



MARCH 2023

# CATCH-UP!

The Catholic Club Newsletter

Lent is like  
a strenuous  
mountain trek...  
While we hike up the  
mountain, we must  
keep our eyes on the  
path before us, but at  
the top, we are rewarded  
by the beautiful panorama  
that confronts us.



# From the PRESIDENT's DESK



Dear Fellow Members,

As we enter the season of Lent, entertainment will take the back seat and our Lenten Recollection programmes will be held once a week. These programmes will help us reflect on our spiritual lives and to thank the Lord for all that he has given us. The first recollection was a very interesting session conducted by Fr. Sandeep Menezes. The Rabbis choir was awesome and made the evening an enjoyable one. We will be having many more interesting sessions being conducted by Msgr. Jayanathan and many other talented preachers. We are also planning some biblical movies on a few Fridays. I look forward to meeting you dear members at these programmes. Please do attend in large numbers.

The month of February saw the month of love celebrated with great fervour at the club and the month was truly a 'Blast before the Fast!'. The activities and entertainment were non-stop and highly entertaining in all departments starting with the Sunday brunches, Bumper Housie, Bar Nites, Ladies Coffee Mornings, the ikidzone activities and the cards knockout tournaments. The IPL 5 a side cricket tournament had a record participation and was played in a truly competitive spirit.

Our Seniors turned out in large numbers on Valentine's Day dressed to kill and had a fantastic evening with their Valentines. As usual they had a blast with the games organised and danced the night away with the band Blue Nights after having a delicious meal prepared by our caterers.

The Noon to Moon Festa Do Carnaval in association with the Karnataka Goan Association was well attended and the club was colourfully decorated on that day which

put everyone in a very festive mood. King Momo and his troupe and the various performances by the Kga electrified the dance floor. Our Emcee Jonathan kept the members and their guests entertained and on their feet with some awesome music from one of Goa's leading band's Silver Linings and the Fernandes Trio, who were mind blowing and 'DJ Neil' who performed till late at night.

It was indeed heartening to see the number of youth who participated in the Amateur nite which was well organised and showcased some great talent. The youth band CCYMP performed after the competition and kept the members entertained for the rest of the night.

Saturday evenings and Sunday brunches will continue as usual with soft music. There will also be gospel musical evening on the 25<sup>th</sup> by Domnic. Don't miss these events...be there.

The vendor for the sportico restrooms has been finalised and the work will commence immediately. We plan to complete them in 40 days.

The collapsible barricade has been installed and commissioned too.

May God give us the grace to reflect on our spiritual lives and be more charitable during this season of Lent. God bless all of you my dear members.

**Ricky Patel**  
**President**

# Message of the Holy Father

## Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount the episode of the Transfiguration of Jesus. There we see the Lord's response to the failure of his disciples to understand him. Shortly before, there had been a real clash between the Master and Simon Peter, who, after professing his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, rejected his prediction of the passion and the cross. Jesus had firmly rebuked him: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a scandal to me, because you do not think according to God, but according to men!" (Mt 16:23). Following this, "six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John his brother and led them away to a high mountain" (Mt 17:1).

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – asceticism – as God's holy people.

Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. These requisites are also important for the synodal journey to which, as a Church, we are committed to making. We can benefit greatly from reflecting on the relationship between Lenten penance and the synodal experience.

In his "retreat" on Mount Tabor, Jesus takes with him three disciples, chosen to be witnesses of a unique event. He wants that experience of grace to be shared, not solitary, just as our whole life of faith is an experience that is shared. For it is in togetherness that we follow Jesus. Together too, as a pilgrim Church in time, we experience the liturgical year and Lent within it, walking alongside those whom the Lord has placed among us as fellow travellers. Like the ascent of Jesus and the disciples to Mount Tabor, we can say that our Lenten journey is "synodal", since we make it together along the same path, as disciples of the one Master. For we know that Jesus is himself the Way, and therefore, both in the liturgical journey and in the journey of the Synod, the Church does nothing other than enter ever more deeply and fully into the mystery of Christ the Saviour.

