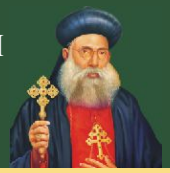




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VOICE OF THE EXARCH

Dear All,

Wish you all the blessings of the Feast of Pentecost! May the Holy Spirit, who came down on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles come upon us and inflame us to be “witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Yes, let the Holy Spirit inflame us to be witnesses in Maharashtra, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and to the ends of the earth!

The liturgical season of Pentecost takes us through the planting of the Church in the different parts of the world and the spread of the Gospel. Simultaneously we observe the 13 Days *Nombu* (Lent) commemorating the Apostles, ending up with the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul. During this period we also commemorate other Apostles like St Jude, St Barnabas and St Thomas the Apostle of India. On 27 June the Malankara Catholic Church commemorates Mar Theophilus of beloved memory, who was the closest associate of the Servant of God Mar Ivanios. Through these commemorations let us grow in Christ and in his Church.

The month of May was important for our ecclesial activity. I congratulate and appreciate the Rev. Fathers, the Seminarians, the Sunday School Teachers and the children for the successful conduct of the Jeevan Darshan Camp. I am so happy to share with you the fact that the largest camp was conducted at Bapatla in our new mission.

The visit of the Pastors from Bapatla to our Bishop's House and Cathedral at Khadki-Pune was another highlight of our life in the Exarchate. Three more Pastors made the profession faith and received the Sacrament of Anointing with Holy Myron. I am reminded of the narration in the Acts of the Apostles: “Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved” (2:46-47).

Plans are underway to inaugurate the proposed mission at Kamagiri.

The Pastoral Council Meeting and the Priest Meet held on 26 May 2017 further strengthened our Exarchate in its faith-life, missionary activities and in infrastructural development. The Pastoral Council members appreciated the progress of our Bapatla mission, the Khopoli project and the blessing of our Church at Ayapakkam, Chennai. The call of the Exarch to strengthen “communion” observing Catholic discipline at all levels of our ecclesial life was well taken by all. The PC members voluntarily offered their donations for the seminary construction. To find out the rest of the needed amount, a small team of people led by Rt Rev Msgr Varghese Mattamana, our Protosyncellus, will convene the District Pastoral Council and do the needful. I solicit each family's cooperation in this matter.

It is June! We commence a new academic year. I am happy to wish all our students a fruitful academic year. Our schools performed well in the last Board Examinations. Our seminarians came out in flying colours. Congratulations to all!

Our organisations like MCYM and MCA had their elections and new teams have come to their leadership. I wish them all the best and invoke God's blessings on them.

Preparations have begun to organise the annual *padayatra* to the tomb of the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios. As in the previous years, let as many faithful as possible participate in it to obtain the blessing of the *Ormaperunal*. I plan to participate in the five-day *padayatra* from its start at Perunadu.

Let us be united in prayer. With every good wishes,

Your loving Aboon,

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✠ Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC

Apostolic Exarch

EXARCHATE NEWS

1. Blessing of St George MSCC, Ayyappakam

The newly constructed church at Ayyappakam was the dream of the faithful in Chennai and of the Exarchate. It was blessed by the presence and prayers of Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, the head and the father of Malankara Catholic Church along with Most Rev Joshua Mar Ignatius, Vincent Mar Paulos and Thomas Mar Anthonios on Saturday, 06 May 2017. The blessing was attended by the faithful in Chennai along with the priests and religious from Chennai, Pune and Marthandom. Holy Qurbano was celebrated by the bishops after the blessing. In the public meeting which followed our Aboun presented a memento to Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis and Rev. Fr Stephen Mathaar, the vicar of the parish who initiated the construction of the church. His Beatitude specially appreciated our Aboun, Msgr Varghese Mattaman, Fr Varghese Katihon, Fr Stephen Mathaar and all others who have participated in the construction of the church. The program ended with agape.

