



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CHURCH, WADALA (E)

Community Link - February 2020

My dear Parishioners,

As I write these few words, we are preparing to celebrate the **feast of St John Bosco on 31st January**. Happy Feast to each one of you and God's blessings on all of you who as part of the Salesian parish also share in his mission. We begin the month of February with the feast of the **Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ on 2nd February**, which is also a wonderful celebration of the day of Consecrated Life. Let us continue to pray for more vocations to the Priesthood and to the Salesian way of life.

On **Saturday 15th February we are having an SCC (Small Christian Community) Rally in our parish**. The purpose of the rally is to get to know parishioners from the other SCCs in our parish while also promoting collaboration between communities. We shall also get to know of the activities and functioning of other SCCs. Through an input session we shall also strive to understand what is an SCC and its role in the life and growth of the parish. And of-course we come together to pray for all our SCCs. We have invited 10 people from each SCC and we are sorry we cannot accommodate all our parishioners for this rally. We look forward to a vibrant rally, and enthusiastic participation, to bring about a renewal of the whole SCC movement in St. Dominic Savio Parish.

On **Saturday 22nd February** some of our youngsters who have gone through the preparation will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. As they make the transition from being children in the faith, to become adult confirmed Catholics we ask for God's blessings upon them that they may continue to grow in their faith and in their relationship with God. I take this moment to **remind all parents of the responsibility you took at your marriage, to bring up your children in the faith**. There are parents for whom football and hockey or basketball coaching, and even sleep on Sunday mornings is more important than Sunday Mass and Catechism. There are children in our parish who stop coming for Sunday school once they receive First Holy Communion and next appear in Church after 6 years for the sacrament of Confirmation. I know that some parents believe that they are above all these so called "little things" like Sunday Mass, Family prayer, Sunday Catechism etc. But when your grown up child turns against God and against you, do not be surprised. These are the values you discarded in their infancy. **My dear parents, please make good decisions for the future of your child.**

Later in the month we begin the season of Lent, with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday on 26th February**. During this season each one of us is invited to do some act of self-denial which will help us to imitate and come closer to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. My dear parishioners as we go through life we have to stand up for our beliefs and convictions. May St. John Bosco inspire and help us to fulfil our duty towards God and country. As the theme for this year as given to us by our Rector Major Fr Angel Fernandez Artime reminds us, may we all strive to be **GOOD CHRISTIANS AND UPRIGHT CITIZENS**. May the good Lord shower his choicest blessings upon you and your families.

Yours affectionately in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Savio D'Souza. sdb.
Parish Priest.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2020

- 15th February : SCC Rally
- 16th February : Special Mass for students of 10th and 12th Std at 8:00am
- 22nd February : Confirmation mass at 6:00pm
- 26th February : Ash Wednesday

COMMUNITIES ANIMATING SUNDAY LITURGY

January 2020

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| 1st Feb. | 6:30pm | Eucress D&E |
| 2ND Feb | 10:30am | PPC |
| 8TH Feb | 6:30pm | Post Office |
| 9th Feb | 10:30am | Legion Of Mary |
| 15th Feb | 6:30pm | Bombay Catholic Sabha |

February 2020 Contd.

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| 16th Feb | 10:30am | F.W.A |
| 22nd Feb | 6:30pm | Margaret house |
| 23rd Feb | 10:30am | Dosti Estates |
| 29th Feb | 6:30pm | Bank Buildings |

March 2020

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| 1st March | 10:30pm | PPC |
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GOSPEL SHARING IN THE SCC MEETINGS: February 2020

Step 1. Opening Hymn

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning (3).
Give me oil in my lamp I pray, Alleluia,
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, burning, burning.
Keep me burning till the break of day.

**Come on and sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna
To the king of kings. Come on and.....to the king.**

Step 2. Read the Gospel Text Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled under foot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your father in heaven.'

The word of the lord

Step 3. We pick out words and phrases which struck us and repeat them 3 times.

Step 4. We remain silent for 2 minutes and allow god to speak to us.

Step 5. We share on what struck us in the gospel passage.

Intercession

Pray for the SCC rally.
Pray for the functioning of all SCC's.
Pray for all the animators of our SCC's.
Pray for the witnesses of the whole Christian community.
Pray for Divine renovation.
Pray for our Parish and all the priests.
Pray for your personal needs.

Step 6. Concluding hymn.

**This little guiding light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
This little guiding light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
This little guiding light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine**

Hide it under a bushel, oh no
I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, oh no
I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, oh no
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine , all the time, let it shine.