And so we come to its culmination. The Gospel relates that Jesus "was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light" (Mt 17:2). This is the "summit", the goal of the journey. At the end of their ascent, as they stand on the mountain heights with Jesus, the three disciples are given the grace of seeing him in his glory, resplendent in supernatural light. That light did not come from without, but radiated from the Lord himself. The divine beauty of this vision was incomparably greater than all the efforts the disciples had made in the ascent of Tabor. During any strenuous mountain trek, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on the path; yet the panorama that opens up at the end amazes us and rewards us by its grandeur. So too, the synodal process may often seem arduous, and at times we may become discouraged. Yet what awaits us at the end is undoubtedly something wondrous and amazing, which will help us to understand better God's will and our mission in the service of his kingdom.

The disciples' experience on Mount Tabor was further enriched when, alongside the transfigured Jesus, Moses and Elijah appeared, signifying respectively the Law and the Prophets (cf. Mt 17:3). The newness of Christ is at the same time the fulfilment of the ancient covenant and promises; it is inseparable from God's history with his people and discloses its deeper meaning. In a similar way, the synodal journey is rooted in the Church's tradition and at the same time open to newness. Tradition is a source of inspiration for seeking new paths and for avoiding the opposed temptations of immobility and improvised experimentation.

The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two "paths" to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal.

The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: "Listen to him" (Mt 17:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church.

On hearing the Father's voice, the disciples "fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and do not be afraid.' And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone" (Mt 17:6-8). Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow "him alone". Lent leads to Easter: the "retreat" is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection. Also on the synodal journey, when God gives us the grace of certain powerful experiences of communion, we should not imagine that we have arrived – for there too, the Lord repeats to us: "Rise, and do not be afraid". Let us go down, then, to the plain, and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be "artisans of synodality" in the ordinary life of our communities.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 January,  
Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

**FRANCIS**





CATHOLIC CLUB

iBrowse Book Club

# KIRTANA KUMAR

AUTHOR OF

## BANGALORE BLUES

IN CONVERSATION WITH

### 4TH MARCH

SATURDAY

### 7 PM

QUADRANGLE

MEMBERS FREE ENTRY

GUESTS: RS. 150/-

SNACKS AND A DRINK INCLUDED

*Followed thereafter  
Music by Val & Cliff  
will keep you on your  
toes. Don't Miss it!!!*

BOOK ON SALE AT  
SPECIAL DISCOUNT

### IAN FARIA





# AMATEUR NITE 2023





Catholic Club  
presents



BILLIARDS

# XXI CARLISLE BARTLEY MEMORIAL

Prize Money Double Frame Handicap  
Snooker Tournament 2023

STARTING FROM  
WEDNESDAY  
15TH FEB 2023







**SPORTICO**  
INDOOR/OUTDOOR



## The 5-a-side Cricket League Tournament

was held at the Catholic Club quadrangle on Saturday 25th February. The league was contested by 4 teams and the owners bid for players from a pool of 30 people. The auction was held on 16th Feb and 28 players were selected to form the 4 teams. Each team played against the other once, with 5 overs to be bowled by different team players in every match. At the end of the round robin league, 3 teams had won 2 of their 3 matches and hence the two finalists had to be decided on a super bowl-out. All 7 players in a team were supposed to bowl once and try to hit the stumps. Two teams managed to hit the stumps once, while one team drew a blank and therefore failed to qualify for the Finals. The Blazing Fireballs team, owned by Adrian Fernandes and captained by Vikram, won the tournament. The Royal Strikers team, owned by Vincent & Sunil, were runners-up. Ammar Fareed organized the entire event almost single-handedly, with Gavin doing the announcements and scoring. The Winners trophy was presented by Mr. Cedric Vaz, MIC, and the Runners-up trophies were given away by Mr. Sydney Frank.



