

DAYS TO REMEMBER—

Birthdays

06- Fr. Britto Rajan

10. Fr. Rojo

15. Fr. Wilfred

Anniversary

13. Death anniversary of

Fr. Xavier.

Fr. Britto visiting Mother Theresa's tomb



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A reflection for October, Month of the Rosary

Recently I was having a conversation with someone about prayer and she mentioned that she rarely prayed the Rosary because she found it so hard to concentrate whenever she did. The Rosary is a beautiful prayer, but due to one reason or another many people never



get to discover this beauty. It can feel like we're supposed to be doing so many things simultaneously – saying each Our Father and Hail Mary with due reverence, praying for our particular intentions, all the while trying to create vivid mental images of Christ and Our Lady in our mind's eye. If we fail in this endeavour, it's tempting to feel dejected and as though we've been through some pointless mechanical exercise. We might tell ourselves it's better not to pray the Rosary at all rather than to pray it badly.

Well the month of October is a good time to re-evaluate the place the Rosary has in our lives. Going back to the conversation I had with this person on prayer, I mentioned that I also found it hard to concentrate during the Rosary, but that it didn't really matter. As soon as I'd said this, I realized it could be taken the wrong way. Contemplation is a fundamental part of the Rosary. The French priest and Dominican tertiary St Louis De Montfort said:

The Rosary without meditation on the sacred mysteries of our salvation would almost be like a body without a soul; excellent matter, but without form which sets it apart from other devotions.

It is because of its meditative nature that many popes and saints have been so keen to promote the Rosary. In 1982, when John Paul II visited Fatima he told the people:

Do you want me to teach you a 'secret'? It is simple, and it is no longer a secret; pray, pray very much; recite the Rosary every day.

The Rosary is not an optional extra. It has the potential to transform our lives if we are willing. So where does that leave those of us who genuinely find it difficult to concentrate whilst praying the Rosary? Despite feeling I don't pray the Rosary particularly well, over the last few years in which I've been praying it on a daily basis, there are several things I've come to realize. Whilst we can pray the Rosary to varying degrees of perfection, it is not really possible to pray the Rosary badly. Although we should always hope that we might learn to pray the Rosary better, we are never worse off for praying it. We might have various bad attitudes that we become aware of when we pray the Rosary, but this is surely a good thing. It makes us realize how much we need God's mercy.



Another thing that I've noticed is how my attitude to Our Lady has changed over the last few years. Before I started praying the Rosary on a regular basis, I didn't feel I had any strong Marian devotion – I felt I hardly knew Our Lady. It is only through praying the Rosary that I've really started to appreciate who Mary is. She is our Mother, she loves us, she constantly prays for us, gently guiding us towards her Son. So we should feel entirely comfortable and at ease in her company. As a nun, St Bernadette used to encourage the sisters to pray the Rosary whilst going to sleep and would say “you will be like a little child who falls asleep saying 'Mama, Mama!’”

John Paul II said that as a young man, praying the Living Rosary helped him realize that not only does Our Mother Mary direct us towards Christ, but Christ also directs us towards His mother. Christ is saying 'look what marvels I have worked for my mother.' Devotion to the saints and especially to Our Lady, is so important because it marks out why our faith is so special. God's grace is not something superficial, but penetrates the core of our being. God has promised to make us like Himself. Our Lady is the first in whom this promise has been fulfilled, and so she is worthy of the highest of praise.

Robert Verrill OP



Shobhana Shaakha

On 13 September our newly ordained priests Fr. Shamon and Fr. Reegan offered their thanksgiving mass in the community. Religious from neighbouring communities had come to participate.

General councillor of Sisters of Servants of Mary Rev Sr. Isabel visited our community. Community was happy to celebrate the birthday of Fr. Vipin on 13 September. On 14 September feast of the exaltation of the cross was celebrated. 29th September we inaugurated the Literary Programmes for our brothers. On 30 brothers attended the Seminar conducted by rev. Fr. Joe Mannath SDB. With permission of the Bishop our community has reopened the Malayalam Mass centre.



In Memoriam



On 27 September, Mr Antony Kanagaraj, 68, father of Fr Valan scj, Parish Priest in Tiptur, Bangalore (Vicariate of India) passed away.

On October 1, Mrs Mariyam, 84, mother of Fr Shaju Kalappurakal scj, of the community of Pibrac (France) passed away ,at Vellikulangara (Kerala, India) . May their soul rest in Peace.

• **Participants in the programme**



Activities in Lungtine and Hatikalli

On 05 teacher's day was celebrated
 On 08 September the annual school day was celebrated.
 In Hatikalli Medical Camp was organised



DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES IN MARIAKRIPA MANGALORE

Drop of Charity to KERALA - on the beautiful day of the feast of St. Mariam, Maria Kripa community sent to Kerala to help the people those are affected by floods, all the things which they collected with the help of our teachers, friends



and benefactors.

Fr. Jacob is installed Priest-in-charge of the Malayalam Community in Kasaragod (Diocese of Mangalore). It is the new mass cen-



tre created for the faithful to meet their spiritual needs. This new possibility of the mission started with the help of the senior fathers who worked in Kasargod. Newly ordained Fathers Shamon & Reegan celebrated their thanks giving mass.

Our brothers carried a public service in cleaning the filling up the path holes in the road . This act of social work was appreciated by many.

BETHARRAM SACRED HEART PARISH

On 3rd September Betharram Sacred Heart Parish had a friendly football match with St Thomas parish. This brought the youth of the both the Parishes together.



TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Betharram Sacred Heart school celebrated the teacher's day. It was a grand celebration. Thanks to the hard work of the sisters of incarnation. Fr Rolan sdb vice principal of Don Bosco High school, Sojong was the chief guest of the programme. The day was successful and parents appreciated the program. All program was conducted and performed by the children



ST MARY'S SCHOOL, DANSILA

St Mary's school at Dansila also celebrated the teacher's day on 6th. Programs were conducted and organized by student themselves.

YEDAVANAHALLI PARISH ACTIVITIES

News from Yadvanahalli Church, we have gone to Vellankani as a pilgrimage during the novena days in the beginning of the September month. We had inter parish sports held in our parish all the youth participated in the sports cricket as well as throw ball match were conducted. Spiritual activities are going on we are having rosary in the families in order to celebrate on our lady of Rosary feast on 14 October special prayers are offered during the rosary.

Pilgrimage to Velankanni, throw ball match and Rosary in the houses



Taladigi Parish Activities

On 16/09/18 we had couples day celebration. 22 couples took part in this. Fr. Lawrence was the resource person. This was mainly to strengthen and promote the good family life and to be good example for the future generation. We began the program with Holy mass and had 2 talks on holy family life. we provided food and conducted some funny games for them.