

REFLECTIONS FOR THIS SUNDAY

“4TH SUNDAY OF LENT”

FIRST READING :- A reading from the Book of Joshua (5:9-12)

This is an account of the first passover celebrated by the Israelites in the promised Land. The manna ceases and they eat the fruit of the land.

RESPONSE :- Taste and see that the Lord is good.

SECOND READING : - A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (5:17-21)

The Apostle Paul stresses the change in our human nature which the death and resurrection of Christ has wrought.

GOSPEL :- A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (15:1-3,11-32)

Jst. Luke depicts God as a compassionate Father who always forgives the iniquities of his children.

चालीसे का चौथा रविवार

पहला पाठ: योशुआ का ग्रंथ ५: ९-१२

जलती हुई झाड़ी की कथा में यह बताया जाता है कि ईश्वर ने अपने को मूसा पर प्रकट किया था और उन्हें विश्वास दिलाया था कि वह इस्राएलियों को मिस्र से निकाल कर प्रतिज्ञात देश अर्थात् फिलिस्तीन ले जायेगा।

अनुवाक्य: परख कर देखो कि प्रभु कितना भला है।

दूसरा पाठ: कुरिंथियों के नाम संत पौलुस का दूसरा पत्र ५:१७-२१

मसीह स्वयं निष्पाप थे। उन्होंने हमारे पापों का प्रायश्चित किया और ईश्वर से हमारा मेल कराया है। अब ईश्वर की कृपा की सहायता से हम मसीह की पवित्रता के भागी बन सकते हैं।

सुसमाचार: सन्त लूकस का सुसमाचार १५:१-३,११-३२

अईश्वर दयालु है। जब हम पाप के कारण उससे दूर भटकते हैं, तो वह उड़ाउ लड़के के पिता की तरह हमारे लौटने की राह देखता है। हमारा हृदय परिवर्तन उसके लिए आनन्द का अवसर बन जाता है।



PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursday : At 6:30 pm in Malayalam

Friday : At 5:00 pm in Hindi
At 6:30 pm in English

At Carmel : Tuesday at 2:30 pm

At Mater Dei : Friday at 6:00 pm

At Khan Mkt : Friday at 6:30 pm

During the stations of the cross, collection will be taken towards the Campaign against hunger and disease.

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

Palm Sunday: March 24, 2013

8.45 am Blessing of palms followed by procession to the Church (All the Masses as usual)

Tuesday: March 26, 2013

06.30pm Blessing of Holy Oil (Chrism Mass)

Maundy Thursday: March 28, 2013

07.30am Mass of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist in Syro – Malabar Rite (Malayalam)

6.30pm Mass of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist at St. Columba's Ground.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00pm to 10:00pm: Hindi and English

10:00pm to 11:00pm: Malayalam Charismatic Groups

11:00pm to 12:00pm: Private adorers

Good Friday: March 29, 2013 (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

08:00 am Stations of the Cross followed by Memorial of the Lord's Passion in Malayalam

12:00pm Stations of the Cross in English

05:00Pm Stations of the Cross in Hindi

6:30pm Memorial of the Lord's Passion at St. Columba's Ground

Holy Saturday: March 30, 2013

11:00pm Easter Vigil Service at St. Columba's Ground (Please bring a candle for the service)

Easter Sunday: March 31, 2013

All Masses as usual. No Hindi Mass at 04.00pm.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

11/Mon Is 65:17-21; Ps 29; Jn 4:43-54

12/Tue Eze 47:1-9, 12; Ps 45; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16

13/Wed Is 49:8-15; Ps 144; Jn 5:17-30

14/Thu Ex 32:7-14; Ps 105; Jn 5:31-47

15/Fri Wis 2:1, 12-22; Ps 33; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

16/Sat Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53

CATHEDRAL Calling

“Repent and turn to God”

