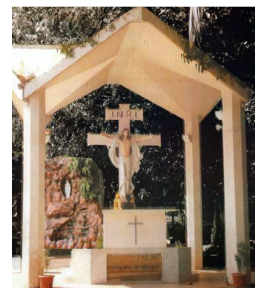


# PARISH BULLETIN OF OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH, SONAPUR, MUMBAI



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## WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY FEAST OF OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

*The Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Tony, Fr Lester, Fr Agnelo.*

Our Lady of the Seven Dolours (Latin: Mater Dolorosa), is the name by which the Virgin Mary is referred to in relation to sorrows in her life. As Mater Dolorosa, it is also a key subject for Marian art in the Catholic Church. The Seven Sorrows of Mary are a popular Roman Catholic devotion. In common religious Catholic imagery, the Virgin Mary is portrayed in a sorrowful image with seven long knives or daggers piercing her heart, often bleeding. Devotional prayers that consist of meditation began to elaborate on her Seven Sorrows based on the prophecy of Simeon. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is liturgically celebrated every year on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

The Seven Sorrows are events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are a popular devotion and are frequently depicted in art. The Seven Sorrows are:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon. (Luke 2:34–35)
2. The Escape and Flight into Egypt. (Matthew 2:13)
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem. (Luke 2:43–45)
4. The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on the Via Dolorosa.
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary. (John 19:25)
6. The Piercing of the Side of Jesus with a spear, and His Descent from the Cross. (Matthew 27:57–59)
7. The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea. (John 19:40–42)

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows grew in popularity in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, although under various titles. Some writings would place its roots in the eleventh century, especially among the Benedictine monks. The first altar to the Mater Dolorosa was set up in 1221 at the Cistercian monastery of Schönaue. The formal feast of the Our Lady of Sorrows was originated by a provincial synod of Cologne in 1423. It was designated for the Friday after the third Sunday after Easter and had the title: Commemoratio angustiae et doloris B. Mariae V. Its object was the sorrow of Mary during the Crucifixion and Death of Christ. Before the sixteenth century this feast was limited to the dioceses of North Germany, Scandinavia, and Scotland. According to Fr. William Saunders, in 1482, the feast was officially placed in the Roman Missal under the title of Our Lady of Compassion, highlighting the great love our Blessed Mother displayed in suffering with her Son. In 1668 a separate feast of the Seven Dolours of Mary was granted to the Servites, for the third Sunday in September. By inserting the feast into the General Roman Calendar in 1814, Pope Pius VII extended the celebration to the whole of the Latin Church. It was assigned to the third Sunday in September. In 1913, Pope Pius X moved the feast to September 15, the day after the Feast of the Cross.

*Fr. Anthony D'Souza Parish Priest*

1794 vorsã doxin Mumpoint Purtugez ravpeamnim porvangi gheun ek novi Igroz ani simitir bandhunk ievjilem. 1796 vorsã Igroz Kavel hea zagear bandhli. Kavel zaito lok ravtalo dekhun simitir doraiche deger mhonghe Sonapur bandhunk nirnoi ghetlo. Team disamnim doria atam Queen's Road asa thoin porian aslo. Doriache deger simitir bandhun ek lhan-xem kopel bandlem. Magnneak lok ietanam kopel lhan aslem dekun, zaito lok kopela bhair ravun magnnem kortalet.

17ver Abrilache 1904 vorsã Damaumcho Archbism Dom. Sebastião José Pereira zaiteam padrim ani lokam hujir simitiricher axirvad ghalun kopelachi bunihad mandli. 1905 vorsã ek novem kopel ak'khea

simitorichea zagear bandlem ani hea kopelak Nosaa Senhora das Dores (Dukhest Saibinn) hem nanv dilem. Hem kopel Kavel Igorjechea khala aslem. Kavel Igorjecho Vigar Pri. Claudino Pera aslo ani Sonapur kopelacho kopelaum Pri. Daniel X. Fernandes aslo. Hem kopel bandhunk adhar dilo Damaum ravteamnim, Kavel Igorjechi Fabrica ani Goinche tizorin. Kopelaum Pri. Daniel X. Fernandes hem kopel bandhunk zaito vaurlo. Kopel bandpachem kam sompoun hea kopelache ugtavnecho somarombh 7ver Febrerache 1906 vorsa sov horar sanje zalo. Damaumcho Archbism Pedro João Elias Moniz, Kavelcho Vigar, Sonapurcho Kopelanv Pri. Daniel X Fernandes, Goinche, Damaumche ani Mumboiche zaite padri, Kavelchi Fabrica ani zaito lok he ugtavnekk hajir aslo. Te-Deum kantar kelea uprant Archbismman vholdlo axirvad diun he kopel ugttem kelem. Ek sobit Dukhest Saibinnichi imaz hea kopelan dovorli. Hi imaz Goincho Siolimcho Isidore Fulgencio D'Souza hannem bhettoili.