2. Farewell to Fr Varghese Kadakketh

Fr Varghese Kadakketh who served the parish communities in Bengaluru was bid farewell on 14 May 2017 at St Mary's MSCC, Hennur. The function was chaired by Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, the Vicar General of the Exarchate who very well expressed the gratitude of the exarchate and the district of Bengaluru for the great service rendered by Fr Kadakketh. The priests and religious from the district including the new District Vicar Rev. Fr Thomas Chaprath, Rev. Fr. Joel, Sr. Shobita, Sr. Jerose, MCYM District Animators Mr. T. M. Johnson, Mrs. Hema Elizabeth Joseph and the faithful of Bengaluru District were present to express their gratitude and best wishes to Fr. Varghese Kadakketh. Rev. Fr. Thomas Chaprath who will serve as the vicar of Hennur, Singasandra and Carmalaram parishes was also welcomed on this occasion.

3. Foundation Stone Laying of St Alphonso MSCC, Carmalaram

The foundation stone laying for a new church for the community of St Alphonso MSCC, at Carmalaram was blessed by the prayers of Most Rev. Thomas Mar Anthonios on Saturday, 29 April 2017. Rev. Frs. Varghese Kadakketh, Fr. Geevarghese Kaithavana, Rev.

Sisters, Parishioners from the four churches in Bengaluru were present for the function. It was a joy filled moment for the Exarchate and the district of Bengaluru.

4. Re-dedication of St Thomas MSCC, Chinchwad

The renovated *Madbaha* of St Thomas MSCC, Chinchwad was re-dedicated and blessed by Most Rev. Thomas Mar Anthonios on 30 April 2017. The bishop congratulated and blessed the parish community for their efforts and dedication towards the church and in building up the kingdom of God. After the blessing Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kuthinethu celebrated Holy Qurbano in the newly blessed church.

5. First Profession of Sr Joanne SIC, Kalewadi

Sr Princy Ponnachan, a member of Holy Redeemer's MSCC, Kalewadi who had joined the Muvattupuzha Province of the Sisters of Imitation of Christ completed her formation of novitiate. The first profession and *Sanyasa Prathishta* of Sr. Princy Ponnachan SIC was held at Holy Redeemer's MSCC, Kalewadi, on 08 May, 2017. The main celebrant for the function was His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios, the Apostolic Exarch of Exarchate Khadki. She was given the religious name Rev. Sr Joanne SIC during the ceremony. The function was attended by the faithful from all the parishes in Pune. Priests and religious from Mumbai, Pune and Kerala had come for the function to pray for Sr Joanne SIC. The function concluded with the vote of thanks by Sr Joanne followed by the agape.

6. Blessing of Stella Maris Convent School, Supa

The blessing of the newly built school by the DM Sisters belonging to the Amala Province at Supa in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra was held on Wednesday 10 May, 2017. The blessing was graced by Most Rev Thomas Mar Anthonios in the presence of the Rev Fr John Kizhakumthala VC, Mission Superior at Ahmednagar, political leaders along with other priests and religious from the Ahmednagar, Pune and Wardha. Many Priests, Sisters and Lay faithful were also present for the blessing ceremony of the School. In the public meeting Bishop Thomas congratulated the Principal, Staff, Students and the Provincial Superior for their efforts and expressed His support and good wishes for the successful running of the school.

SEMINARY NEWS**1. Jeevan Darshan Camps****a. Chennai**

The camp in Chennai was inaugurated by Msgr. Rev. Fr. Varghese Mattamana and key note address was delivered by Rev. Fr. Varghese Maruthoor. The inaugural session was attended by Rev. Fr. Fathers and Sisters from Chennai. The camp was conducted from 27 to 29 of April under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Mathew Punakulam by Brs. Varghese Kurisingal, Paul Benedict and Joseph Dinakaran. Parishioners, teachers and parents of the students visited the camp. Classes, games, songs and other bible related activities were conducted. Camp was conducted in the Bethany convent school auditorium, Padi.

b. Pune

The camp in Pune district was held on 28, 29 & 30 April at Mar Ivanios School, Gurav Pimple. It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Joseph Venmanath, the Catechism Director of Pune district. The other dignitaries for the inaugural session were Rev. Fr. George Mathew OIC, Mr. P Varghese, the Exarchate MCA President, Mr. Binoy Kuriakose, The Cathedral Church Trustee and Mr. Rex Yohanan, the Secretary of Dehu Road Parish. The camp was held under the leadership of Bros. Justin, Thomas, Paul Vettikkatil and Joshua. Most Rev. Thomas Mar Anthonios and Msgr. Varghese Mattamana visited the camp and addressed and blessed the children. 45 students from the district participated in the camp.

