



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CHURCH, WADALA (E)

Community Link - July 2019

My dear Parishioners,

Greetings from our Parish Team, and especially from Fr. William Falcao and Fr. John Baptist Barnabas who are settling down to life at St. Dominic Savio's Parish. The Small Christian Communities and all the various Cells and Associations have all resumed activities and the Parish has come back to life again. In June we had the induction and blessing of all the animators of our SCC's, and all the leaders of the Cells and Associations. Many persons have taken up leadership for the first time; thank you to all of them. But there are many SCC's where no one was willing to step up and take the leadership role. This is a sad situation and is only a realistic reflection of the lack of enthusiasm about our Christian life. Most people have settled into a passive and peaceful living of our Christianity. We do not disturb God too much, especially if we are not disturbed by illness, death or misfortunes of any kind. And yet this peace is the peace of the cemetery, which is calm, but in the cemetery there is no life. My dear people we need to breathe life into our Christian living. We are all good disciples of Jesus Christ and we do our little bit for him, as long as it does not disturb or upset our routine life. But as Fr. James Mallon who has inspired the **Divine Renovation and Transforming of Parishes** says, **we are not called to be mere Disciples. We are all called to be MISSIONARY DISCIPLES.** Which means that each one of us who is baptized also has the responsibility to spread the good news of Salvation which Jesus offers to everyone so that we might be saved from the consequences of our sins. We must go out of the comfortable and safe confines of our Church building and reach out to people everywhere with the Good News of Salvation. Let us all continue to pray for and work towards the Divine Renovation of our Parish.

This month we also celebrate **Parents' Day on 28th July 2019.** Catholic Parents are the foundation and focal point of the Catholic family. They have a special role and duty to keep their family close to God and also to bring up their children in the Christian faith. On this day we thank the Lord for each of you dear Parent for all the sacrifices you make for your family. We pray for God's blessings on you so that you may have the joy of seeing your family and your children safe and growing in the Love of God. May the good Lord walk with each one of us, especially our sick, lonely and aged parishioners during the month of July. We pray for those recovering from cancer in a special way.

Yours affectionately,

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

20th July: STEERING COMMITTEE (For all SCC animators and two members)
 28th July: PARENTS DAY. 9:15 am Mass followed by Felicitation.
 1st August: Birthday of FR SAVIO
 4th August: VIANNEY SUNDAY.

COMMUNITIES ANIMATING SUNDAY LITURGY

July 2019

06 Jul	6:30pm	Post Office
07 Jul	10:30am	PPC
13 Jul	6:30pm	Marina Colony
14 Jul	10:30am	Dosti Acres
20 Jul	6:30pm	Margaret House
21 Jul	10:30am	Euress D&E
27 Jul	6:30pm	Holy Cross
28 Jul	10:30am	Dominic Chawl

August 2019

03 Aug	6:30pm	Bank Bldg
04 Aug	10:30am	PPC

GOSPEL SHARING IN THE SCC MEETINGS : JULY 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.



A Mary Heart in a Martha World



STEP 2. Read the Gospel Text Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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

On a vacation have you been so occupied with capturing the view with your cell phone or camera so that you can make a memory, and as a result you do not have time to appreciate and enjoy that magic moment? At a family wedding, have you been so busy organizing every detail to make the celebrations perfect, and as a result you are not able to enjoy the occasion. Or have you been so self-absorbed with your appearance for a presentation you have to deliver, so much so, that you forget that the delivery of the content is more important than your appearance. It can become so easy for us to get wrapped up in all that is external and superficial and as a result we can lose sight of the most important thing. These situations are examples of misplaced priorities and we are all guilty of them. Martha is upset because Mary is spending time with Jesus instead of helping to take care of all the official duties of hosting a guest. And Jesus is asking Martha (and now us) to think about the following question: Which is more important, the formalities, or being present in the moment, listening to God's word? Before serving others, it is necessary to be served by the Word of God. It is a principal way to keep our faith strong. Valuing the word of God every day will bring our faith into action. And our service of God & Man will make more sense. **Lord, help us to listen well to your word.**

STEP 6. Concluding Hymn.

**O Lord, I'm not worthy, yet you come to live in me;
So speak your word of comfort;
By your touch strengthen and heal me.**

Onward through life we journey as seekers of the truth,
Building each day a new world of justice, peace and love.

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

