

September 2024

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St. Ignatius of Loyola, Vasai

We Are Serving Together Unto Him

Parish Council 2024



Edition 5

Zone 2 – **Savio Pinto** (Digital Advertising, Singer and Aspiring pianist)

Zone 13 – **Lincoln D'souza** (Operations Auditor and family man)

"Thank you for choosing me as your zonal leader. Coming together is a beginning but working together is success"

Zone 4 – **Yvonne Rose** (Educator)

All I am is because of God's blessings and family support. "I accept change as a part of life; looking only at the past or present may make us miss the future."

"Believe in and support our youth – They have the opportunity to remake the world." We will feel youthful ourselves when supporting the youth.

Zone 1 - **Rizella Hanso** (Business Consulting and Student Mentor)

"I will serve my zone with humility and love to help keep our zone together.

"I am grateful to be chosen to lead my zone. With the assistance of my community, I look forward to reaching out to everyone and strengthening our bonds.

Zone 7 – **Jancy Sebastian** (Nurse)

"Let us remember to reach out to the lonely and house-bound; your presence, a phone call, a prayer, a smile can make a difference in their life"

"What God has joined, let no one separate. Let us grow together as one family, one zone"

"As we journey together, remember that your family, community and zone are here to support you every step of the way. "Together we thrive"

Zone 12 – **Venita Padmanabhan** (Avid reader)

Zone 8 – **Sharon Fernandes** (Administrative Manager)

Zone 5 – **Priyanka Fernandes** (Homemaker, Crocheter, Painter)

Zone 11 – **Manisha Karkera** (Thalassophile lover and Offbeat Traveller)

Each family a brick cemented together, with fellowship and service we are there for each other; This is the hallmark of our zone. We are grateful to call this abode our own.

Zone 10 – **Joshua Mendes** (Digital Advertising Director)

I'm here to help out in every way I can; to assist, uplift and celebrate our zone as a family.

"Staying youthful, spreading smiles, reaching out to youth and giving them every reason to join in the fellowship." My enthusiasm is so contagious; even mosquitos catch the joy before they catch me!

Zone 9 – **Pingrosh Ekka** (Chef and budding cricketer) / Julitha Selvaraj

Zone 6 – **Randell D'souza** (Dancer and Choreographer)

Your Love, Co-operation and Support coming together as One Family, keeps up the spirit of Sacred Heart Zone.

I want to play a small part to encourage our youngsters to devote their talents to the Church and ensure the well being of our seniors in our community.

Zone 3 – **Carol Dias** (Educator, Joyful evangelizer, Adventure seeker)

**We said
Yes
to Serve**



Care for Creation

The Cool the earth group has been formed to continue the practice of planting seeds of local trees in the Vasai-Virar area. Parishioners joined Fr. Joe on Saturdays during the first weeks of the cooling Monsoon rains to plant jamun, jackfruit, mango and date seeds in the Tungreshwar forest in Vasai. Armed with sticks, spades and screwdrivers, parishioners ages 17-70 joined in the fun of walking through the forest fog, listening to the sounds of



wading through streams

to find the perfect spots to plant the precious seeds. Fr. Joe explained that it is important to plant these seeds deep enough to avoid them washing away, and also early enough in the season to allow them to get enough rain to germinate and grow.

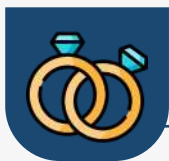


The group also distributed saplings in the Vasai area to various housing societies and schools, with the co-operation of the VVMC who supplied the saplings at no cost.



BORN TO LIFE

Zianne Pereira Baptised on 21-04-2024
Vihaan D'Souza Baptised on 12-05-2024
Tanishka D'Souza Baptised on 12-05-2024
Reena Rajayya Baptised on 22-05-2024
Alria Xavier Baptised on 03-06-2024
Joshua Mathias Baptised on 29-06-2024
Shibi Nair Baptised on 02-07-2024
Nikhil Nair Baptised on 02-07-2024
Abner D'Souza Baptised on 18-08-2024
Mneil Pinto Baptised on 24-08-2024
Nathaniel D'Souza Baptised on 25-08-2024



BORN TO LOVE

Sydney D'souza Weds Violet Lobo : 27th April, 2024
Franklin Thangarajan Weds Gracy Castelino : 26th May, 2024