c. Mumbai

The camp in Mumbai district was conducted from 28-30 April at St. Mary's MSCC, Sakinaka in which about 65 students actively participated from all the parishes of Mumbai. Rev. Fr. Philip Pulipra, the MCCL Director officially inaugurated the camp with the Bible *Prathista*. Bros. Samuel Puthuvalli, Jobin Varghese, Nikhil Ninan and Jerry Joseph led the camp. The active support and participation of the Catechism teachers, youths and parents lead to the successful functioning of the camp. Rev. Fr. George Mathew OIC visited the camp on the last day and offered Holy

Qurbono for the children and attended the concluding ceremony. Varieties of games and group activities along with classes based on the theme Sacraments were held. Students enjoyed the camp.

d. Bangalore

The camp in Bangalore was held from 25, 26 & 27 April at St Mary's MSCC, Hennur. It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Varghese Kadakketh, the District Director of Catechism and Proto Presbyter of Bangalore along with the trustee and secretary of the parish. The camp was attended by 25 students. Bros. Justin, Thomas, Jijo and Ronny took the leadership for the camp. Fr George Mathew OIC visited the camp on the second day and addressed the children on the theme of vocation. Several parents and teachers visited the camp and helped in the requirements of the children.

e. Bapatla, Vijaywada

The new mission of the exarchate at Bapatla in Vijaywada witnessed the highest number of students for the Jeevan Darshan Camp. Around 125 children enthusiastically participated in the camp conducted by our seminarians. Bros. Thomas, Paul Vettikatil and Jerry took the leadership of the camp under the guidance of Rev. Fr Stephen Chembakathop the mission incharge at Bapatla. The presence and support of DM sisters working in the mission also supported the camp. The children had such an opportunity for the first time in their lives and they enjoyed it learning songs, bible stories and lessons on morality and spirituality.

2. Mission Experience

The major seminarians of the exarchate had a week long mission experience at two mission stations viz. the mission of VC fathers at Ahmednagar and at Bapatla in Vijaywada undertaken by the Exarchate of St Ephrem. Bros. Sam Puthuvelil, Justin, Jobin and Ronny at Ahmednagar and Bros. Thomas, Paul Vettikatil and Jerry at Bapatla could experience the mission and know what it means to proclaim the Good News at the missions. They made house visits and preaching of the Word of God and experiencing the flight of the poor people living in these areas. It was a great enriching and formative experience for the seminarians.

COMMISSION NEWS

Malankara Catholic Youth Movement (MCYM)

• Exarchial Senate and Leadership Meet - YIELD 2017



The Exarchial Senate and Leadership meet under the theme and name YIELD 2017 was organized by the MCYM Exarchial team from 29 April to 01 May 2017, at Nirmal Bethany Higher Secondary School, Kalewadi Pune. Nearly 40 MCYM members across the exarchate participated. First day, there was inaugural Holy Qurbano offered by Rev. Frs Varghese Valikkodath and George Mathew OIC, ice breaking sessions and games and inspiring sessions. The program was inaugurated by Msgr. Varghese Mattamana in the presence of Rev. Frs. Varghese Valikkodath, Joseph Venamanth, George Mathew OIC, Sr. Jobin SIC, Mr. Johnson, Mrs Julie Philip, Mr Saju John and the other members of the MCYM secretariat. And after lunch the meet continued with Report reading and evaluations for year 2015-2017. The elections for the New Year were also done and the day concluded with Praise, Worship and campfire. The new team elected for year 2017-2019 is as follows -

Sr. No.	Name	Position	District
1	H.E Thomas Mar Anthonios	Exarchial MCYM Chairman	Exarchate
2	Mr. Libin Samuel	President	Pune
3	Ms. Binsy Pattiyankal	Gen. Secretary	Mumbai
4	Mr. Dixson Joseph	Treasurer	Bangalore
5	Mr. Rinson V. Thomas	Vice-President	Chennai
6	Mrs. Nancy Sam	Vice-President	Mumbai
7	Mr. Libin Oommen	Secretary	Pune
8	Ms. Josmi Jose	Secretary	Nashik
9	Mr. Saji Daniel	Animator	Pune
10	Mrs. Julie Jim Philip	Animator	Mumbai

