



Assumption Link

Parish Vision: TO BUILD A VIBRANT UNITED CHRISTIAN PARISH SHARING AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER SELFLESSLY

SNIPPETS OF REFLECTION

Thank God for the beautiful monsoon set in ! A sigh of relief from the sweltering heat and drought in some parts of our country. Thank you Lord for answering our prayers !

As we reflect on being instruments of Mercy, I came across these 9 snippets to take for a quick reflection for this month. Simple, short and thought provoking! Above all something very practical that we can come across in daily life by being an instrument of love, joy, peace and much more!

9 short stories worth reading

1. *FALL and RISE*

Today, when I slipped on the wet tile floor a boy in a wheelchair caught me before I slammed my head on the ground. He said, "Believe it or not, that's almost exactly how I injured my back 3 years ago.

2. *A FATHER'S ADVICE*

Today, my father told me, "Just go for it and give it a try! You don't have to be a professional to build a successful product. Amateurs started Google and Apple. Professionals built the Titanic

3. *The POWER of UNIQUENESS* .

Today, I asked my mentor - a very successful business man in his 70's - what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said, "Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing.

4. *LOOKING BACK*

Today, I interviewed my grandmother for a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile.

5. *TRY and YOU shall KNOW*

I am blind by birth. When I was 8 years old, I wanted to play

baseball. I asked my father- "Dad, can I play baseball?" He said "You'll never know until you try." When I was a teenager, I asked him, - "Dad Can I become a surgeon?". He replied "Son, you'll never know until you try." Today I am a Surgeon, just because I tried!

6. *GOODNESS & GRATITUDE*

Today, after a 72 hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said, "On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of world trade centre.

7. *LOOKING BACK*

Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often."

8. *AFFECTION*

Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.

9. *SHARING*

Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it."

Through God's grace, may we be an instrument of love and mercy! God bless our Assumption family!

- Fr Byron Mendonça

*Wishing all the Parents of the Assumption Family a very Happy Parents' Day!
Thank you for being such lovable Parents!*

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE OF PARISH ASSOCIATIONS, CELLS AND MINISTRIES

By default, the Parish Priest heads the **Parish Pastoral Council** as President and is the **Manager** of the School. He also heads the Parish **Finance Committee** and Parish **Property Committee**.

The SCC Project Co-ordinator is Mr. Blaise Colaco. Given below are the list of the Cells, Association, Ministries and Administration departments of the Parish.

For each portfolio the Priest-in-charge and the contact person is listed below.

S.N	Cells/ Associations/ Ministries/ Admin	Priest - in- charge	Contact Person
1	Sunday School	Fr Byron	Ms. Fatima Pereira
2	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	Fr Byron	Ms. Fausta D'Souza
3	Parish Youth Movement	Fr Byron	<i>To be appointed</i>
4	Parish Liturgical Team	Fr Byron	Ms. Nirmala Sequeira
5	Extra-Ord Min. Holy Communion	Fr Byron	Ms. Genevieve D'Souza
6	Choirs & Cantors	Fr Byron	Ms. Vijaytha Ail
7	Ushers	Fr Byron	Mr. Richard D'Souza
8	Catholic Charismatic Renewal	Fr Byron	Ms. Hilda Fernandes
9	Parish Bulletin	Fr Byron	Mr. Joe Kuriakose
10	Website	Fr Byron	Basil Martyres
11	Lectors	Fr Byron	Ms. Sharon Pandey
12	Church Flowers and Décor	Fr Byron	Ms Juliana Abreo
13	Word of Life - Bible Prayer Group	Fr Byron	Leena Fernandes
14	Parish Youth Animating Team (PYAT)	Fr Byron	Connie D'Souza
15	Altar Servers	Fr Byron	Mr. Nachiket Borse
16	Caption (Church & church-compound board)	Fr Byron	Mr Richard D'Souza
17	Administration : Marketing and Provisions	Fr Byron	Mr. Sunil Tirkey
18	Administration : Hospitality	Fr Byron	Mr Sunil Tirkey
19	Administration : Church Maintenance	Fr Dom	----
20	Administration : Church Staff and Workers	Fr Dom	----
21	Bandarpakhady Liturgy	Fr Dom	Mr Moses Vaity
22	Centre for Community Organisation	Fr Dom	Ms Michelle Dabre
23	Bunderpakhady Mahila Mandal	Fr Dom	Dipali Philip Vaity
24	Bombay Catholic Sabha	Fr Dom	Mr. Ronald D'souza
25	Poor and Needy & Helpage	Fr Dom	Mr. Gerry Miranda
26	Legion of Mary: Senior	Fr Dom	Ms. Macrin D'souza
27	Legion of Mary: Junior	Fr Dom	Ms. Crena D'costa
28	Jyothi Clinic	Fr Dom	----
29	Legion of Mary: Tamil	Br Jerome	Amali S Nathaman
30	Divine Mercy	Fr Diago	Ms. Genevieve Fernandes
31	Friends of Missions	Fr Diago	Mr. Richard Lasrado
32	Senior Citizens	Fr Diago	Mr George Kattuvallil
33	Holy hour Committee	Fr Diago	Ms Judy Rodrigues
34	Counting of Collections	Fr Diago	Mr Aurelius Pereira
35	Pre Baptism Cathechisis	Fr Diago	Mr. Stanny D'Souza

PARISH NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION

As we begin our Parish Novena soon, we will be following the new framework of last year which was positively accepted and recommended to continue for this year.