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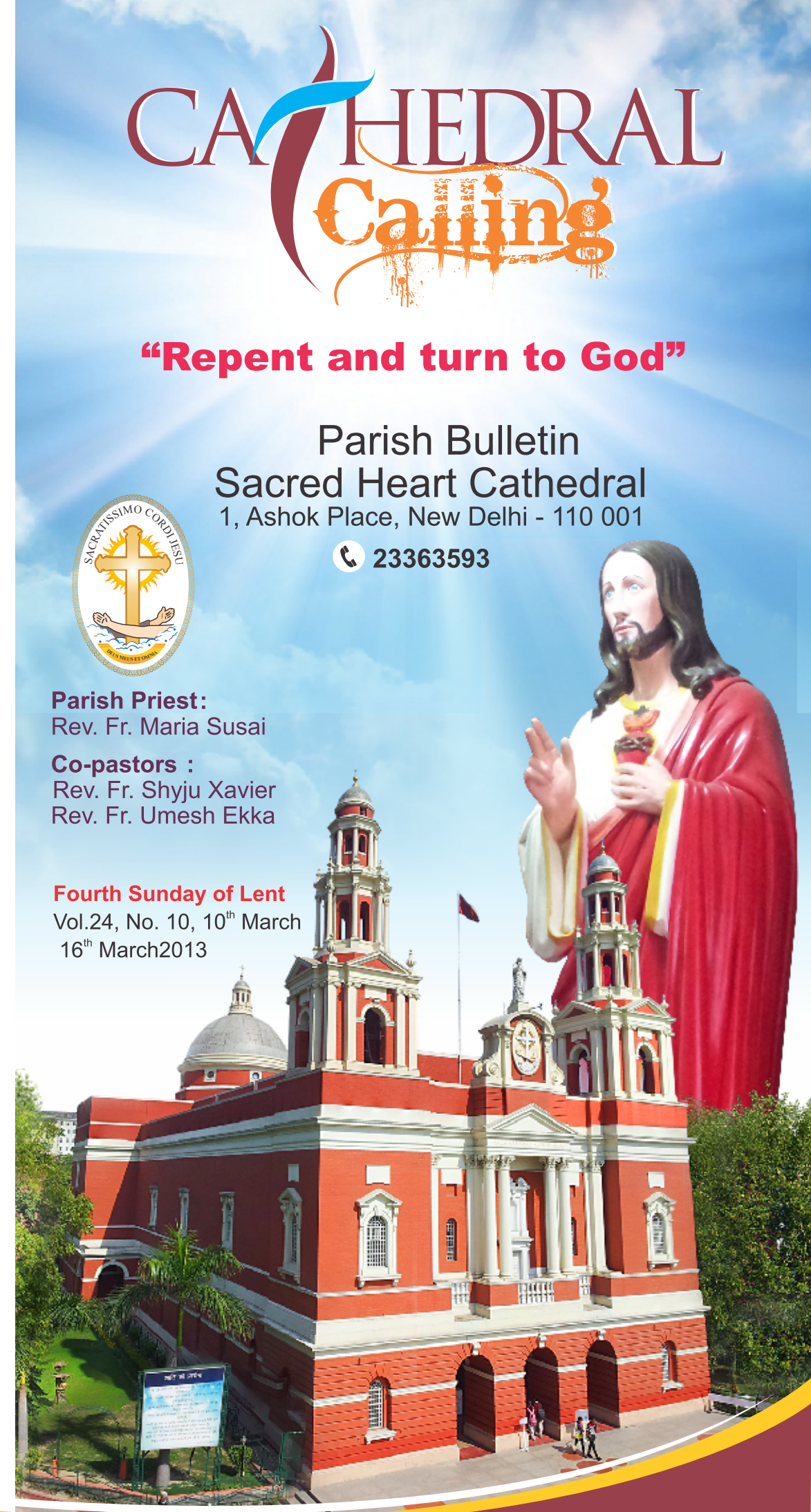
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Parish Priest:
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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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WINTER MASS TIMINGS

SATURDAYS:

Cathedral : 6.00 p.m. Sunday Anticipated Mass (English)
(Weekday Masses at 6.30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.)

SUNDAYS:

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| Cathedral : | 06.30 a.m. | — | English |
| | 07.30 a.m. | — | Malayalam |
| | 09.00 a.m. | — | English |
| | 10.15 a.m. | — | Hindi |
| | 11.30 a.m. | — | English |
| | 04.00 p.m. | — | Hindi |
| | 06.00 p.m. | — | English |
| Carmel : | 07.30 a.m. | — | Hindi |
| Mater Dei : | 07.30 a.m. | — | Hindi |
| ISI : | 07.30 a.m. | — | Hindi |

Apostolic Nunciature : 07.30 & 10.00 a.m.—English

REFLECTION:

The Gospel today is an all time favourite. It is the story of the Prodigal Son. What provoked it ? What led our Lord to tell it? The fact that the Pharisees objected to the company he kept, to his eating with sinners. So he tells the story to give an insight into his own mind and the mind of God.

The prodigal son had made a very selfish decision to take his father's patrimony early in life. Then he squandered it on foolish and sinful living. Finally, when his money ran out, he decided to return home. Hunger and poverty brought him to his senses and he carefully rehearsed his speech. As soon as he came into sight of home, his father spotted him, and extended lavish forgiveness and mercy to this wayward son of his. The older brother was furious at all this, and refused to extend his friendship to the brother.

How many of us identify with the older brother? We certainly sympathize with his point of view, mainly because of our own difficulty in forgiving those who offend us. Even though we soon recognize that the father in this parable is really God, we still find it difficult to believe He could be so lavishly merciful to those who offend him.