The Second day of the meet started with a session on Leadership taken by the International Co-coordinator for Jesus Youth

Organization -Mr. CC Joseph. The session mostly emphasized on our theme of Youth in Evangelization, Leadership and Discipleship. Holy Qurbono was offered by Rev Fr Shaiju and Rev Fr Noble. Day ended with brain storming sessions for MCYM and finalization of events to be conducted for the year 2017-18. And on the third and final day, the Holy Qurbono was offered by our H.E Thomas Mar Anthonios followed by Oath ceremony of new office bearers and the meet concluded with the exarchate action plan for the year 2017-18 finalized and presented. And the youth dispersed post lunch.

Bengaluru District

● **Senate Meeting and Election**

The Senate meeting of Bangalore district was held on 02 April 2017 at St Mary's MSCC, Hennur. The meeting was chaired by Rev. Fr Varghese Kadakketh, the district director of MCYM, Rev. Fr. Joel Mathew, the vicar of Mathikere parish, Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Kaithavana, the co-ordinator of Carmelaram parish along with the district animator Mrs. Hema Elizabeth Joseph and the unit animators. In all 38 youths attended the meeting. The newly elected office bearers gathered briefly to discuss the way forward for Bangalore district by chalking out immediate commitments which need to be fulfilled as well as long-term plans to ensure the growth and prosperity of the vibrant Malankara Catholic Youth community of Bangalore.

The newly elected Executive Committee for the term 2017-19.

Name	Unit	Designation
Mrs. Jisha Rajesh	Hennur	President
Ms. Jinu Sara Rajan	Mathikere	Vice President
Mr. Jiju T Varghese	Singasandra	Vice President
Mr. Richard K James	Singasandra	General Secretary
Ms. Jocelyn T. Thomas	Carmelaram	Joint Secretary
Mr. Rejin J Raju	Mathikere	Joint Secretary
Mr. Remo George Joseph	Carmelaram	Treasurer
Ms. Archana Chacko	Singasandra	Executive Member
Mr. Jino James	Hennur	Exarchate Nominee

Jeevan Darshan Camp



Chennai



Bapatla, Vijaywada



Mumbai



Pune



Bengaluru



Pune District Mathrusangham Senate



New Church Committee, Kharghar



Bangalore District Mathrusangham Executive Committee



MCYM Senate Meeting, Bengaluru



Pune District Mathrusangham and MCA Executive Committee





Malankara Qurbano at Syro Malabar Church, Andheri



**Festal Celebration of Vicar,
Dombivali**



Farewell to Rev. Varghese Kadakketh



Mission Meet, Bapatla



The New Church Committee, Warje



Children's Summer Camp, Borivali

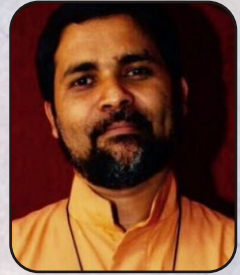
The Exarchate is grateful
for your services



Fr Varghese
Kadakketh



Fr Mathai
Iranathara OIC



Fr Joseph
Menakaleeckal OIC

Welcome



Fr Thomas Chprath



Fr. Mathew Joel OIC



Fr Ani Zacharia OIC



Fr Sumith Nicholas OIC



Fr Rijo Thomas OIC

Mr. Dickson Joseph	Mathikere	Exarchate Nominee
Mr. Lijosh KJ	Hennur	Exarchate Nominee
Mr. T.M. Johnson	Carmelaram	Animator
Mrs. Hema Elizabeth Joseph	Carmelaram	Animator

● MCYM Senate meeting

The first Senate Meeting of MCYM Bangalore District along with the new Director was convened on Sunday 14th May, 2017 at St. Mary's MSCC, Hennur in the presence of the Vicar General of Pune Exarchate Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, Rev. Fr Mathew Joel OIC, Rev. Srs. Shobita and Jerosé along with the District Animators Mr. T. M. Johnson, Mrs. Hema Elizabeth Joseph. Fr Thomas was specially welcomed as the new director. In the event planning session led by Mrs. Jisha Koshy and Mr. Richard James discussed about the programs to be organized in Bangalore District in the near future. Fr. Mattamana, Fr. Joel and Fr. Thomas Chaprath also shared their visions for MCYM Bangalore. The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Jiju Varghese.

