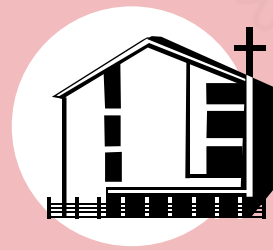


# ROSARIAN HAPPENINGS

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VISION STATEMENT: WE STRIVE TO MAKE ROSARY PARISH A VIBRANT CHRIST CENTRED COMMUNITY IN PRAYER, FAMILY AND SERVICE.



*From the desk of the Parish Priest*



## **EDITORIAL** A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD US...

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

God’s love for human beings, with all our flaws and deficiencies, remains the central theme as we ponder the events around the birth of Jesus Christ. And we don’t need to look far to acknowledge how seriously deficient and flawed our behaviour can be!

In a world filled with hate and violence, we need to keep asking the question in the words from that well known rap band, ‘Black Eyed Peas’, “Where is the Love?”

The human race has made remarkable progress in science and technology, we have excelled in all fields of endeavour, in financial resources and industrial production, in sport and the arts, in agriculture and environmental care, in philanthropic acts and enduring acts of compassion and outreach and yet, there remains a fundamental problem – what motivates some people to engage in appalling atrocities against other innocent human beings and against God’s creation?

Those who have embraced salvation in Christ know that sin is the problem; alienation from God and from others, and ultimately from oneself, and such alienation can lead to the actions we witness almost every day.

For those who celebrate the birth of Christ as the coming of the Saviour, and embrace the Gospel, this annual observance provides the opportunity to be grounded once again at the very core of our being, to understand that the purpose of all humanity is to live in the knowledge of the love of God and so to live peaceably with all men and women.

The season of Christmas reminds us that God never gives up on His people and the birth of Christ rekindles hope. The thirty-three years that Jesus walked on this earth, especially the last three years of active ministry to the poor, the downtrodden and the marginalized, reveals what this love means.

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, of his life, his ministry his ultimate sacrifice for humanity. It is the remembrance of all that He stood for and of everything He taught us.

A little child shall lead us. Will we follow Him?

Wishing you all the Peace, Love, Joy and Hope of Christmas.



## **LADIES SODALITY BRIEF**

The Ladies Sodality was founded back in the 60’s. In the earlier years we had many members and had both Konkani and English Ladies Sodality. As years passed by, many of our members left and as there were only few of us left we continued just as Ladies Sodality.

We have our meetings twice a month. We start with the Rosary and then say other prayers. We visit the sick in our neighbourhood. On 8th December we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, our Patron Saint





## ACHIEVERS

Sasha

Age 13 years

Profession Student

Sasha's passion for basketball grew when she watched Michael Jordan play on television and was inspired by the way he played which led her to take up the sport. Also when she was a kid her father used to take her for the All India Basketball Tournament at Don Bosco, Matunga. Every year they would invite the dream team from USA for an exhibition game. Over there she saw them dunking the basketball ring and was amazed. Sasha began playing basketball only from December 2018. The other girls were more experienced with 4-5 years. In August Sasha attended a Maharashtra state District basketball championships held in Nagpur in which districts from all over Maharashtra such as Solapur, Kholapur, Nagpur, Pune, Satara, Sangli were present. Since Mumbai is huge, they divided Mumbai into 4 districts. Sasha represented the Mumbai Southwest District. In the quarter finals they beat Satara and lost the semi finals against Nagpur. Sasha's team fought against Mumbai North for 3rd place and lost. Sasha also engages in other sports like athletics and badminton. Since the age of



5 Sasha was introduced to Athletics when she was 7 years old she won the district level for the 100 meters. Sasha's father always encouraged her to dream big. She's had no major injuries and tries to maintain a diet to enhance her performance. Sasha usually copes with her studies during her free periods during school. After school she gives 2-4 hours depending on her practice.



## CHIRST THE KING

"The king who reigns will never cease."

On the 25th November we celebrated the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, commonly referred to as the feast of Christ the king.

After the usual Sunday morning masses, each zone was given an hour to come together as a community and reflect on readings as the Blessed Sacrament was exposed.

