



### From the Editor's Desk

*"This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes." Psalms 118:23*

The beginning of a new decade and the freshness of a new year has already dawned on us. A new era of possibilities and challenges are ahead of us. In this new year, we are proudly releasing the 4th edition of 'The Kid's Voyage'. This edition will cover a few important events that our kids participated last year along with the talents of our young ones. We seek the blessings of our elders in this endeavour; Thank you parents for your continued support and children for your unparalleled energy to make this edition possible. We hope this motivates all readers to be part of the Sunday school journey with renewed vigour and energy. God bless all your efforts.

### Achievements

Our Secondary Quiz Team of Sweena Joseph and Jisha Philip won the First Prize at the Diocese level competition held on 24 Nov. 2019 at Vashi Church. They will be representing Mumbai Diocese at the inter diocese competition at Nagpur on 12 July, 2020.



Church Congratulating our Zonal winners.

The Zonal level competition was held on 03 Nov 2019 at Dighi church. We are proud to present the following Group Champions from our

Sub Juniors	Seniors	Secondary
Evelyn Sujith	Feba Hanna Varghese	Sweena Joseph

Also the following children won prizes in various events during Zonal competitions. We are proud of you all.


Aimee Elsa Tom	Josephine Bijoy	Joel Tiby Cherian
Rachel Anna Anil	Anaysa Biju Philip	Eva Ann Eassow
Efron Binu	Joel O Peter	Ann Kurian
Jonah Bijoy	Joshua M Peter	Samika Salu Sam
Nathanel George	Hazel Varughese	Jisha Anna Philip
Remi Reji Philip		



Mr. Alex Mathew receiving the Kids Voyage 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition from Vicar Fr. Sajeev Varghese on 11 August, 2019.

### THANK YOU

SMOSC Sunday School Family extends sincere gratitude to our Ex-Headmaster Mr. O. Babu for his able guidance and selfless support throughout the years.



## Upcoming events

Sunday School Annual Day	09-Feb
Class X & XII Results	17-Feb
SAY Exam Date	05-Apr
Half Yearly Exam	19-Jul
Open Day	02-Aug
Newsletter 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition	02-Aug

### Drawing



Shane Sibi

Class 5-Jerusalem





## Our OVBS Experience

**O**VBS (Orthodox Vacation Bible School) is an educational program that is organized by Malankara Orthodox Church for the kids to enlighten the spirituality and gives them an opportunity to participate in various programs. The theme for the year 2019 was "Discern God's plan for us". OVBS was always fun and it helps the kids to learn various Christian songs in different languages and also it has action theme songs which the kids find very interesting.

I was very happy when I saw my son Vivaan very enthusiastically participating in various games and trying to learn the new songs with actions. He really enjoyed it throughout. I was really glad to see that this year a lot of students have come for the OVBS program and were energetically participating. The programme came to an end with the love feast where the kids enjoyed it with love and sharing.

I would like to encourage more parents to enable their kids to participate in OVBS.

**By Sruthi Susan Varghese**  
**Parent of Vivaan Mathew**  
**Class Beginners (Jerusalem)**



OVBS was conducted in our church from 30 Oct – 02 Nov. Approx. 65 children attended those fun filled sessions which was led by Br. Prince CM from Nagpur Seminary. Teachers, parents and MGOCSM members worked together to make those days memorable for our kids.

## Nativity Characters - Craft



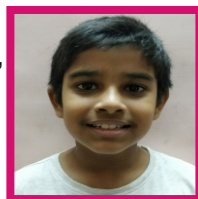
**Rachel Anna Anil**  
Class 5 -Jerusalem



## Poem

We decorate the tree with bells and holly,  
Angels and bobbles too.  
It's the day when Jesus was born,  
Oh! It's very true!

On this special day we celebrate,  
Our savior and our Lord!  
It's such a pleasure he was born for all,  
As the one and true God!



**Joshua Allen**  
Class 4 -Bethlehem

## Voyage through the Christmas story

**I**t was the 3rd time we voyaged through the Christmas story using the Advent calendar.

The verse, craft and quiz bits made the meditation and learning of the events around the Christmas scriptures very lively.

So even after the Christmas season has passed, the characters that made the story still live on for us to learn from & be filled with hope.

Be it the Wise men from the East who left their comforts to honour the 'unlikely' King with costly & meaningful gifts.

Or Mary & Joseph who risked their reputation to bring forth the Messiah child because they believed.

Or the poor shepherds outcast by society but chosen by God to receive and retell the Good News given by the angels.

All these stories weave together the truth that God is for us and with us! We just need to believe His Word!