Chennai District

● Elections of Associations

The District level meeting of the office bearers of MCA, MCYM & Mathrusangam was held on 23 April 2017 at St. Thomas MSCC at Padi in Chennai. Rev. Fr Sabu Maruthoor the district director of the above associations presided over the meeting and gave the key note address. 34 members from the district participated from various units in Chennai. Fr. Stephen Mathaar, Fr Moncy, Sr. Celen Mary DM, Sr Seraphin DM, Sr Ann Mary DM & Sr Maria SIC also participated in the meeting. There were group discussions of every association and later elections were held. The newly elected District level office bearers are furnished below.

President	Anto S	Padi, chennai
Vice President 1	Tom Varghese. M	Padi, Chennai
Vice President 2	Ms.Sweatha Stalin	Padi, Chennai
Secretary	Ms. Angel. L	Ayapakkam
Jt. Secretary . I	Thomson Mathew	Padi, Chennai

Jt. Secretary II	Joji. K. J.	Padi, Chennai
Treasurer	Ms. Elizabeth Jose	Nanganallore
Representative to Exarchate	Rinson. V. Thomas	Padi, Chennai
Animator	Aji Mathew	Padi, Chennai

Malankara Catholic Association (MCA)

● **Pune District Meet**

A meeting of the office bearers and representatives of the MCA and Mathru sangam from all Parishes was held on 26 April 2017, at St Mary's Cathedral, Khadki, and Pune under the guidance of the district director Rev. Fr Varghese Kaithon in the presence of Rev Fr Varghese Valikkodath and Rev Srs Carmel DM and Stancy DM. During the meeting the following members were elected to District Secretariat.



President	Mr Geevarghese	(Khadki)
General Secretary	Mr Raja Francis	(Kalewadi)
Treasurer	Mr Samuel K.G.	(Chinchwad)
Vice President 1	Mr Georgekutty	(Vishrantwadi)
Vice President 2	Mr Sathyaraj	(Warje)
Joint Secretary 1	Mr P.G.John	(Kalewadi)
Joint Secretary 2	Mr Michael Abraham	(Dehuroad)

● **Chennai District Meet**

District Level MCA Members

President	Joshi Raphael	Padi, Chennai
Vice President 1	S. Lawrence	Padi, Chennai
Vice President 2	P. Philipose	Padi, Chennai
Secretary	C. Simon	Padi, Chennai
Jt. Secretary . I	M. Xavier Doss	Ayapakkam
Jt. Secretary II	Thomas. T. S	Nanganallore
Treasurer	T. V. Yohannan	Padi, Chennai

Mathrusangham

● **Pune District Meet**

Together with the MCA meet the meeting for the new office

bearers for the *Mathrusangham* in Pune District was also held at the Bishop's House in Khadki under the leadership of the district director Rev. Fr Varghese Kaithon in the presence of Rev Fr Varghese Valikkodath and Rev Srs Carmel DM and Stancy DM.

President	Ms Jolly Jiju	(Vishranthwadi)
General Secretary	Ms Molly Regi	(Kalewadi)
Treasurer	Ms Jessy Thomas.	(Khadki)
Vice President 1	Ms Susan Jose	(Dehuroad)
Vice President 2	Ms Omana Samuel	(Chinchwad)
Joint Secretary 1	Ms Leelamma Mathew	(Kalewadi)
Joint Secretary 2	Ms Jancy Salu	(Warje)

● **Mumbai District Meet**

The election for the *Mathrusangham* for the District of Mumbai for the year 2017-2019 was held on 08 April 2017 at St Thomas MSCC, Thane. The *Mathrusangham* director presided over the election proceedings.

Below is the list of newly elected members.