Later that evening, our parishioners were asked to gather at St. Peter's chapel for a short time to ponder on a session led by Fr. Nigel. Few children of our parish were asked to dress as angels for the procession that ended at St. Anne's parish. Three other neighbouring parishes (Gloria church, St. Joseph, St. Anne's) also concluded their processions at St. Anne's.

The main focus of this gathering was to come together as one family to celebrate the feast of Christ the King of the lost, the lonely, the least and the last. After each parish assembled at St. Mary's ICSE another procession was conducted around the football ground and then entered the church. An adoration service was conducted

by each priest of the various parishes followed by a solemn benediction. Thereafter, everyone was served with a cup of tea and snacks as they spent time in fellowship.







### **St. Anthony's Community – Zone 1**

Every month at Nasir Palace, we hold cluster meetings with each family taking turns to host these meetings. The Word of God is read followed by Gospel sharing and discussion. This is followed by praying the Holy Rosary.

In September, in preparation for the birthday of Our Blessed Mother, families in our community contributed towards the purchase of grains which was donated to various Homes.

In October, our animators along with the help of a few community members put up food stalls during the Novena days in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the profits of which were handed over to our Parish Priest for the Missions.

On the occasion of the Feast of Christ the King, Zones 1, 2 & 3 got together and conducted the first hour of the 13-hour Adoration held in the church. In the evening all our parishioners met at St. Peter's Chapel and went in a procession to St. Anne's Church for a final Benediction.

The animators of Community 1 meet every month with Fr. Bosco, our spiritual director.

Two of our animators who belong to the Legion of Mary, regularly visit the sick and lonely.

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### **Holy Cross Community - Zone 2 & 3**

We conducted the following activities in our zone during the period September to November 2019. Our Community experienced the blessing of our Blessed Mother, when the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visited the families in our community.

Both the PPC members visited all the families in our community and interacted with them.

Four Cluster groups were formed with one senior and one junior animator in each group

During Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady in September, our Community Animators collected funds from the families in our community which was used for purchase of food grains etc. for different charity homes. Our Zone also conducted the Novena Mass and sang in the choir.

In preparation for Rosary Feast, our Community conducted the Novena on the day assigned to us and also had a choir. We also participated in the Fete with great enthusiasm by putting up food stalls, a games stall and raffles.

We have our Zonal Animators meetings every month and the minutes of the meeting are maintained.

Zone 2&3 along with Zone 1 conducted the holy hour on Feast of Christ the King and also participated in the prayerful procession from St. Peter's Chapel to St. Anne's Parish for the final Benediction.

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### **The Light of Unity Community - Zone 4**

In September, in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, the animators of Community 4, visited the families for contributions and also wholeheartedly assisted in the purchase of food grains, etc. which were donated to various charitable homes in Mumbai.

In October for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the animators and members of the community came together and actively participated and animated the Novena on the day assigned to our community. Ms. Dionisia D'Silva, our animator, prepared a meaningful liturgy for the Mass while others recited the Rosary and lead the congregation in singing.

Members of the community as well as the animators assisted in preparing food items for our community stall on the second day of the Fete and the proceeds collected were given for the Missions.

In November, on the Feast of Christ the King, the animators and a few lectors assisted in conducting the Holy Hour of Adoration for our community. In the evening, members of our Community participated in the procession from St. Peter's Chapel to St. Anne's Church for the final Adoration service.

Since we have over 80 families, the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been going around in our community since the month of October.

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### **Ashirvad Community – Zone 5**

In the month of September the animators had a door to door collection from the people of the zone 5. With the money collected, we purchased and donated various food grains as requested by the church. We also helped distribution of the grains to All Saints Home which is in our zone.

In the month of October we had a First Friday Mass at All Saints Home for the inmates on October 4th 2019. After the Mass, snacks were served to the inmates with funds given by the animators. All our animators were present.

We also had the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima going round the homes in our Community during October.

For the Rosary Feast, our Community put up a food stall on the second day of the fete. The food items were prepared by the zone animators and two families. The proceeds from the sale of the food items were given to the Church for the missions.

Zonal meeting with all the animators, Fr. Shavito and Sr. Sheela was held in the KG classroom after the evening mass. Intercessory prayers were held on Tuesday, 12th Nov 2019 and all zonal animators and Sr. Sheela lifted up all the sick in our zone in prayer.