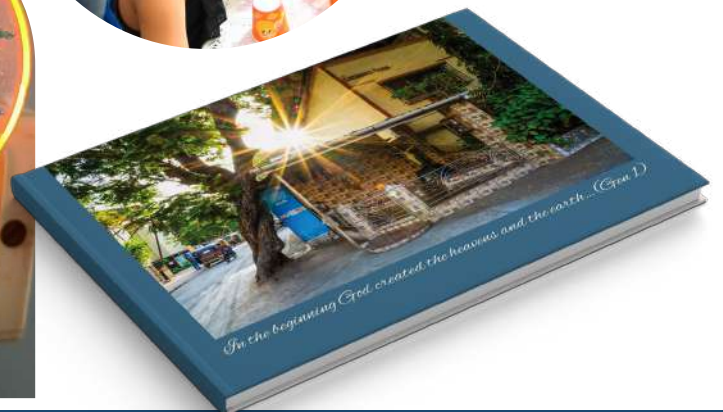
BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

John D'silva, 56 Years died on 22-04-2024 [Zone- 12]
John Quadros, 65 Years, died on 01-05-2024 [Zone-7]
Michael Lobo, 79 Years, died on 04-05-2024 [Zone-12]
Robert Fernandes, 75 Years, died on 14-05-2024 [Zone-1]
Francis Fernandes, 55 Years, died on 23-05-2024 [Zone -5]
Regina D'souza, 82 Years, died on 09-06-2024 [Zone-7]
Gail Thomas, 72 Years, died on 08-06-2024 [Zone -12]
Nicholas Fernz, 84 Years, died on 07-06-2024 [Zone -1]
Angela Mathew, 75 Years, died on 09-06-2024 [Zone -3]
Sebastian D'souza, 62 Years, died on 19-06-2024 [Zone-9]
Sageet Singh, 53 Years, died on 23-06-2024 [Zone -2]
Anthony Nada, 78 Years, died on 03-08-2024 [Zone -13]
Santana Gonsalves, 70 Years, died on 16-08-2024 [Zone-4]
Christine Lobo, 90 Years, died on 23-08-2024 [Zone - 9]
Vincent D'Souza, 61 Years, died on 28-08-24 [Zone-11]

Parish Feast *Celebration*



**The Gift of
Jesus
and His
Church.**



Mary

Guide every step we take



We all have great devotion to Mother Mary, relying on her for protection, prayers and peace. Our parish recently observed the Feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary with a candlelit procession around the Church followed by the Rosary. This was organised specifically to pray for the intentions of the youth and students of our parish. Led by Confirmation students from the past and present years, the large number of faithful that assembled late in the evening reflected the deep devotion that our young have for our Blessed Mother.

It is so important for our children, teenagers and young adults to not only honour, love and serve Mary, but they should also try to imitate her virtues in their everyday life. We asked our confirmation students to share which of Mary's virtues appealed to them the most.

Courage – I admire the courage shown by Mother Mary who accepted God's plan without fully understanding it. I can face uncertain situations with trust, courage and confidence and move forward even when the outcome is uncertain, trusting that things will work out.

Obedience – Her obedience has taught me how to trust in God's plans. When I am in despair or distress. We can trust in God as he has given us this life.

Charity – All Mother Mary's actions were for others. She devoted her life to being the mother of Jesus. She loved God about all things and loved others for God's sake. I can use this virtue of Mary by helping others, just how she helped everyone and became the mother of all nations and seek her protection, help and guidance in her lives.

Faith – I admire Mother Mary's strong faith, even when life is challenging and uncertain. She trusted in God's plan completely, without hesitation. I can follow her example by trying to have more faith in my own life, especially during difficult times. Instead of worrying about what I cannot control, I can learn to trust that everything happens for a reason and that I am being guided in the right direction. By having faith like Mary, I can find peace and strength, knowing that I'm not alone in my journey.

Selflessness – Out of all the upstanding qualities that Mother Mary has, the one quality that I particularly like and would like to adapt in my own life is her quality of selflessness. She has never been greedy or selfish and has accepted the will of God in every situation of her life. As soon as she had heard about her sister giving birth, she rushed to meet her and stay with her. I would like to develop this quality in my life when I see anyone struggling, I would like to help them without being too greedy thinking about myself.