Fr Mathai Iranithara OIC	Director
President	Ms Preethy Daniel
Vice President 1	Ms Valsa Mathew
Vice President 2	Ms SherinShibu
Secretary	Ms Susan Moncey
Jt Secretary 1	Ms Ani Shaji
Jt Secretary 2	Ms Mariamma Abraham
Treasurer	Ms Anu Jose

● **Chennai District Meet**

President	Ammini Mathew	Padi, Chennai
Vice President 1	Esther Jose	Adayar
Vice President 2	Annamma George	Padi, Chennai
Secretary	Mini John	Nanganallore
Jt. Secretary . I	Latha Lawrence	Ayapakkam
Jt. Secretary II	Renju	Ayapakkam
Treasurer	AnnammaYohannan	Padi, Chennai

EXARCHIAL PARISH NEWS

Mumbai District

St. Thomas MSCC, Borivali

Mathrusangham visit palliative care centre at Bandra

As planned in the year of mercy Mathrusangham paid a visit to Shanti Avedana, a palliative care centre at Bandra for terminally ill patients. Rev Sr Bhavya SIC and Mrs Anu Jose, Secretary Mathrusangham visited the centre. They spent some time with the sisters in charge, prayed with them, expressed the love and concern of the whole parish and appreciated the management and staff for their dedication and selfless service. A small amount collected by the Mathrusangham members for the inmates of the centre was handed over to the sister in charge as well.

Summer Camp

The MCYM Members of Borivali unit organised a summer camp for the students of St Thomas Malankara School Borivali and for the children staying in and around the locality of the school. They were taught a lot of things useful for their daily life like cleanliness, etiquettes and good values. Sports, arts, music, dance were also included in the schedule. Some youth members other than our MCYM members too were a part of this team. A logo competition was conducted for this camp. One of our catechism students, Master Kevin Thomas was the winner of the competition. The children and the parents thanked the organisers especially Rev Fr Joseph Thomas OIC, the vicar of the parish and Rev Sr Keerti SIC, the principal of St Thomas school for inspiring the MCYM team for this wonderful event.

St Mary's MSCC, Dombivili

Catechism Examination Results

It is again a proud moment that all the catechism students from the parish cleared the exams and came out with flying colors with two rank holders, Master Alfred Vinesh of standard 02 with A++ and Ms Angela Mathew standard 10 with A.

Festal Celebrations of the Vicar

Dombivli Parish celebrated the Feast of the Vicar Rev Fr. Manoj

Varghese OIC on 22nd April 2017. Mr. Johnson Abraham handed over the bouquet to the Vicar and wished him on behalf of all the parishioners. As celebration of our joy the Vicar cut the cake and shared with everyone.

Parish Feast

On May 1st, the feast of the patron saint of the parish, St Geevarghese was celebrated with great piety and enthusiasm. It was indeed a proud moment for the parishioners to celebrate the parish Feast. The Holy Qurbano was celebrated by the Vicar Rev. Fr Manoj Varghese OIC.

St Mary's MSCC, BARC

Annual general body meeting

Annual general body meeting was held in BARC unit on 30 April 2016 wherein the report and the annual accounts of the unit were presented by the secretary Mr. Thomas Mathew and Trustee Mr. Joseph Koshy respectively. The new committee took oath in front of the vicar Rev Fr. Mathai Iranithara OIC .The meeting ended with the snacks for all.

Catechism Examination Results

Seven students from BARC appeared for the Sunday school exam held on 23 April 2017. It is a proud and joyous moment for BARC to announce that all the six students passed the exam with good grades wherein Ms Ria from standard third scored A+, Angela from standard six obtained A++. Chrissie and Irene Daniel from standard tenth scored A+ and A respectively.

MCYM

It is a proud moment that Mrs. Shine Anil from the parish has been elected as the MCYM Mumbai zonal Female Animator.

Mother's day

Mother's day was celebrated on 14 May 2017 wherein roses were given to the mothers as a token of our love. The Holy Qurbano was dedicated specially for them. Special words of appreciation and concern towards our mothers for their love and concern were expressed.

St Mary's MSCC, Sakinaka

MCYM

MCYM Mumbai Secretariat Elections 2017-19 was held on 28 March 2017. Sakinaka unit is glad to announce that Mr. Shiju Thomas and Mr. Lijo John were elected as President and Vice President respectively.