A Mass was offered for all the deceased members from our zone on the 27th Nov 2019.

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### **Marian Community - Zone 6**

As is the custom over the years, members of Zone 6 assembled at the Miranda Cross for their monthly Rosary on the 27th September, 31st October and 28th November at 7:45 pm.

During the festivities celebrating the Birthday of Our Blessed Mother, our Parish conducted Fund Raising to assist six charitable homes in our areas. Zone 6 contributed towards purchase and delivery of adult diapers for two Homes - Ashadan (Sisters of Charity) at Nagpada and Piety Home in Dabul.

Visitation of families in the Parish was restarted by Fr. Nigel and he along with Fr. Shavito scheduled the visitation according to zones. Animators from Zone 6 planned and coordinated the visits and ensured every family available in the zone was visited. This was deeply appreciated by some of our elderly home-bound and afflicted residents. An earnest effort is being made to ensure the Eucharist is made available periodically to the home-bound.

Our Zonal Social Gathering was celebrated on Sunday 15th Sept at the 9:30 am Holy Mass followed by a Social of fun and games attended by young and old. It was a wonderful event with music and dancing. Many enjoyable games, group songs, contests, housie, spot prizes, refreshments and lunch was part of this lively and greatly appreciated program. A true sense of community living was experienced by one all.

In preparation of our Feast Day celebrations, the mother and daughter combo of Freda and Amber Collaco from our zone began a month long training for all our parishioners willing to learn Line Dancing. It was a tremendous success and was the talk of the parish.

Many in our Zone contributed greatly towards the Parish Fete celebrating our Parish Feast. The fete was a runaway success and a true revival of the spirit of our Parish. A budding talent from our Zone, Shanaika De Souza portraying herself as Delilah won the very entertaining

Biblical Fancy Dress Competition. The zone came together once again with their culinary brilliance to prepare some mouth-watering dishes i.e. Sorpotel, Sannas, Choris Pao, Chicken Vindaloo, Chicken Cutlets, Beef/chutney sandwiches, Pan Rolls, Cup Cakes, Custard et al for the food stall. It was an awesome effort by all contributing to a grand success.

Our zone deeply mourns the sad demise of Ivor Wroughton, husband of Carol Wroughton and father of Zane and Jillian, on 10th November.

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### **St. Joseph the Worker (Zone 7) & St. Roque (Zone 8)**

Our 'Spry September' was filled with a sanctimonious celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Both zones 7 and 8 made eleemosynary donations towards the supplies that were provided to the different homes and orphanages in the city. The ALM association of the Matharpacady Village also conducted their AGM meeting during this month of the year.

And with our spirits ever lively for the most awaited feast of the year, we had an 'Outstanding October'. In preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, parishioners of both Zones 7 and 8 got-in-on-the-act of making this year's parish feast an indelible memory. We praised the Almighty as we prepared and partook in the Novena celebrations on the 6th and 7th days of the Novenas. The families of Zone 8 put up a stall on the last day of the parish fete. In case you didn't happen to catch a glimpse of our stall, we prepared some mouth-watering and finger-licking items to ingest and satisfy tummies both young and old. Kudos to Mr. Merwyn D'mello and Ms. Caroline Pereira who were crowned Emperor and Queen of the Rosarian Crown Night, Zone 8 is marveled at your win. And we all had a fun-filled time at the Feast Day Social.

We also accompanied the Prayer group cell of the parish on the 27th of October, as they march in pray with the Jericho Cross in and around the village. As we kept this devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary alive, we brought the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into the hearts and homes of some families in Zone 8. This took us right into November. We bid adieu to our Blessed Mother in the first week of November. We celebrated the triumph of good over evil on the feast of Christ the King and acclaimed him as 'King of the Universe', with a solemn and spiritual adoration together with Zones 7 & 9 followed by a victorious walk on the streets of Mazgaon to St. Anne's Church.

Our daily evening prayers, evergreen with devotion take place at the Holy Cross Oratory. We also honor and venerate the statue of Our Lady at 14/A as we raise our voices in prayer and thanksgiving on a weekend of the month.