Indeed, we have every reason to rejoice in the readings this Sunday. Let us resolve this Lent to really perform sincere penance for all of our sinfulness and ingratitude.

We will never really deserve the Father's merciful forgiveness, but we can at least try to come closer to His love. Let us also pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit to be with the Conclave of Cardinals in Rome during these next few days so that they may be guided to make the right choice in electing a worthy successor to Pope Benedict XVI.

PARISH NEWS

SEMINARY FUND:

It being the second Sunday of the month, a second collection will be taken for the Seminary Fund.

ALTER SERVERS' MEETING:

Altar Servers' meeting is held every Saturday at 5.30 pm in the Maria Bhavan basement.

CATECHISM ANNUAL EXAMS:

Annual exams for the catechism children will be held on Sunday, 14th of April, 2013. We would like to remind you that exams are compulsory and not optional. Only those children who regularly attend the Classes and who pass the exams shall be considered and promoted for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion which we plan to administer in the month of July. Annual Day of the Catechism children will be held on the 5th of May, 2013.

LENTEN RETREAT :

Lenten retreat for our parishioners will be held on the 15th, 16th and 17th of March, 2013 from 6 pm to 8 pm. It is an opportunity for us to prepare ourselves spiritually so that we enter into the Holy Week in a spirit of prayer, devotion and with a deeper understanding of the Paschal mystery.

PRAYER FOR THE CARDINAL-ELECTORS:

Archbishop Anil has written a letter requesting that we pray in a very special way for the Cardinal-electors, so that the Holy Spirit may guide them to make the right choice for the good of the Church.

ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

As part of the Year of Faith, the Archdiocese is organizing an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday, the 24th of March, 2013. It will begin from St. Mary's Church, Old Delhi at 2.30 pm and will conclude at the Cathedral. In addition to strengthening the ecumenical spirit among Christians, it will be a great witness as well as a good preparation for the Paschal Triduum. We encourage you to participate in it in large numbers.

MASIH MAHOTSAV:

You are well aware of the circumstances that led to the postponement of the Masihi Mahotsav that was to take place in December, 2012. Masihi

Mahotsav will now be held on Easter Sunday, 31st of March, 2013 from 11 am to 8 pm at St. Michael's School, Pusa Road. Details will be given to you later.

पल्ली सूचनाएँ

सेमिनरी फण्ड

आज प्रत्येक मिस्सा के दौरान दूसरा चन्दा सेमिनरी फण्ड के लिए लिया जायेगा।

वेदी सेवकों बैठक

प्रत्येक दिन वेदी सेवकों की अभ्यास मरिया भवन बेसमेंट में

शाम ५.३० बजे होगी।

धर्म शिक्षा की परीक्षा

धर्म शिक्षा में आने वाले बच्चों की वार्षिक परीक्षा रविवार १४

अप्रैल २०१३ को होगी। सभी बच्चों के लिए परीक्षा अनिवार्य है। जो बच्चे धर्म शिक्षा में लगातार आ रहे हैं और परीक्षा में पास होते हैं उन्हीं बच्चों को पहला पवित्र परम प्रसाद और दृढ़ीकरण संस्कार दिया जायेगा।

पल्ली रिट्रीट

चालीसा काल को ध्यान में रखते हुए हम शुक्रवार १५ मार्च, शनिवार १६ मार्च और रविवार १७ मार्च को तीन दिनों की

साधना आयोजित कर रहे हैं। प्रत्येक दिन शाम ०६:०० बजे से शाम ०८:०० बजे तक, चर्च में होगी।

कूस का रास्ता

विश्वास के वर्ष को ध्यान के रखते हुए महाधर्मप्रांत की ओर से कूस का रास्ता का आयोजन आयोजन किया गया है। २४ मार्च २०१३ को दोपहर २.३० बजे सेंट मेरीज चर्च पुरानी दिल्ली से सेक्रेट हार्ट कैथिड्रल में समापन होगी।

पैरिश मेला

हमारे पल्ली की ओर से ७ अप्रैल २०१३ को पैरिश मेला का आयोजन किया जा रहा है। आप हमें राफल कूपन बेचने और विज्ञापन के लिए मदद कर सकते हैं।

SINGING PRACTICE

There will be a combined singing practice in Hindi and English at 5.30 pm on Saturdays in preparation for the Holy Week. All the choir members are requested to be present for the practices

PARISH MELA 2013

Preparations are underway for the Parish Mela which will be held on 7th April, 2013. Various committees have been formed and we are hopeful that with the kind of response we are getting, this is truly going to be an event to watch out for. We appeal to all of you to become part of this noble endeavour by purchasing raffle booklets and getting us at least one advertisement for the souvenir. Raffle tickets and advertisement forms are available with the Association



*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.”*