Hea kopelant zaito lok Aitarachea Misak ietalo dekhun Kopelanvan Santism Sakrament hea kopelant dovrunk ani lokak Santism Sakramentachem besanv diunk porvangi magli ani hi porvangi taka 14ver Julaiache 1906 vorsa mel'li. 1907 vorsa poile pavtti Dukhest Saibinnichem Novena, Salve ani Vespru Septembrachea mhoinent zalem. 1911 vorsa Khursache vattechi stapni hea kopelant keli. 1941 vorsa Thomas Roberts hea Mumboichea Archbismman hem Dukhest Saibinnichem Kopel ek Igorz mhoonn stapli. Kopelanv Pri. Orphino de Sa he nove Igorjecho poilo Vigar aslo. Hi amche Sonapurche Dukhest Saibinnche Igorjechi itihās zaun asa.

*Fr Anthony D'Souza, Parish Priest*

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER:** Our Association comprises of our Spiritual Director, Fr. Agnelo Fernandes who is a great source of guidance and encouragement for us all. Besides, we have the President, Vice President and 15 members of the Association. When we have a devotion and are consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our Lord gives us 12 promises and graces as detailed hereunder :

1. I WILL GIVE THEM ALL THE GRACES NECESSARY FOR THEIR STATE OF LIFE.
2. I WILL GIVE PEACE IN THEIR FAMILIES
3. I WILL CONSOLE THEM IN ALL THEIR TROUBLES.
4. THEY SHALL FIND IN MY HEART AN ASSURED REFUGE DURING LIFE AND ESPECIALLY AT THE HOUR OF DEATH.
5. I WILL POUR ABUNDANT BLESSINGS ON ALL THEIR UNDERTAKINGS.
6. SINNERS SHALL FIND IN MY HEART THE SOURCE AND INFINITE OCEAN OF MERCY.
7. TEPID SOULS SHALL BECOME FERVENT.
8. FERVENT SOULS SHALL SPEEDILY RISE TO GREAT PERFECTION.
9. I WILL BLESS THE HOMES IN WHICH THE IMAGE OF MY SACRED HEART SHALL BE EXPOSED AND HONOURED.
10. I WILL GIVE TO PRIESTS THE POWER TO TOUCH THE MOST HARDENED HEARTS.
11. THOSE WHO PROPAGATE THIS DEVOTION SHALL HAVE THEIR NAME WRITTEN IN MY HEART, AND IT SHALL NEVER BE EFFACED.
12. THE ALL-POWERFUL LOVE OF MY HEART WILL GRANT TO ALL THOSE WHO SHALL RECEIVE COMMUNION ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF NINE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS THE GRACE OF FINAL REPENTANCE; THEY SHALL NOT DIE UNDER MY DISPLEASURE, NOR WITHOUT RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS; MY HEART SHALL BE THEIR ASSURED REFUGE AT THE LAST HOUR.

This devotion consists in attending Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion in reparation for those who do not receive Our Lord, who do not love Him and who wound Him by their sinful lives. Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary, "I promise you, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their Sacraments, My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment." Being a member of this Association has several benefits and hence through this Article, parishioners could be aware of the graces and blessings we derive from wearing the scapular & being present at the Holy Eucharistic Celebration of the Mass on every 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of the month. The Scapular would be worn on the deceased member on the day of his/her funeral.