The bountiful programs of providing 'Food' & 'Medicine' that have been started lately after the Parish Feast, serve Food and Medical aids for around 5 parishioners in our Zone.

### Our Lady Lourdes Community – Zone 9

For the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, in September, members of our community contributed towards the purchase of grains, toiletries etc. which were gifted to the Shelter and old age homes

In October, animators and community members came together for our Novena day Mass – preparing the liturgy, reciting the Rosary and singing in the choir. Our community put up a food stall during the fete which was manned by our animators and community members. We had many mouth-watering items from Vindaloo to Chinese wantons. The proceeds of the sale of these items went to the Missions.

We also had the Statue of the Our Lady of Fatima come into homes in October. This brought us together, praying for each other and for the community at large.

The Rear Helal Bldg. cluster had a Barbeque Night with music, housie and dinner. Children, young and elderly came and enjoyed the fellowship.

In November, on Children's Day, around 12 children from our Community were taken to the Church compound to enjoy the rides, golás and popcorn. They had a good time. Each child brought a gift along to be given to a poor child. They handed over their gifts to Sr. Premila of Vimla Vikas Kendra. Thus they learnt to give to the needy. The children returned to our zone and enjoyed some lovely snacks and received a gift.

On the Feast of Christ the King, the community gathered in prayer for our hour of Adoration in the Church. In the evening, members of our community assembled at St. Peter's Chapel for the Adoration and joined in the procession to St. Anne's Church for the final Benediction.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS PROFILE



### Kyra Erasmus:

"After receiving Holy Communion I feel... protected and loved unconditionally as I have just put on "The Armour of God"

Kyra a student of St. Peters School and is currently in the 7th Standard. Her Hobby is Singing and Art. She loves Dancing, Dramatics ad Athletics.

About her preparation for Communion class she says.. Coming to know more about Jesus these past few months, I now feel I'm a Blessed child of God. Being closer to him,



strengthens me day by day. I now know that he is my God and Savior and is deserving of all my love for Him.

She is looking forward to being the new, young and modern "David" and with God's help and strength, destroy every "Goliath" that comes her way.

### Rebecca Monteiro:

"I experienced Jesus even in my Sunday School class. I felt him holding my hand and guiding me. I want to experience

him in a more real way by receiving Communion as often as possible.”

Rebecca is a student of Villa Teresa and is currently in the 4th Standard. She likes skating, badminton, elocution, drama and singing and is excellent in Maths. She likes looking after and caring for younger children.

She looks forward to becoming an Alter Serve and joining the Choir.

### **Ashton Figueiredo :** \_\_\_\_\_

“ Receiving Holy Communion I feel I have received Jesus in my heart. I feel happy, blessed and closer to Jesus.

Ashton a student of St Mary’s ICSE and is currently in the 4th Standard. His hobby is Reading, Art and Skating.

He says he loved attending his Sunday School class as he got to learn more about Jesus and how much he loves and cares for us.

He looks forward to becoming an alter server and a follower of Jesus.

### **Dia Gupta:** \_\_\_\_\_

“Receiving Holy Communion I feel the presence of Jesus in my heart and am full of joy and peace:

Dia is a student of Rosary High School and is currently in the 4th Standard. She loves to dance and to draw. She also enjoys cycling.

She enjoyed her Sunday School class and wants to be a better person and help others in their needs.



## **LECTORS BRIEF**

The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them”.

“That in all things, God may be glorified!”

In the fullness of time, the Word of God took flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. That Word continues to take flesh again and again whenever a man or woman stands up to proclaim it to the community. God chose to work through human instruments, to play His song of love to the world.

The ministry of Lector calls for a person to grow in a warm and loving knowledge of Scripture, the living word of God. To be a Lector is to be given an opportunity for your own personal growth in Jesus Christ.

We welcome all newcomers to our ministry. May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips that you may worthily proclaim his holy word.

We have our meetings once a month. These meetings are short training sessions that help us to understand our role as a Lector and to live our lives in Christ.



## **ROSARY PARISH FETE AND FEAST DAY**

Festivity always brings a celebratory feelings, one with laughter, music, dance and song and one of communal togetherness. Our Lady of the Rosary was always noted to have such fetes in the past which was re-lived once again.