Catechism Examination Results

Results of the Catechism exams 2016-17 are declared and Sakinaka unit is proud that most of the students have done well and to mention we have one A grade secured by Marcus Bimal George (Class IV) and three B+ by Sharon Jacob (Class VII), Reuben John (Class VIII) and Sharon Baby (Class XI).

St Mary's MSCC, Kharghar

Feast of St George

The feast of St. George was celebrated in church by the St George prayer group on 23rd of April. There was *nercha* and food after the Holy Qurbono.

Moments of Joy

The catechism results held on 23 April were announced and the parish is proud that all the students passed with good marks. Everyone performed well in the exams. Angel Maria Jose secured A+ and Julie Pappachan got A. Also, the parish is joyful for Mrs. Grace Thomas being elected as the new Sunday School Inspector for Mumbai District.

Oath Taking Ceremony

The oath taking of the 15 members of the church committee was held after the Holy Qurbono on 23 April in the presence of Rev. Fr. Mathai Irananthara, the vicar of the parish.

Mother's Day Celebration

The MCYM members celebrated Mother's Day on 14 May. After the Qurbono a small program was held where kids shared their fond memories about their mothers. Flowers and cards were given to all mothers as token of love. The youths had prepared a short video including all the mothers of the parish as a token of our love.

St John the Baptist MSCC, Vasai

Catechism Examination Results

On 23 April the catechism students of the parish appeared for II Semester Examination. Mrs Sherin Shibu of thane unit was the external examiner for the unit. The students came out with flying colours. Mr. K Varghese Thomas, the Head master of the unit has been elected as the Associate secretary for the tenure of two years 2017-18 and 2018-19 in Sunday school association of Mumbai District.

Pune District

Holy Redeemer's MSCC, Kalewadi

Feast of St. George

The parish celebrated its Heavenly patron St George's Feast from 20 to 23 April 2017. The four days were observed with piety and devotion with special intercessory prayers on every day. The Holy Qurbano were offered by Rev Fr Frinto Ollukaran, Rev Fr Roland Bendoamar and the Festal Qurbano by Rev Fr Mathew Modiyil OIC, the former vicar of the parish. The solemn festal procession on the last day of the feast was the charm of the spiritual functions. Rev. Fr George Mathew OIC, blessed the people of God leading the procession with the cross. The presence of Rev. Fathers and Sisters during these days was moments of joy for the parishioners.

St Mary's MSCC, Warje

New Committee take Oath

The new parish committee for the year 2017-18 took oath on 30th April after the Holy Qurbano under the spiritual leadership of the vicar Fr. George Mathew OIC. The vicar urged all the members to work unitedly for the church.

Laity Day and Vicar's Feast

The laity Day was celebrated on 14th May under the leadership of parish MCA and Ladies wing. The vicar Fr. George Mathew OIC in his message conveyed the importance and role of laity in building up the church. The feast of the vicar was also celebrated along with the function of the laity day with by cutting the cake and the youths singing festal greetings.

Bangalore District

St Mary's MSCC, Hennur

Welcome and Farewell

The farewell program in honour of Fr Varghese Kadakketh was held at St Mary MSCC, Hennur on 14 May 2017. The Sunday School children started the solemn occasion with prayer song. Members from each of the church group came forward and shared their experiences that they had over the last three years with Fr Varghese. Ms Thangam George on behalf of Sunday School thanked him for his support, care and concern towards all activities despite his very busy schedule. Mr Shiju John spoke on behalf of MCA where he highlighted about the perseverance which Achen always exemplified. Talking on behalf of Mathrusamajam, Mrs Leelama Abraham highlighted about *Chilamboli* among the other initiatives the interchurch dance and song competition which was the first of its kind held for the mother's group. She also shared about the regular prayer meetings for mothers that were started with Achen's support.

MCYM Manu mentioned about the free interaction and approachable nature Achen had for the youth. Mr Shibu Abraham the Church Secretary gave a glimpse of the three years journey St. Mary's church, especially the hurdles overcome and the easing of the financial burdens. Fr Varghese then addressed the congregation thanking them for the support, co-operation and prayers that has been bestowed on him. Sharing with the congregation his hopes and expectation of the achievable of the years to come, he concluded by inviting one and all to the new station he is being posted Kattikulam in Wayanad. The program ended with a farewell song by the church choir.