**Cedric Vaz - MIC**





LADIES COMMITTEE



THIS WOMEN'S DAY WE

# Celebrate YOU



**MAR 8TH**  
**WED**  
**6:30 PM**

**WHERE THERE IS A WOMAN**

**THERE IS MAGIC**

**A DANCE PARTY**

**WITH TAMBOLA & GAMES**

**BID TO WIN**

**THE CELEBRITY HAMPER**

**MEMBERS: RS 300/-**

**INCLUDES A SNACK**

**GUESTS: RS 450/-**

**& A DRINK**





LADIES COMMITTEE



SAI DO  
**CHÃO!**

The Ladies Bar  
Night







Catholic Club Presents



# **SUPER SENIORS**

## **VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL**



















iBrowse Book Club



**BREAK**  
the stigma







**FAITH**



# LENT

*the  
story  
of two  
tombs*

**18TH MARCH  
7 PM**

**REFLECT WITH  
JASMINE**

Music  
by Fabian





# Feel His Presence



CANUTE D'CRUZ  
DRUMS/VOCALS



DOMINIC D'CRUZ  
GUITAR/VOCALS



ERIC SAMUEL  
GUITAR



JERUSHA LAWRENCE-D'CRUZ  
VOCALS



PEARL MUKADAM  
BASS



MARIA RALPH  
KEYS

A CONCERT OF  
CHRISTIAN MUSIC

WITH  
DOMINIC D'CRUZ  
& FRIENDS

SATURDAY,  
MARCH 25, 2023

@ 7 pm



# CONGRATULATIONS



**Anya Maria D'Souza, 12 years** placed 2nd at the Karnataka State Sub Junior Artistic Gymnastics Competition held in Bangalore in January 2023.

She then went on to represent Karnataka at the Sub Junior National Artistic Gymnastics Competition held in Kolkata in February.

The Karnataka Women's Sub Junior Team came 3rd overall securing a bronze medal, bringing laurels to the State by winning a medal after 15 years.

Anya herself also performed well in the National Individual Artistic Gymnastics competition securing 16th place overall in the country.

In December she came 8th overall in the CBSE National artistic gymnastics competition held in Hyderabad.

## The Voter ID App for New Registrations

Welcome to new India.

If you've moved into the city recently, you can change to your present address n vote!

Once registered follow up with your local Bangalore One Office if required but generally it works!

### App Link for Voter ID

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.eci.citizen>

For all your BBMP related queries go to the **BBMP BangaloreOne Office** directly. *(instead of brokers.)*



# MARCH

## PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

Date	Days	Programmes	Timings
04-03-2023	Saturday	iBrowse Book Launch of Kirtana Kumar's Book Bangalore Blues in the Quadrangle followed thereafter music by Val & Cliff	7.00 PM
05-03-2023	Sunday	Sunday Brunch Mini Bumper Housie - Prize Money Rs. 50,000	12.30 PM 7.00 PM
06-03-2023	Monday	Whist Drive	6.00 PM
07-03-2023	Tuesday	Bridge	6.00 PM
08-03-2023	Wednesday	Women's Day - Celebrate YOU!	6.30 PM
10-03-2023	Friday	<b>Faith Programme - Stations of the Cross</b>	7.00 PM
11-03-2023	Saturday	Musical Evening by DJ Neil	8.30 PM
12-03-2023	Sunday	Sunday Brunch Regular Housie	12.30 PM 7.00 PM
13-03-2023	Monday	Whist Drive	6.00 PM
14-03-2023	Tuesday	Bridge	6.00 PM
18-03-2023	Saturday	<b>Faith Programme - Lent the story of Two Tombs</b> -Reflect with Jasmine & music by Fabian Musical Evening by Fabian White	7.00 PM 8.30 PM
19-03-2023	Sunday	Romp Run Sunday Brunch All Round Morning Bingo Housie - Gaurantee Prize Money - Rs. 50,000	6.00 AM 12.30PM 11.00 AM
20-03-2023	Monday	Whist Drive	6.00 PM
21-03-2023	Tuesday	Bridge	6.00 PM
24-03-2023	Friday	<b>Faith Programme -Biblical Movie</b>	7.00 PM
25-03-2023	Saturday	<b>A Concert of Christian Music</b> <b>- Feel His Presence with Dominic &amp; Friends</b>	7.00 PM
26-03-2023	Sunday	Sunday Brunch Regular Housie	12.30 PM 7.00 PM
27-03-2023	Monday	Tin & Bottle Badminton Tournament	5.00 PM
28-03-2023	Tuesday	Tin & Bottle Badminton Tournament	5.00 PM
29-03-2023	Wednesday	Tin & Bottle Badminton Tournament	5.00 PM
30-03-2023	Thursday	Tin & Bottle Badminton Tournament	5.00 PM
31-03-2023	Friday	Tin & Bottle Badminton Tournament <b>Faith Programme - Stations of the Cross</b>	5.00 PM 7.00 PM