Before the main feast day of the parish, a three day fete was organised, each day having a different theme which enabled everyone to get involved and enjoy themselves. The theme for the first fete day was Country Western Music with line dancing and barbecue night. All parishioners were dressed in a cowboy attire and enjoyed the night dancing to some old western music and eating some smoking hot barbecue.

A group of parishioners make this evening delightful by line dancing to some country songs and encouraged many to participate.

The second day of the fete was Retro Night, organised by the Bombay Catholic Sabha with red and black theme. It was a beautiful sight to see our parishioners in their fancy retro styles, making it a glamorous affair.

The third day of the fete was a biblical fancy dress competition and the crown night which was very entertaining. It was great fun to see the enthusiasm of the parishioners who dressed up as well as used props to





bring out the characters they were portraying. This contest was judged by three brothers from the Goregaon seminary. The enthusiastic contestants answered questions related to their characters. Everyone was amused by the little ones who dressed up as Adam and Eve, Angels, etc. This day ended with the crowning of the winners of this fancy dress.

During the fete each zone put up food stalls for all to purchase snacks that were made by parishioners, the youth

also organized various game stalls for all the days with exciting prizes for all. The feast day started with a solemn eucharistic celebration. After mass everyone was served with cake and members of different associations were called for breakfast. Later that evening was parish social with music, games, spot prizes and dinner. The Bombay Catholic Sabha also had their annual prize distribution to all the academic and sports achievers of our parish.



## INTER PARISH SPORTS FESTIVAL - A ROARING SUCCESS

The "Roaring Rosarians" team of 20 members from ages 55 to 85 years, participated in the Inter Parish Sports Festival (Tele-games) which was held on Sunday 27th October 2019 at St. Mary's campus. The other parishes that took part were, Gloria's, St. Anne's, St. Stephen's, and a combined team comprising of St. Joseph (Umerkhadi), St. Ignatius (Jacob Circle), and Our lady of Fatima (Sewri).



The oath was taken by the Roaring Rosarians' captain after which, the games were declared open. The tournament started with a march past in which our mascot won the 1st prize. The team members piloted by their Captain, used their skills and stamina and fought through the games which called for mental alertness, physical fitness and endurance.



Our team's motto was "Roaring Rosarians ...on the field, over the line, let's try for it one more time." We tried and we did it! The Rosarians had a thumping victory over all the other parishes that participated in the games. We won the Rolling Trophy and a cash prize. Gold medals were presented to each participant of the winning team

and we lived up to the reputation of being favourites of the tournament.

Rosarians were the best attired team thanks to Fr. Nigel Barrett, who sponsored the T-shirts. His presence and support boosted our morale and we returned victorious.

- Rosarians Senior Citizens



## FOOD & MEDICINE PROJECTS

*"The hope of the poor will not perish for ever" (Ps 9:19). These words of the Psalm remain timely. They express a profound truth that faith impresses above all on the hearts of the poor, restoring lost hope in the face of injustice, sufferings and the uncertainties of life.*

### Tiffin Service for the Needy & Home Bound

"A generous person will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor" Proverbs 22:9

There is no better verse to describe the new initiative undertaken by our Parish Priest. On the Feast of "Our Lady of the Rosary", our Parish Priest, Fr. Nigel Barrett, announced a project for the benefit of the "Needy & Home Bound" parishioners of our Parish. Starting October 8, 2019, ten tiffin's consisting of a veg & non-veg meal to suffice for lunch & dinner are being delivered 7 days a week.

A Catholic, home-caterer has been identified, keeping in mind the palate/needs of the sick & elderly. Jacinta, a successful entrepreneur, has lots of experience in running a catering unit from her home, thus ensuring and maintaining high standards of hygiene & quality. She goes out of her way to cook nutritious, tasty, authentic home-cooked meals with less salt & spice.

The food is delivered to our Church which in turn, is delivered to these families. Robert D'Souza from Sankalp Niketan (Zone 4) - an energetic, enthusiastic young lad, full of zest for life, painstakingly walks around our Parish, delivering the food to different homes, keeping in mind the specific individual requirements of the recipient.