The Ephremite Matrimonial Column

Pune settled Syro-Malankara Catholic parents invite proposals for their God Fearing, Son - 33yrs. 70kg, 5'6", working as Medical Transcriptionist. Kindly Respond to Mrs. Molly Louis@ 8806085854 / 9881459820

New Appointments

Mumbai District	
Fr Philip Pulipra	Parish Priest - Vikhroli & Sakinaka Proto Presbyter Mumbai District
Fr Ani Zacharia OIC	Parish Priest - Khargar, BARC
Fr Benedict OIC	Parish Priest - Borivili & Malad
Fr Varghese Manoj OIC	Parish Priest - Ulhas Nagar, Dombivili
Fr Soju Thazhethottathil	Parish Priest - Thane Local Manager of Project at Kharsundi
Fr Sumith Nicholas OIC	Parish Priest - Vasai & Boisar
Pune District	
Fr. Samuel Thopil	Spiritual Father - Nirmal Hriday Minor Seminary, Pune
Fr. Mathew Punakulam	Secretary to the Bishop House Minister - Bishop's House
Bengaluru District	
Fr. Mathew Joel OIC	Proto-Presbyter of Bengaluru District Parish Priest - Mathikare
Fr. Thomas Chaprath	Parish Priest - Singasandra, Hennur & Carmalaram
Hyderabad District	
Fr Rijo Thomas OIC	Proto-Presbyter of Hyderabad District Parish Priest - Jeedimetla & Picket

The Exarchate Remembers with Gratitude

1. Fr Mathai Iranathara OIC

(Who served as the Proto Presbyter of Mumbai District and Parish Priest of Khargar & BARC)

2. Fr Varghese Kadakketh

(Who served as the Proto Presbyter of Bengaluru District and Parish Priest of Singasandra, Mathikare, Carmalaram & Hennur)

3. Fr Joseph Menakaleeckal OIC

(Who served as the Parish Priest of Borivali, Vasai, Malad & Boisar)

Bishop's Diary - June 2017

- 1 -7 : Switzerland
- 08 : Inaugural Holy Qurbano, NHM Seminary, Pune
- 09 : Chennai
- 11 : Suvisesha SanghamKaiveppu, Bangalore
- 18 : Suvisesha Sangham Kaiveppu, Mumbai
- 25 : Suvisesha Sangham Kaiveppu, Pune
- 27 : Mar Theophilos Orma
- 29 : Trivandrum
- 30 : Blessing Of the new Church - Padi, Chennai

Days of Remembrance

- 04 : The Great Sunday of Pentecost
- 07 : Commemoration of the first holy Qurbano celebrated by St: James
- 11 : Feast of Bp. Barnabas
- 15 : Commemoration of the erection of the First Church in honor of Mary, the Mother of God
- 16 : 13 Day's Nombu (Apostles) begins
- 19 : Mar Judah Thadaeus, the Apostle
- 24 : Birth of John, the Baptist,
Commemoration of Cheppattu Philipose Ramban
- 27 : Commemoration of Bishop Jacob Mar Theophilos
- 28 : Feast of Bp. Samuel Mar Irenios
- 29 : Feast of Sts Peter, Paul
13 Day's Nombu (Apostles) ends
Est. of St Mary's Malankara Major Seminary
Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of
Bps. Yooohan on Mar Chrysostom & Joshua Mar Ignathios
Feast of Bp. Vincent Mar Paulos

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

(LK 17:5)



First Profession of Rev. Sr Joanne SIC, Kalewadi



Foundation Stone Laying for the New Church-Carmelaram, Bengaluru



Re-dedication of St Thomas MSCC, Chinchwad



**MCYM YIELD 2017
Exarchial Senate, Leadership Meet & Oath Taking Ceremony**

Feast of Commemoration



Most Rev Jacob Mar Theophilos, 27 June

Festal Greetings



Most Rev Jacob
Mar Barnabas, 11 June



Most Rev Samuel
Mar Irenios, 28 June



Most Rev Vincent
Mar Paulose, 29 June

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