



# Catch Up!

The Catholic Club Monthly Newsletter

February **2025**

## From the President's Desk...

*Dear Fellow Members,*

After a hectic but enjoyable festive season, our Club is now back to its original appearance, with the decorations and lighting removed. I hope our members have already gone through the exercise of catching their breath after an exhausting season. Hope the year has started well for all, especially for those with New Year resolutions they wanted to implement!

January was packed with various activities and your spirited involvement made every event a resounding success. The warm ambience of our Bar Nights created the perfect setting for members to unwind from the week's stress and connect with members and friends. The Whist Drive and Bridge games brought members together for friendly competition and camaraderie. This was followed by the Faith Program where Fr. Denzil Lobo, S. J, Dean- School of Information Technologies at St Joseph's University, gave us an inspirational evening and special blessings for the Managing Committee to celebrate the feast of Infant Jesus. A big thank you to Coreen D'Souza Fareed, MIC Faith for bringing these preachers to our Club and enlightening us.

Bingo is back to its routine schedule after a break, which brought joy and excitement to our Sunday and I'm certain that many of the members and their guests look forward to their visit to our Club, especially in the morning which is followed by Brunch. We have seen a greater number of housie players of late, thank you to Warren Gawde MIC Housie and his subcommittee for working to bring in members to play.

We saw an increased participation in 'What's The Good Word' conducted by Gavin Cordeiro which was well contested. Congratulations to the winners.



We had the opportunity to play the 4th Fellowship Snooker and Billiards tournament at Bangalore Club. Our Snooker and Billiards teams did extremely well and came out victorious with a 6-3 win, retaining the Rolling trophy

from the last tournament.

Congratulations to Amar Fareed for winning the Pool Tournament, beating Ashley in a closely fought match.

Entertainment continued to be at its best with our Friday Bar Nights, Saturday Night Musicals and Sunday Brunches. The cocktails and offers from the bar added great value to these events. A reminder to our members that underage children are not allowed to dine inside the Bar area. A request to all members to please follow the rules which will help us avoid being questioned by excise personnel when they have inspections of our premises.

Some of our first-time on-stage memories were created at the well-attended Amateur Nite. Thank you, Hrishi and his subcommittee, for putting on a great show. Watch out for the Bohemian Brunch on 16th February 2025.

The unfurling of our National Flag on Republic Day was well attended, which was followed by complimentary breakfast for our members. The morning Housie was well patronised by our members. Congratulations to all the winners.

Republic Day Brunch was held with a special menu and a superb performance by Mike Kerr and his band Hard Attack which saw both our members and their guests enjoying the festive atmosphere. The live streaming of the Coldplay concert in the evening created a pulsating atmosphere in the club.

The iKidzone continues to have some enjoyable events for kids, which are attracting large numbers. We are also making efforts to bring in new books to our well-equipped Library. Stay tuned for the new books. We conducted the Intra Catholic Club Chess competition which had a substantial number of participants. Congratulations to the winners and hope we see new faces at the winning line. Our own committee members Jeffrey Crasta and Ajith Lobo participated in the competition.

The Ladies Event held 'An Evening in Las Vegas'. Once again, it was party time for the Ladies of Catholic Club which was an enjoyable event and a great success due to the good turnout of members.

A lot of effort has been put in by our Vice President Mr. David D'Souza to have our Catholic Club SOP in

place, who has spent a lot of sleepless nights working on all departments to put processes in place, in order to ensure that no process is bypassed or ignored and bring in total transparency in the working of the club. Thank you David for your great effort; many down the line will remember you for your vast knowledge and expertise which you are using to implement the smooth running practices of the Club.

We are in the process of procuring a few more dumbbell weights for the gym as per the requirements of our health conscience members. Thank you to Nelson for ensuring the members are given the opportunity to rebuild their health and muscles. Fun finger food and reasonably priced new dishes have been introduced by our caterers. Taste them, you will not be disappointed.

February, when love is in the air, will be packed with a lot of Entertainment. The Saturday Night Musicals, The Sunday Brunch and Super Seniors Valentine's Day will keep you dear members entertained before we go into the Lenten Period. There will be some great

performers during these events, have a look at the program sheet and save the dates.

Congratulations and a big thank you to all the Committee Members and their respective Subcommittee members for their dedicated hard work in organizing these events.

We cannot miss mentioning one man who has been instrumental in keeping Catholic Club running smoothly, which is Mr Lowell Fernandes, MIC Estate who has helmed his team and ensured ZERO DOWN TIME for the month of January 2025, with all equipment running in perfect condition.