We have received some wonderful feedback about the taste & quality of the food. The families are very happy as they do not need to worry about their next meal. They thank the entire team of our Priests, Zonal animators & Parishioners for their thoughtfulness & generosity, showering them abundantly with blessings.

### Community Care Project

On 17th November 2019, the Third World Day of the

Poor, our Parish Priest, Fr. Nigel Barrett, announced a "Community Care" project. This project aims to provide medical assistance to parishioners suffering from various ailments who find it difficult to purchase medicines on a regular, monthly basis.

Besides the regular medication for hypertension / diabetes / cholesterol, we have some parishioners who are wheelchair bound, bedridden, in coma, undergoing dialysis etc. These patients need a lot of financial, medical & emotional support. To ease the already stressed & burdened family, our Priests have decided to step in and offer medical support by tying up with a local Chemist to hand-deliver all the medication to the patients.

A process has been set up to ensure that the required due diligence is done. Parishioners who need medical aid have to approach their zonal co-ordinators. A medical enquiry committee, consisting of 3 members from various zones, will review the case. They will visit the homes to meet the patients & check on medical / hospital bills to verify the case. Patients/caretaker need to submit an application letter, the original doctor's prescription & the latest copy of a 6-months bank statement. Once the medical committee is satisfied that the case is genuine, they will fill in a "Financial Aid for Sick" form giving details of the case. The final approval will come from the Parish Priest. The above process ensures a thorough check at every stage, making sure that the parishioners' contribution is not misused.

Once the patients are on the medical list, the chemist will deliver medicines 3 times a month. The Church will settle all invoices with the chemist directly, thus offering families the much-required support as their medicines are home-delivered without any financial strain. This process ensures the patients always have their medicines & the Church has a better negotiation capacity.

All the recipients of the above services are free to put in their contribution, however small, to the community fund. A receipt from the Church office will be given for the same.

Our Priests take the opportunity to thank every Parishioner for their generous support to the fund.

- Rowena





## YOUTH CAMP - YMCA

A camp was held from the 6th to the 8th November, where the youth involved in different areas of our parish, accompanied by Fr. Nigel Barrett to the YMCA campsite in Nilshi. The main purpose of this camp was to build a sense of team development. During this camp, sessions were held which challenged the youth physically as well as mentally. The challenges such as rock climbing, archery, kayaking and so on pushed them out of their comfort zones and overcome their fears. During these tasks each individual saw a new side of them which they did not know they possessed. These tasks also saw individuals work together in their respective teams helping and encouraging each other to push through their limits. Besides the

various tasks, there were a number of interactive sessions, which saw the youth communicating with each other, putting forward their ideas and also listening to others' opinions. The purpose of these sessions was to help our youth work together as a team, also introspecting on ones own life. Fr. Nigel also conducted a session about leadership in the church and in their daily lives. The presentation made reference to leaders in the bible, how they set an example and lead people. This presentation helped the youth get a better understanding about the various skills required to become a good leader. Each day concluded with the Eucharist celebration, games and fun activities.







## RECIPE SECTION

Christmas is the most joyful time of the year. The month of December itself feels different from the rest of the year. A season of joy waiting for Baby Jesus. And a time for making sweets and distributing them to our neighbours and friends.

From the early 60s I have been making a variety of Christmas sweets.

The credit of my sweet making talent must be given to late Mrs. Stella Vaz my loving relative and neighbor. She patiently taught me the secret of making Christmas Sweet till I perfected it. And till today I follow her recipes.

A few weeks before Christmas our neighbors would come together to make sweets. We helped each other to make our culculs, neuris and toffees. Aunt Stella as we fondly called her was our chief cook. The secret of toffee making is the timing, you had get it right. And we all depended on Aunt Stella for the timing. The children enjoyed scraping the remains from the chatty and relished the sweet. We used to have fun with a feeling of joy and bonding, with Christmas Carols playing in the background and snacks and tea for all who helped.

One of my best recipe loved by all is the Cashew nut toffee. Hope you enjoy making and eating it.

