



# ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CHURCH, WADALA (E)

## Community Link - August 2019

My dear Parishioners,

God caresses us with His Love and Mercy, and so we too should bring God's tender caress to others especially to those in need. As we celebrated Parents' Day last month, I reminded the parents who attended the programme in the parish, that they are the Face of God in their families, and especially to their children. And hence relationships in the family ought to be full of Mercy and Love. Today as we celebrate Vianney Sunday, we priests are reminded of our calling to be the Face of God to you dear parishioners. We remind ourselves of our vocation to be God's caress of Love and Mercy to you - His people - especially in the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. My dear people, please pray for your priests and do support us in our work of spreading His presence and His Kingdom here on earth. Together we are living His mandate of being Missionary Disciples in the world today. The process of the Divine Renovation and Transformation of our parish is moving forward. This month we shall begin Alpha with a pilot group. The specialty of this group is that the training is being done by our very own parishioners who have themselves undergone a training programme, and have made themselves available to proclaim Christ and his message of salvation to all people. I hope many others will join us as we strive to be Missionary Disciples who help the Kingdom of God to grow by bringing about a spiritual renewal in our parish. We are moving from mere maintenance of our parish to being missionary disciples of our Lord.

On 15th August we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Independence Day. (It is a day of obligation, which means we are obliged to go for Mass on the 15th) While we are free from the yoke of the British, we need to break free completely from the yoke of sin. We have been freed from sin by Jesus' death and resurrection. May his death not be in vain. Like our Blessed Mother may we too be worthy of heaven one day.

I take this opportunity to thank each one of you, for the many wishes, messages, phone calls and gifts I received on my birthday. (not to mention all the yummy dishes that arrived on our table!!!) I appreciate your support and cooperation that we priests receive in all the initiatives we take in the parish. A heartfelt Thank you. Being Christian is not merely following the commandments, but it is about allowing God to transform our lives. May the good Lord bless our parish, and may the Holy Spirit continue to inspire and guide us on the journey to becoming Missionary Disciples, and as we work towards the Divine Renovation and Transformation of our Parish.

Yours affectionately in Jesus Christ,

**Fr. Savio D'Souza sdb.**  
(Parish Priest.)

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th August	:	VIANNEY SUNDAY
14th August	:	6:30pm Mass for Children
15th August	:	Feast of Our Lady of Assumption / Flag Hoisting at 7:45am
17th August	:	6:30pm Mass Renewal of Marriage Wows; for Couples celebrating their Anniversaries from Feb - Jul
22nd August	:	Anniversary of the Parish Foundation Day
29th August	:	Novena of Our Lady of Nativity Begins

### COMMUNITIES ANIMATING SUNDAY LITURGY

#### August 2019

03 Aug	6:30pm	Bank Bldg
04 Aug	10:30am	PPC
10 Aug	6:30pm	Legion of Mary
11 Aug	10:30am	Women's Cell
17 Aug	6:30pm	Family Cell
18 Aug	10:30am	FWA
24 Aug	6:30pm	Dosti Estate
25 Aug	10:30am	Bhakti Park

#### September 2019

01 Sept.	10:30 pm	PPC
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## GOSPEL SHARING IN THE SCC MEETINGS : AUGUST 2019

### STEP 1 . Opening Hymn/God still loves the world

The Savior is waiting to enter your heart,  
Why don't you let Him come in?  
There's nothing in this world to keep you apart,  
What is your answer to Him?

**Time after time He has waited before,  
And now He is waiting again  
To see if you're willing to open the door:  
O how He wants to come in.**



### STEP 2. Read the Gospel Text Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

**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.**

### Reflection

Seasons change, situations change, and so we plan and to try to prepare ourselves for that change. Parents buy school clothes and supplies for the coming year. Business people make plans for the year. Farmers look forward to sowing the seed and then harvesting the crop. We all look ahead, plan, anticipate, and try to be prepared. It is part of life. The 'hour of Jesus' is often mentioned in the gospel. Jesus tells us to be ready for Him and to prepare ourselves so that we are able to recognize him. Through prayer, days of recollections or retreats, or through our participation in Church services and activities we prepare for the future. Jesus warns us about being caught unprepared, and extols the value of watchfulness, vigilance and readiness. Be ready because you do not know when the Son of Man will come. Hence we need to live in such a way that every hour is considered as the hour of Jesus' coming. We do not know the hour, but we have been forewarned.

### STEP 6. Concluding Hymn.

**Put on the armour of Jesus Christ,  
Build up your strength in the Lord.  
Grid yourself with his truth, carry faith as a shield,  
The good news a sword in your hand.**

Let your lamps be girt and your lamps alight,  
Waiting for the day when the Master comes  
May He finds you watching when he return:  
He'll come like a thief in the night.



**STEP 7. Discuss the task to be carried out for the month of August.**