As I end my note, here's wishing you all a month of love...and looking forward to meeting everyone at the fun activities we've planned for you for the month of February.

Warm Regards,

**Jude Rajesh Ferrao**  
President

## Faith



January 10th 2025 saw Fr. Denzil Lobo, Dean, School of Information Technology, St. Joseph's University, Bangalore, deliver a very interesting presentation on CONQUERING OUR PERSONAL CHALLENGES IN THE NEW YEAR.

Members and guests who were present had a very fulfilling evening. We had Hiren and his troupe who gave us beautiful numbers of Praise and Worship. A big thank you to the group.

I would like to take this opportunity, along with my sub-committee, to thank you all, dear Members for the support extended at FAITH events. It brings us great joy to see so many of you present.

We look forward to bringing you some more inspirational evenings this year.

Faithfully yours,

**Coreen D'Souza Fareed**  
MIC - FAITH





# iBrowse

After an intense launch with “Bangalorean” and a cook in with “Bridget White, we now bring you a Historical book on Travancore “Echoes of History” - Travancore’s Legacy by Sunitha Srinivasan. Get set for an evening with a difference.

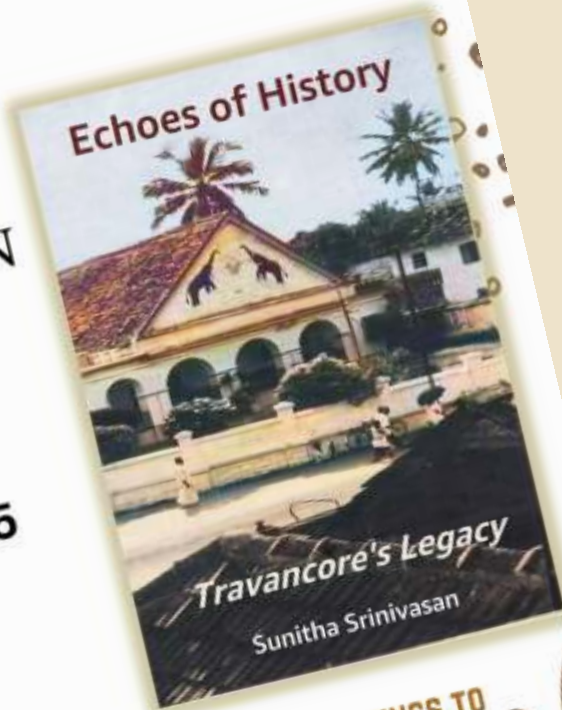
Gavin Cordeiro  
MIC



## iBrowse Book Club

Invites you to join us for a  
discussion with  
Author  
**SUNITHA SRINIVASAN**

On  
Friday  
**21st February 2025**  
@ 7 pm



**ECHOES OF HISTORY IS A HISTORICAL NARRATIVE THAT BRINGS TO  
LIFE THE FORMER PRINCELY STATES OF TRAVANCORE AND COCHIN.**

**All are welcome**

# What's The Good



The event was conducted outdoors this time, and audience participation played a big role in cheering on the full house of players.

Congratulations to the Winners.

See you all at the next episode on Saturday February 22nd.

**Gavin Cordeiro**  
MIC



A large, tilted promotional flyer for the event. The flyer has a white background with red and blue accents. At the top left is a blue logo with the letters 'CT'. The main title 'What's the Good Word' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, it says 'ON SATURDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 2025 @ 7 PM' and 'REGISTRATION @ 6.30 PM'. In the center, there is a graphic of a trail of red hearts. Below the hearts, it says 'WITH A THEME OF ROMANCE'. To the right of this text is a red circular badge that says 'TEAMS OF 3'. At the bottom of the flyer, it says 'Don't miss out on the fun &amp; excitement'. The flyer is decorated with red geometric shapes and heart patterns.





# Billiards



The Pool Tournament was great fun, especially for the many newcomers who played.

***Congratulations to Ammar Fareed (The Winner) and Ashley Williams (The Runner Up)***

In the Bangalore Club Vs Catholic Club Tournament for the fellowship Trophy our Club won for the 2nd time in a row!