It is encouraging to see their devotion to Mother Mary and an eagerness to imitate her virtues because it becomes all the more important as our children grow up and move from their sheltered lives out into the real world. May our Blessed Mother be their light, role model and guide always.



Parish *Activities*

Rise India

You will never
grow Old when
there is Love in
your heart



Ignatius Skywalk – *The modern Jacob's Ladder*

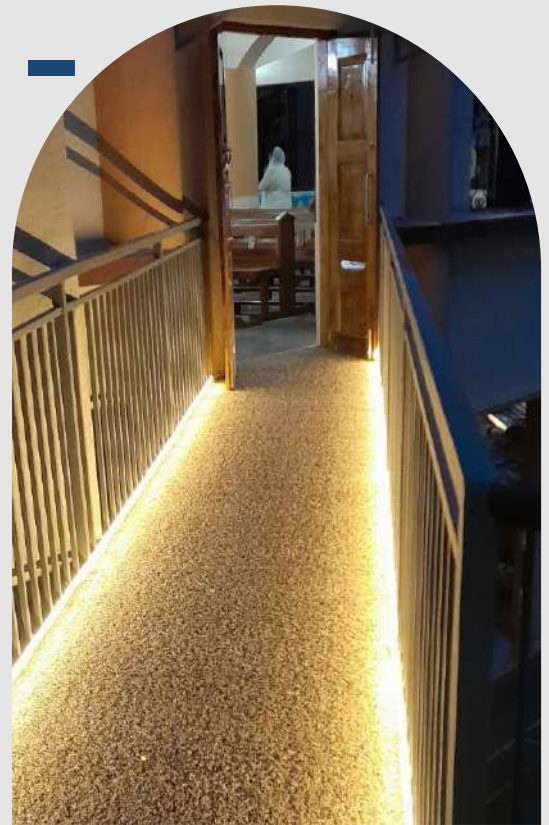
On the 4th July St. Ignatius Loyola – Ambadi celebrated 25 years as a recognized Parish. A con-celebrated Eucharist with many a Jesuit who had served in this Parish and a Happy Fun-Filled evening followed it.

However, one of the highlights of the celebration was the inauguration of a Skywalk right into the Church – Maybe the 1st of its kind. Given the many steps to reach the Church, seniors and our challenged were finding it exceedingly difficult to come to God's House.

Undaunted by many hurdles and determined to find a solution, we designed and constructed a Steel Skywalk from the Jesuit Residence right into the Church. Now, our seniors need not climb even a single stair to come to Church. We can also easily wheel a person in.

I am sure JACOB'S LADDER now has a competitor in ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA.

Vincent Vaz S.J.



Parish Activities

Vorn: Made in Love for our Home Bound

Strengthened by the Blood of Christ



All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.



Be More+ Rise, Shine, Repeat!

Loyola Oasis If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones, truly I tell you that person will not lose his reward



MARY

Full of Grace



Jayashree Mendes

On November 21, 1964, Pope St Paul VI declared the Blessed Virgin Mary “Mother of the Church”. This title is really an ancient one. St. Ambrose of Milan spoke of Mary using this title in the 4th century. Pope St. John Paul II inserted it in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

On September 8, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus did not simply materialise on earth, but was born of a woman in the fullness of time. We are celebrating her birth as she comes into the world so that by her fiat she will bring salvation into the world.

She is the Mother of the Church because we know that the Church is her Son’s Body on earth. She is our Mother because we are members of the Body of Christ. In St John’s Gospel we read that Jesus gave us to her as her children and her to us as our Mother.

This feast is about two amazing relationships. First, the real flesh and blood relationship between Mother and Son. Second, we are called to have a real relationship with her and her Divine Son. The words of Jesus “Behold, your Son! Behold your mother!” say to us that our relationship with her comes from our relationship with Him. Mothers and sons are usually a package deal and when we enter into this divine maternal-filial relationship, we are forever changed by the outpouring of grace that flows from it.

Loyola Konkanni Family Group

Blesses all Our Parishioners

On the Feast of Our Lady

– Monti Fest

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