Following is the program for the 9 day liturgy. Kindly read the pointers below the table.

DAY	DATE	THEME OF THE DAY	PREACHER	SERMON
Saturday	6th Aug	VOCATION AND MISSION IN THE FAMILY	FR MERVYN VICTOR	MARATHI
Sunday	7th Aug	LOVE IN THE FAMILY	FR MERVYN VICTOR	MARATHI
Monday	8th Aug	PRAYER IN THE FAMILY	FR MERVYN VICTOR	MARATHI
Tuesday	9th Aug	UNDERSTANDING IN THE FAMILY	FR PREM D'SOUZA	KONKANI
Wednesday	10th Aug	EUCCHARIST IN THE FAMILY	FR PREM D'SOUZA	KONKANI
Thursday	11th Aug	COUPLES AND THE FAMILY	FR PREM D'SOUZA	KONKANI
Friday	12th Aug	SUPPORTING THE AGED IN THE FAMILY	FR MERVYN VICTOR	ENGLISH
Saturday	13th Aug	CHILDRENS' DUTIES IN THE FAMILY	FR MERVYN VICTOR	ENGLISH
Sunda7	14th Aug	SCC'S AND THE FAMILY	FR MERVYN VICTOR	ENGLISH

Please note the following:

- 1) The Novena Prayer will be prayed at all masses but the Mass with the guest preacher and choir will be in the evening at 7:15 pm on weekdays and on Sundays at 6:30 pm
- 2) The Novena Mass will be in English on all the 9 days but the homily will be preached in three segments of Marathi, Konkani and English as mentioned above.
- 3) There will be a daily practice before the evening Novena Mass on weekdays at 6:45 pm and on Sundays at 6 pm. Please do come and join in the community singing practice for all people.
- 4) The Preachers are Redemptorist Fathers who will be preaching on the general Theme " THE FAMILY IN TODAY'S WORLD". The specific theme for the day is mentioned above.
- 5) There will be only one MERGED choir and no separate language choir that will sing for the novena mass on all the nine days.
- 6) Please continue to drop your cash offerings for the Poor and Needy of our parish at the offertory hymn in the designated boxes in the church by coming forward at the time of the offertory.
- 7) The cash collected during the 9 days will be deposited in the Poor and Needy account of our parish and will be used to supply the ration of food grains and essential requirements that will be distributed throughout the year.
- 8) After the childrens' mass on Sundays 7th and 14th Aug, there will be the showering of flowers.
- 9) The Schedule of the Feast Day will be announced later.

The last date for submitting articles for the next issue is **July 17, 2016.**

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S.C.C Priest-in-charge

S. No	Community	Priest-in-charge
1	Peter & Paul	Fr Diago
2	Assumption	Fr. Diago
3	Infant Jesus	Fr. Diago
4	Little Flower	Fr. Byron
5	St. Joseph	Fr. Byron
6	Mariam	Fr. Dominic
7	O.L.Perp Succour	Fr. Dominic
8	Holy Cross	Fr Diago
9	Rosarian	Fr Dominic
10	Jesus & Mary	Fr Dominic
11	St. Francis Xavier	Fr Dominic

S. No	Community	Priest-in-charge
12	Holy Trinity	Fr Diago
13	Shield of Faith	Fr. Diago
14	St. Jude	Fr. Diago
15	Imm Heart of Mary	Fr. Byron
16	Don Bosco	Fr. Byron
17	St. Anthony	Fr. Dominic
18	Mary Help of Christians	Fr. Dominic
19	Emmanuel	Fr Diago
20	Divine Mercy	Fr Dominic
21	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Fr Dominic
22	St Faustina	Fr Dominic

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Fr Byron Mendonça	Asst. Parish Priest
Fr Diago Pereira	Staff
Sr Dollyrose D'Souza	Religious

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Genevieve D'souza	Representative Of PCOA
Ronald D'souza	Representative Of PCOA
Stanny D'souza	Representative Of PCOA

No.	Community	Coordinator
1	Sts. Peter & Paul	Selwyn Miranda (Vice President)
2	O. L. O. Assumption	Samantha Rebello
3	Infant Jesus	Roseline Castelino
4	Little Flower	Ivan D'silva
5	St. Joseph	Deodita Fernandes
6	Mariam	Lily D'souza
7	O. L. O. Perpetual Succour	Nancy Fernandes (Co-Opted)

No.	Community	Coordinator
8	Holy Cross	Bharti Bond
9	Rosarian.	Rita D'souza
10	Jesus And Mary	Eustace D'souza
11	St. Francis Xavier	Joeprakash Nathaman
12	Holy Trinity	Irene Chettiar
13	Shield Of Faith	Trisa Jois
14	St. Jude	Steffi Martis
15	Imm Heart Of Mary	Agatha Fernandes
16	Don Bosco	Iris D'souza (Jt. Secretary)
17	St. Anthony	Joice Fernandes
18	Mary Help Of Christians	Mary Pereira
19	Emmanuel	Clevis Silveira (Secretary)
20	Divine Mercy	Paul D'souza
21	Sacred Heart Of Jesus	Mark Fernandes
22	St. Faustina	Genevieve Fernandes
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