- Elsie Dias

### Cashew Nut Toffee

#### INGREDIENTS:

Half Kg Cashew nuts coarsely minced, Half kg Sugar, Quarter kg Butter, 1 cup milk, Colour - Green, 1 teaspoon Vanilla Essence

#### METHOD:

Boil 1 glass of water in a heavy base pan, add sugar and keep stirring till the sugar melts and slightly thickens. Keep the pan down and add butter. When melted add the minced Cashew nuts and milk. Stir well. Then keep the pan on slow flame and keep stirring till the mixture becomes thick. Add colour as required ( just a quarter of a teaspoon). Lastly add one teaspoon Vanilla Essence. Keep stirring.

When the mixture starts to form tiny bubbles at the edge of the pan, pay attention. From now on give it your undivided attention and stir till the mixture begins to leave the side of the pan and starts to forms a lump. (Don't overcook the mixture as it will break while cutting.)

Remove pan from heat. Immediately transfer the contents to a thali or a baking dish. Level the mixture with a base of a spoon to ensure an even surface. Grease the base of the spoon with butter to avoid the mixture from sticking.

(Grease the thali with butter so it does not stick and comes off easily after cutting. The thali should have a little depth)

When the toffee cools a bit slightly cut into diamond or square shaped pieces. Let it air overnight before preserving in a tin.





## Leatre

*This desert is very special and made only for special occasions. It is set up in an oval dish and decorated with nuts and black plums. It is given as a gift to the in laws after the engagement of their daughters as a gift in Goa it is called vojem.*

- Lourdes

### INGREDIENTS:

1 coconut scraped only white

4 loaves of bread (pao)

Break the bread into fine bits (not crumbs) and avoid the crust only the white part of the bread.

½ cup water

1 cup sugar

Ghee 3 tbs

Cashew nuts and black plums

### METHOD:

Put the sugar and water in a vessel and stir till it become thick and sticky. Add the coconut and stir for 10 minutes so as to dry the moisture in the coconut. When the texture of the coconut is still soft add the broken bread, nuts and

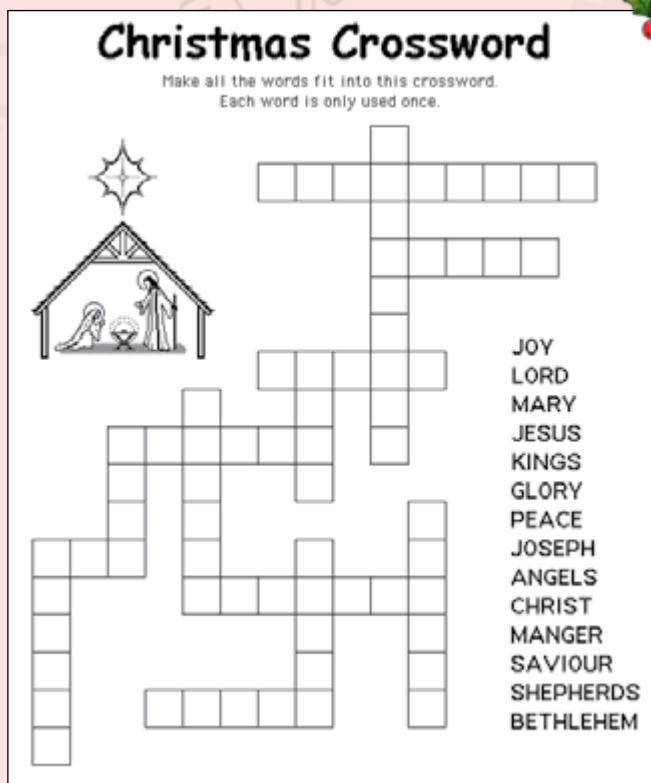


black plums cut into bits stir and cook till it thickens add one tbs spoon ghee when it begins to collect like a ball add one more spoon ghee. Add 1 tsp of vanilla essence. Ready the plate and apply ghee to it. When the mixture begins to thicken pour it on the plate. Decorate it with bits of cashew nuts and black plums. When it cools cut it in slices.

I love making leatre. It is an ancient Portuguese dessert.