*By Sushila More & Lucy D'Souza*

## TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION IN OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SCHOOL



**ACTIVITY OF SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE:** A special bus was arranged by Our Lady of Dolours Church, Sonapur and St. Francis Xavier's Church, Dabul to take the old and sick senior citizens of Our Lady of Good Health-Cavel, St. Francis Xavier Church-Dabul, Holy Name Cathedral-Colaba & Our Lady of Dolours-Sonapur for the concelebrated Mass held at Mount Mary Basilica on Monday, the 10th September 2018 at 11.30 a.m. We were in all 30 senior citizens. Bishop Agnelo Gracias was the main celebrant. The homily delivered was apt and inspiring. The shamiana where the Mass was held was packed to capacity. The old and sick priests from Clergy Home also joined in the Holy Eucharistic celebration. Some persons had come on wheel-chairs & walking sticks. The Sonapur parishioners were very much overjoyed to meet and greet our ex Parish Priest, Fr. Epiphany Castell and Fr. Bernard who belongs to our parish. A special prayer was recited and blessing given to all those present. Fr. Aniceto, Spiritual Director of BASCA gave a brief talk on the activities of BASCA. He also announced about the World Elders Day which is on Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2018 but would be celebrated by BASCA on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 beginning with Mass at 9.30 a.m. at Salvation Church, Dadar followed by a get-together of the senior citizens all over Mumbai. After the Mass ended, a snack was given to all the disabled sick and old present. It was indeed a wonderful and prayerful experience and a great pleasure for



the members of the Senior Citizens' Committee to give an opportunity to the sick and old senior citizens to attend Mass at the Mount to receive God's graces and blessings. *By Lucy D'Souza*



**Holy Cross Community** being one of the largest communities of the Parish is like a mini-Parish consisting of 130 families – making up the complete 'E' starting from Royal Hotel down Mehta Terrace and Dadi Santook Lane, Sorabji Santook Lane right round through Fish market Lane to Vienna Hotel.

Ours is a very vibrant community. The community has formed two special groups namely: Jesus' Club which is made up of school going children and the NYG – Neighbourhood Youth Group which is made up of confirmands and youth up to the age of 25 years. Our past year was very energizing with all our animators, volunteers and the Jesus' Club and NYG - Neighbourhood Youth Group actively taking part in the various activities in the Parish as well as the Community. The Neighbourhood Youth Group visited the Don Bosco Shelter Home and spent an evening with them singing and dancing. Our youth also took stationery brought from the Paper Collection Drive they organised in the community the previous year. Chocolates and biscuits were sponsored by some community members. We also took some old clothes given by the community members for the street children who come there.

The Children of the Community wholeheartedly took part in the Septena Cultural Program 2017 with the involvement of tiny tots, children, youth and parents as well. Our Community has few Animators but a large number of volunteers who help serve us during our various activities – which helps in the bonding and success of the activities being carried out in the community.

The last year was the first time the procession of CHRIST THE KING feast day passed through our community – all volunteers came forward to help clean up the area and set up the altar for one of the Eucharistic blessings in the Community.

Jesus' Club commenced once again and during the year they discussed topics like Blessings, Team Work, The Meaning of Lent etc. Children learnt how to keep prayers meaningful, the joys of giving, appreciating the blessings we have and above all living Christ like. The gathering is kept interactive with discussions, games, Audio visual aids and team projects. Celebrated Children's Day in the Church Hall wherein 34 children participated. We had various activities and games. Prizes to the winners and snacks were distributed to all. The function was attended by Fr. Epiphany Castell.

Neighbourhood Youth Group (NYG) which is a rarity in South Mumbai played a major role during Advent and Christmas Season. Though few in number (with the help of some Senior members) they worked hard to make the Community Crib and Star and their efforts paid off - they won the 1<sup>st</sup> Place for both the Star and Crib competition in the Group Category of our Parish. Our NYG every year organise a Week-Long Christmas Program – with many activities like Housie, Fancy Dress, Carol Singing, Bon-Fire, One Minute Games, Queen of Sheeba, Treasure Hunt, Mock Beat, Individual / Group Dances and end the program with the Christmas Tree Party on New Year's Day. This year for the first time the Jesus' Club children together with the NYG organised a special program of sharing with the less fortunate children, where they had games, singing and shared their snacks and gifts. Our program was open to all children of our community and their relatives and children of other faiths too. Around 70 – 80 children took part in this program. To defray the expenses, they organised a Raffle. Besides this, many members of the community also came forward to help monetarily.

Every year on the 1st of March, we celebrate the Community Feast – to mark the day the Cross was installed in our community. Prior to this we have the Triduum – rosary is conducted by the Jesus' Club, The NYG and the Senior Citizen on each of the three days respectively. The Eucharist was celebrated in our community by Rev. Fr. Melroy Fernandes and over 250 members participated in the celebration. Our theme for the Liturgy was 'BY HIS CROSS WE ARE MADE WHOLE'. Posters made by the Jesus' Club were put up as backdrop for the Altar. Our Community Easter Blessings Eucharistic celebration was celebrated by Rev. Fr. K. T. Emmanuel in our community. Our theme for the Liturgy was 'RESURRECTED COMMUNITIES'. Soon after the Eucharist, the community members sang and had a cake cutting for Fr. K.T. who was celebrating his 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination and his Birthday the next day. Animators / Volunteers are allotted families / buildings to assist in passing on information to all in the community.