From February 15th we will be conducting the Carlisle Bartley Memorial Prize Money Singles Handicap Double Frame Snooker Tournament. Do give in your entries early. See the Poster for details

**Gavin Cordeiro**  
MIC

**XXIII CARLISLE BARTLEY**  
Memorial Prize Money Singles  
Handicap Double Frame  
Snooker Tournament 2025

Start Date  
**15th** February 2025  
**TO**  
**4th** March 2025

Grand Prize  
**₹ 50000**  
Cash Rewards

Registrations are open

Entry Fee  
Rs. 1000 Per Player

Please Register With The Markers At The CC Billiard Room

# ENTERTAINMENT

After a hectic and action-packed December, January at the Catholic Club was a welcome change of pace, with a quieter atmosphere in comparison. However, the Friday Bar nights remained as lively as ever, with many of our favourite performers ensuring the energy stayed high.

Our Saturday nights and Sunday brunches offered a perfect opportunity for Members and their families to come together, enjoy each other's company, and revel in the foot-tapping music that echoed throughout the club.

The special brunch organized for Republic Day on January 26th was a standout event, featuring Hard Attack, led by our very own Mike Kerr. This premier 5-piece band from Bangalore made the day even more memorable, and the event was a resounding success. Many Members have since expressed interest in making these special brunches a regular monthly

feature - something we are certainly considering.

Looking ahead to February, we have some exciting events lined up, starting with the Bohemian Brunch on Sunday, February 16th, featuring DJ Martin D'Souza. Our Youth group is putting in a lot of effort to make this a truly unforgettable experience, including a carefully curated brunch menu and a selection of fantastic gin cocktails at remarkably low prices. With all the fun activities planned, we are expecting a large turnout, and we're excited to see our weekends filled with laughter, music, and good cheer.

We look forward to welcoming all our Members and ensuring that February is as vibrant and enjoyable as ever.

**Michael Saldanha**  
MIC



The poster for the Bohemian Brunch event features a vibrant, tropical theme. At the top left is the Catholic Club (CC) logo. The main title 'BOHEMIAN BRUNCH' is written in a large, bold, red font with a white outline. Below it, the date and time 'Sunday, 16th February 2025 @ 12.30 pm' are displayed in a warm, orange-brown font. The central image shows DJ Martin D'Souza wearing headphones and holding a microphone, set against a background of a beach with a pink flamingo, palm trees, and a sunset. The text 'DJ Martin D'Souza' is written in a cursive font, with a tagline below it: 'Listening to the irresistible tunes, let your feet and spirit guide you, and dance to the music with all your heart.' The entry prices are listed as 'Entry Member Rs. 200 Guest Rs. 400'. At the bottom, a pink banner reads 'Theme - Boho, Floral Attire'. The background of the poster is decorated with colorful hibiscus flowers and a beach scene.

**BOHEMIAN BRUNCH**  
Sunday, 16th February 2025  
@ 12.30 pm

**DJ**  
*Martin D'Souza*  
Listening to the irresistible tunes, let your feet and spirit guide you, and dance to the music with all your heart.

**Entry**  
Member Rs. 200  
Guest Rs. 400

**Theme - Boho, Floral Attire**



# Sassy Seniors



**Sassy Seniors**

ENTRY 60+ & ABOVE

Dress Code: RED/WHITE & PINK

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY CELEBRATIONS

MUSIC BY

**THE PEREIRA BOYS**  
(UNLIMITED ENTERTAINMENT)

THURSDAY  
20TH FEBRUARY 2025  
@ 6.30 PM

Love Passes - Member Rs. 450 | Guest Rs. 650

The celebration has evolved to include self-love and self-care, encouraging individuals to indulge in activities that bring joy and relaxation. Ultimately, honoring the rich experiences and relationships elders have nurtured over their lifetimes.

Valentine's Day is about spreading love and kindness to everyone around us.





# Swimming POOL

All systems are good to go in the Pool. The jacuzzi and steam are popular with the Squash and Badminton players. We are seeing a few of the seniors patronizing the jacuzzi as well. There's nothing better than relaxing in the hot bubbling water at the end of a long day. The Pool is popular as well with the junior swimming camps.... incubation centres for the next Olympic champions.

**Suresh Monteiro**  
MIC

## Sportico

### Chess, TT and Badminton Updates!

We are thrilled to announce the successful completion of our first-ever Chess Championship, which saw an overwhelming response with over 35 chess enthusiasts participating. Savin Thomas emerged as the champion, securing a flawless victory by winning 5 out of 5 games! A special thank you to our Past President, Ricky Patel, for gracing the event and presenting the prizes.