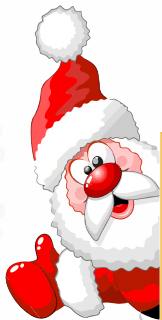
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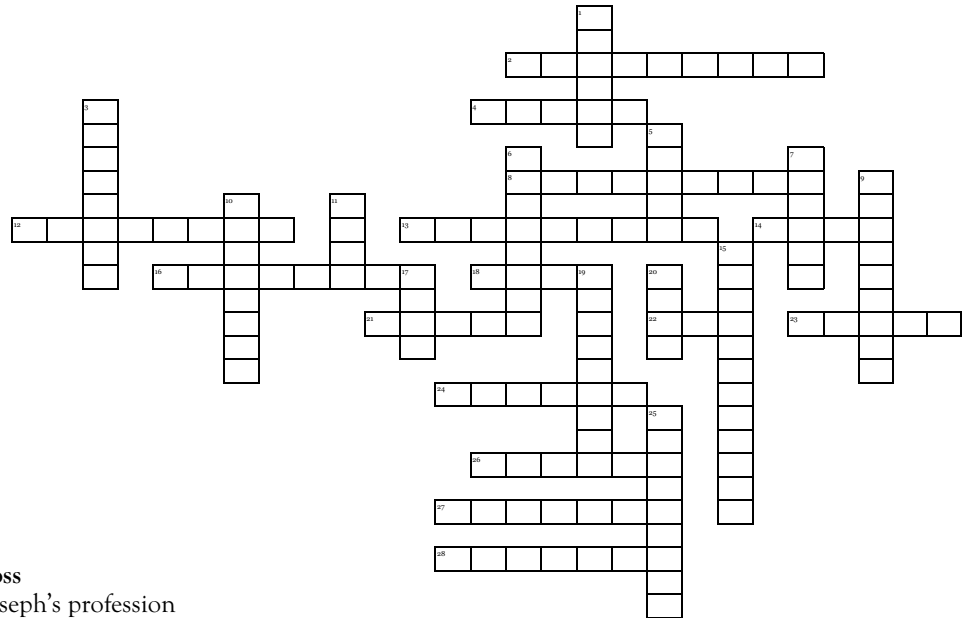
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### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) The origin or the use of Christmas trees goes way back to ancient Egyptians and Romans. They used evergreen trees like fir or pine trees, wreaths, and garlands. And the use of modern Christmas trees started in Germany in the 16th century. Instead of the glitzy decorations that we see on them today, they were decorated with fruits and nuts.
- 2) Santa Claus did not always dress up in red clothes. Santa Claus initially wore clothes that were in green, purple, or blue. For many years, this was the common theme for the jolly old man at the North Pole. However, Coca Cola decided to dress him up in colours that match their brand and that stuck. So this is why he is always in red clothes now.

## The Jumbo Christmas Crossword



### Across

2. Joseph's profession
4. Deck the halls with boughs of \_\_\_\_\_
8. And a \_\_\_\_\_ in a pear tree
12. These are kept wrapped under the tree
13. They were the first to visit the baby
14. The wise men who followed the star
16. We know this saint as Santa Claus
18. All is \_\_\_\_\_, all is bright
21. The kind of Christmas we wish each other
22. No room here
23. Santa prefers red, but the elves like \_\_\_\_\_
24. Away in a \_\_\_\_\_, no crib for his bed
26. The church season leading up to Christmas
27. The angel who came to Mary
28. The red-nosed reindeer

### Down

1. Christmas songs
3. Mary & Joseph travelled from this town
5. The king who feared Christ's birth
6. The feast on January 6
7. Hark, the \_\_\_\_\_ angels sing
9. Mary's cousin
10. Huge sock for Santa's presents
11. The first \_\_\_\_\_, the angels did sing
15. Gold, Myrrh and \_\_\_\_\_
17. Transportation drawn over snow
19. You can kiss under it
20. A baby's bed
25. O little town of \_\_\_\_\_

### Answers to the puzzle/quiz in the October Issue

#### Children's Corner

What is this Word : ACCELERATE

Fun Riddles :

- 1) A postal stamp
- 2) February
- 3) A coin
- 4) A needle
- 5) A towel
- 6) Meat
- 7) Mushroom
- 8) A promise
- 9) A cold
- 10) Neither, they both weigh one kilo



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