## Colouring



**Joel Allen**  
Class Beginners- Bethlehem







Bible Quiz Competitions are always interesting and informative, which provide excitement among the students and also make us aware of many things in the Bible. Sunday School Diocesan level competition held at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Vashi included various events. We as a team represented Pune Zone for Bible Quiz Competition in which seven teams from different zones participated. Each team gave a tough battle to each other. Rules and regulations of the quiz were explained at the beginning. It consisted of interesting 5 rounds of competitions, including question from different books of the Holy Bible, Services/Sacrament, Church History/ Oriental Orthodox Churches and visual round, which engaged the participants for 45 minutes.

Each team showcased their brilliance by rapidly answering the questions. Though some of the questions were very tricky, we tried to answer them with confidence. The questions put forth to the teams were intriguing, exciting. Although other teams participated actively, our team scored the most and we were able to keep a good score difference between other teams. It was very informative and knowledge enriching competition for all of us along with the audience. Our teachers and parents encouraged, taught and supported us for such competitions and ensured that we learn through all possible ways, not just through books and classroom teaching. They made us more confident to participate at each level of the Bible Quiz Competitions. Our sincere thanks to teachers and parents for their able guidance and blessings.

**Sweena Joseph**  
Ex-Student



Sweena & Jisha receiving the winner's trophy at Vashi Church

## FUN DAY CONFERENCE



The below 10yr age group children proudly showcasing the craft work. Overall 18 Students from our parish attended the One Day Conference

The Sunday School children had a one day conference on 15 Dec '19 at Akurdi Church. The main speaker for the conference was Father Jobin Varghese. The theme for the conference was 'Being Unique'. There were many children, who came from most of our Pune churches to attend the conference. He told us many facts about our Orthodox Church. Each and every child was attentive as the session was having a lot of questions to answer. He spoke about Christianity and Orthodox belief. There was also quiz session which was held by Fr. Jacob Koshy. In short, the conference was very meaningful and interesting to all who attended the same.



**Jonah Bijoy**  
Class 9 -Jerusalem



A treat to watch: A Display of our drawing talents after the unit level arts competition conducted on 31 Oct '19.



Sunday School kids had a gala time participating in the sports day conducted at church on 10 Nov '19.



This year Christmas vacation was spent in Kerala like every year. I visited my grandparents at Konnapara, Konni. We visited many churches like Chandanapally which literally means the abode of sandalwood trees. The church is named after

St George who killed the dragon snake. This church celebrates its feast on 7 May and chempeduppu takes place on 8 May. Multitudes of pilgrims come from around the world to witness this auspicious and holy ritual. Next we visited Puthupally which also is built in the name of St George.

We also visited Parumala Palli which contains the tomb of St. Gregorious of Parumala, who died on 02 Nov 1902 at the age of 54. Belief in his saintly qualities caused it to become a centre of pilgrimage. I spent my holiday with my grandparents visiting many churches and would love to visit many more in my next vacation.

**Johan Selbin**

Class 2-Galilee



## Word search



Q.1	Who was Moses' Wife?
Q.2	Who was Moses' brother?
Q.3	Who named Jesus?
Q.4	Which is the lengthiest book in the English translated Bibles?
Q.5	In which language is most of the old testament written?
Q.6	Who denied Jesus three times?
Q.7	Who wrote the book of Revelation?
Q.8	Which tribe did Paul belong to?
Q.9	What did Peter do for a living before he was an apostle?
Q.10	Which gospel was written by a doctor?

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**Ann Kurian**

Class 8 - Jerusalem

- Answers**
1. Zipporah
  2. Aaron
  3. Angel
  4. Psalms
  5. Hebrew
  6. Peter
  7. John
  8. Benjamin
  9. Fishing
  10. Luke

## Being a Good Samaritan

On 02 June '19, the Youth Movement of St. Mary's Orthodox church, Pune arranged a visit to Sandhya Old Age Home in Nanapeth. We along with our parents assembled there by 3:00 pm.

We were given a warm welcome by the sister in-charge. She gave us a brief information of the Old Age Home. The Home comes under the Catholic diocese of Pune. It is a home to around 30 senior citizens. Many of them are destitutes and are facing age related health problems.

They shared their past experiences with us over tea. We managed to bring smiles on their faces with our songs and a dance performance. Before leaving Sister led us in prayer. That was an evening well spent. The time we spent with them gave me a different experience of love and compassion.



**Shaun Santosh**

Class 10 -Bethlehem

## If You Want To

If you want to admire,  
Admire God's creation.

If you want to kill,  
Kill your pride.

If you want to give,  
Give justice to everyone.

If you want to win,  
Win the hearts of others.

If you want to think,  
Think about the good of mankind.

If you want to control,  
Control your desires.

If you want to praise,  
Praise the Almighty.



**Joel Biju**

Class 5 -Bethlehem

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