growing up

Pele the footballer

What are your dislikes

Disturbing my afternoon Nap & Making my bed

Upskilling the youth...

One stitch at a time

St. Anthony Zone observed Youth Skills Day on the 9th of July by arranging a special session on basic stitching skills for the youth of the zone. Conducted by Valerina Sequeira, the youth learned and practised hemming, 4 types of stitches and the most important skill of all.... learning to thread the needle!



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

David L. Zoneo Mao



22/02/88

What was your nickname growing up? *Avi*

Name a person in the Bible, whom you would like to meet (besides Jesus) *St. Paul*

If you weren't a priest, what would you do? *Football coach/Rancher*

Music or movies? *Movies*

Who or what inspired/inspires you? *St. Paul, and meaning.*

What's the last book you read? *Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen*

Favourite hymn/song *Amazing grace*

Favourite food *Rice and pork*



THE IGNITE INTERVIEW

Leena Furtado an unassuming parishioner, a community leader, fun-loving, friendly and even participated in the Parish throwball tournament last year. She is known to be a caring person, towards her family as well as everyone she meets. But to learn that she was a Powerlifting Champion in the 1990's was a surprise and we couldn't help but want to learn more about her. Valancio D'souza from our Media Team sat down with Leena for an interview.

Read this
excerpt from
the interview
and be
inspired! (To
read the complete
interview, use your
phone to scan the QR
code below)



How did you first get involved in sports? What attracted you, and how did you discover your talent for it?

I've been an athlete throughout my childhood. My brothers have been a pillar of my success. They used to train me in Track and Field events. I was noticed by Joe Crasto, a sports organizer who encouraged me to try out at shot putt. This was my initial foray into the world of sports.

What motivated you to participate in powerlifting and compete at an international level?

I was traveling home from work when someone tapped me on my shoulder and said to me "You are Leena". She said she was going to the gym and invited me to go along with her. I was reluctant because I didn't know her, but she replied, "But I know you". She was none other than Smt. Sarala Shetty, an Asian Powerlifting Champion. She asked me to lift some weights and thus began my journey as a Power Lifter and this marked my entry in the international arena.

What was the experience representing India in the Asian Powerlifting Championship in 1996 and the World Championship in 1999?

It was an incredible experience. The atmosphere was great, with powerlifters from across Asia and the world. However, I was determined to focus only on my performance and not to worry about the rest. I was very excited about representing India and was excited to take on the challenge.

What advice would you give to aspiring athletes who wish to pursue a career in the sport?

Set a goal, focus on reaching it and keep practicing. Give your best in whatever you do. Do not compare yourself to anyone else. If you compare yourself, then you will not succeed. Think positive.





Ignatian Quiz

How well do you know Saint Ignatius?

Answer the questions below and win a special prize!

In what year was St. Ignatius de Loyola born ?

Ignatius was the of brothers and sisters. His died when Ignatius was a Child.

At the Age of 16 he left his home to serve Juan Velasquez as a .

There is not a lot of information available about Ignatius' childhood, but we do know what his favourite pastime was as a young boy. What activity did he enjoy?

On what date and in which battle did Ignatius injure his leg?

What do the Jesuits call this moment today?

Which part of Ignatius's body was wounded?

Which 2 books did he read when he was convalescing?

In Which University did Ignatius Study and which subject did he find difficult to master?

The Society of Jesus begun by Ignatius, is perhaps best known for its work in what?

Ignatius was brought before the Inquisition at least two times. What had he done that caused his first arrest?

What was the name of Ignatius' book that was published in 1548?

Name at least 3 common prayers Attributed to St Ignatius of Loyola

Ignatius often Prayed in the Following Words (fill in the missing words)

Father Son

Roughly how many letters did St. Ignatius write during his life?

Winners announced on the 13th August 2023. Prize judged by the fastest response and correct answers.

Kindly send your answers / comments to the Editor at Loyola.bulletin@gmail.com | +91 98214 44882



BORN TO LIFE

Aiden Gracias Baptised On 16th April, 2023

Siana Lewis Baptised On 22nd April, 2023

Reyansh Vaishnav Baptised On 27th May, 2023

Akshimana Amin Baptised On 9th June, 2023



BORN TO LOVE

Loyed Godwin Lewis Weds Mariana Francis Pinto Dated 15th April, 2023

Anjali Sweta Deshpande Weds Kamlesh Sugandh Dated 21st May, 2023



BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Wenceslaus Francis Mendes, 69 Yrs Died On 10th April, 2023 [Zone-2]

Louiza Sudhakar Shetty, 58 Years, Died On 16th May, 2023 [Zone-11]

Rosie R. Landis, 84 Years, Died On 4th June, 2023 [Zone-2]

Esperanca Clarina Lopes, 78 Years, Died On 7th June, 2023 [Zone-13]

Anthony Sham, 60 Years, Died On 18th June, 2023 [Zone-11]

With every Blessing from.....

- *Damiana & Raymond Rebello*
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