Overall the Animators visit the families periodically for the various collections and visitation of our Blessed Mother, sale of Family Day Invites, etc. Our members also visit our sick in the hospital. Besides this the animators reach out to members in the community in different ways and are not mentioned here in. The Community has separate broadcast groups for the community at large, Children and the Youth. They are informed of the various activities and happenings in the parish and the community. Prayer request are made and birth and funeral details also updated. Rosary is recited at the Community Cross every Friday at 8:30 p.m. – and the animators meet and pray for the needs of our Community, the Parish and for peace. Community Core Group meets on the Friday after the PPC to discuss the various issues

brought up at the PPC meeting and which need to be passed down to the community. Our volunteers are our great support without whom all the above would not be possible. *By Sheryl Noronha*

**PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS FROM OUR PARISH AND WHERE THEY ARE AT PRESENT**

Sr. Thereza Mendonca, Soeurs de la Croix, 2, Rue da la Paix, 74100, Annemasse, France  
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 Fr. Bernard Rodricks The Clergy Home 58 Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Road Bandra West, Mumbai  
 Bishop Dominic Savio Fernandes Archbishops House 21 Nathalal Parekh Marg Fort Mumbai  
 Fr. Edmund Carrasco s.j. Vinayalaya Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri East Mumbai  
 Fr. Edwin Sumit Menezes St Ignatius School Gayatri Nagar, Near Bypass Chowk Aurangabad,  
 Fr. Paul Vaz St. Anne Church Dhody Marg (Nesbit Road) Mazagaon, Mumbai  
 Sr. Gertrude Vaz Sisters of the Cross D-2, Flat 5, Hari Ratan Society, Bangur Nagar, Goregaon West.  
 Sr. Adeline Vaz Holy Cross Convent 'K' Villa, Thane West  
 Fr. Joshua D'Souza Our Lady of Lourdes Church Murbad Road, Kalyan West Dt. Thane  
 Fr. Roque Almeida Our Lady of Victories Church Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim, Mumbai  
 Fr. Blaise Coelho St. Francis Xavier Church St. Francis Xavier Street, Thakurdwar Dabul, Mumbai  
 Sr. Carmen Fernandes Convent of Jesus and Mary Prem Dan Social Service Centre, Sector 5 Plot 5, Khargar, Navi Mumbai  
 Sr. Nirmala Silveira, Holy Cross Ashram, No. 12, Aurangabad Cant.  
 Sr. Rosita Jacques, Holy Cross Convent, 34, Aurangabad Cant.  
 Sr. Fatima Rodrigues Holy Cross Convent, 34, Aurangabad Cant.  
 Sr. Judith Dias Holy Cross Convent 'K' Villa, Thane west  
 Sr. Jenifer Ferrao Holy Cross Convent 'K' Villa, Thane west.  
 Sr. Prisca Vaz, Holy Cross Convent, Siolim, Bardez, Goa.  
 Sr. Olinda Coelho, Holy Cross Corso Farm, Marna, Siolim, Bardez, Goa  
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 Sr. Pauline Lobo, Holy Cross Convent, Bethany, Amravati Camp.  
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 – 2018**

CLASS	Performance, Participation & Attendance	Performance & Participation	Participation & Attendance
1	Katelyn Rodrigues	Yohan Jinia	Amber Rodrigues
2	Zico Noronha	Dielle Fernandes	Sydelle Dias
3	Skylar Fernandes	Cassandra Colaco	Gabriela Krishnamoorthy
4	Natasha Chawate	Esther Fernandes	Steve Soares & Alex Colaco
5	Wynona Ferrao	Flyta Estebeiro, Jayden Alphonso & Kareena D'Silva	
6	Kiera Vaz	Pierre Colaco	Abigail Rodrigues
7	Zaneta Fernandes	Ryan D'Souza	Macklin Fernandes
8	Johanna Rodrigues	Sian Braganza	Vineet Chawate
9 & 10	Zaarah Gracias	Janice Noronha	Andrea Vaz

**Confirmation:** Clyde Pereira & Danica Dias **Attendance certificates** for Dan Vaz & Michael Fichardo

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