Meanwhile, our Table Tennis team put up a spirited performance at the Century Club TT Tournament, winning several games against formidable opponents. A big round of applause to our players for their determination and effort!

Looking ahead, our Badminton Monthly League Qualifier Tournament is set to take place from 27th to 31st. Players, get ready to showcase your skills and earn your spot in the league!

Stay tuned for more action-packed updates from Sportico!

**Ajit Lobo**  
MIC







# JOIN THE GYM

**GET FIT. GET STRONGER.**

	Monthly	Yearly
Members	₹750	₹3600
Family	₹1130	₹5400
Guest	₹1500	-

FOR CUSTOMISED TRAINING  
PLAN & ADVICE  
TALK TO OUR TRAINERS

Wayne +91 99724 27263  
Suresh +91 63661 25909





## Estate

There have been a lot of changes brought into the maintenance of equipment and the facilities at Catholic Club, from getting the Swimming Pool beams painted to getting the organic waste converter machine up and running. We now have the wet waste converted and put to good use after more than a year. Systems at the Pool have all been rectified, are now in good condition and working well.

Well defined SOP's have been put in place by our Vice President, David D'Souza and are being adapted and followed around the Club. Having put these SOP's in operation, there now is a lot more accountability on our Staff to take good care of the equipment and machinery. A thank you to our President Rajesh Ferrao for his continuous support and guidance.

We have repaired the access ramp at the kitchen area. This has made the ramp connecting the dish washing area safe for our Staff to use for various day to day tasks.

As it was a busy season for the Chambers, we had to postpone the change of the corroded GI water pipes over to CPVC. We have finalized the vendor for the

same and work will commence soon. Once completed it will help in supplying the rooms with hot water in an instant with the installation of the circulation pump. This change will completely reduce the water wastage while waiting for hot water to flow in the taps.

The EGM Project works have not started and are being looked into as per procedure. As discussed in the EGM, the structural report will be obtained to check the stability of the building before we start any of the work. Safety is our primary concern.

We are awaiting the details for a separate entry to the ballroom toilets and on the renovation works for the Swimming Pool toilets from our architects, we will keep you updated.

Please reach out to us with any suggestions at [mic-estate@catholicclub.com](mailto:mic-estate@catholicclub.com), [head-estate@catholicclub.com](mailto:head-estate@catholicclub.com) with a copy to [secretary@catholicclub.com](mailto:secretary@catholicclub.com) and we will try and implement the improvements as suggested.

Thank you,

**Lowell Fernandes**  
MIC-Estate



## February Programmes

1 Saturday	<b>Musical Evening</b>	8.00pm
2 Sunday	<b>Brunch</b>	12.30pm
3 Monday	<b>Whist Drive</b>	6.00pm
4 Tuesday	<b>Bridge</b>	6.00pm
7 Friday	<b>Bar Nite</b>	8.00pm
8 Saturday	<b>Musical Evening</b>	8.00pm
9 Sunday	<b>Brunch</b>	12.30pm
10 Monday	<b>Whist Drive</b>	6.00pm
11 Tuesday	<b>Bridge</b>	6.00pm
14 Friday	<b>Bar Nite</b>	8.00pm
15 Saturday	<b>Musical Evening</b>	8.00pm
16 Sunday	<b>Bohemian Brunch</b>	12.30pm
17 Monday	<b>Whist Drive</b>	6.00pm
18 Tuesday	<b>Bridge</b>	6.00pm
20 Thursday	<b>Elders' Evening</b>	6.30pm
21 Friday	<b>ibrowse</b>	7.00pm
22 Saturday	<b>What's The Good Word</b>	7.00pm
	<b>Musical Evening</b>	8.00pm
23 Sunday	<b>Brunch</b>	12.30pm
24 Monday	<b>Whist Drive</b>	6.00pm
25 Tuesday	<b>Bridge</b>	6.00pm
28 Friday	<b>Bar Nite</b>	8.00pm

## Ladies

After fun events from the Ladies department last year, this year will have a lot more to add to your book of memories.

Along with my sub-committee, I would like to say a big thank you to our lady Members for the support extended. This makes it possible to have more events that you will surely enjoy.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Warm regards,

**Coreen D'Souza Fareed**  
MIC - Ladies



**CATHOLIC CLUB**  
22, Museum Road, Bangalore - 560 025  
P: 080-49023333 | E: [info@catholicclub.com](mailto:info@catholicclub.com)  
[www.catholicclub.com](http://www.catholicclub.com)

For Private Circulation Only.