

### Catch-Up/ April 2024



Dear Fellow Members,

At the time of drafting this message, Easter happens to be a day away and hence, here is wishing all of you A very happy Easter. May the miracle of Christ's

resurrection fill your hearts with love, hope and joy

I trust this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits as we bid farewell to the month of March, a month marked by reflection and preparation as we observed Lent. Despite the quieter atmosphere, our club was abuzz with an array of engaging activities and events that brought us together in fellowship and celebration.

Early in March we had the 22nd Carlisle Bartley Memorial Snooker Tournament. We kicked off the month with a tribute to one of our own, honouring the memory of Carlisle Bartley with a thrilling snooker tournament. It was a fitting tribute to a beloved member of our community. This was followed soon by the 5-A-Side Cricket Tournament. The cricket fever was alive and well at our club as members showcased their sporting prowess in an exciting 5-a-side cricket tournament. Congratulations to all the participants for their sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Housie, Whist Drive, and Bridge continue to thrive at our Club as there is something or everyone to enjoy.

Being the season of Lent, women's day on 8th March saw a lot of women enjoy the event held at the Club though on a low key. It was a day to recognize and appreciate the contributions of women to our club and society as a whole. Lifetime Awards and appreciation went out to women from our club for their achievements in general and towards the Club in particular.

Our hearts were lifted with the soul-stirring melodies of country gospel music at the event - God Loves, Country Gospel Music. It was an evening of praise, reflection, and inspiration as we came together to enjoy an evening of Gospel Music & Commentary. This was followed by Via Dolorosa, a Musical on the Passion of Christ directed by our own Dr. Ashley Williams. Ashley rigorously trained our own members and treated us to a mesmerizing musical journey depicting the passion and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It was a poignant and moving performance that touched the hearts of all who attended. What was different this time was that there were performers on stage of other faiths.

We rounded off the month and Lent with a grand Easter Ball, featuring the talented True Blue Band all the way from Goa. It was a night of music, dance, and celebration as we rejoiced in the spirit of Easter. This Managing Committee (MC) is truly blessed with enviable camaraderie and bonhomie across all the MIC's and departments. To take it to a higher level, the MC decided to spend a couple of days out together and since it was self-funded there was no compulsion to participate in this "Off-Site" get-together. 10 MC Members, some with their spouses and children, enhanced their camaraderie and bonhomie to the next level from 27th to 29th Feb. 2024, at a Resort in Srirangapattana. It was a time well spent to get to know each other even more. On the 27th the group visited the Mysore Sports Club and were well received by the MC of this Club with immense hospitality and courtesy. A guided tour of all the well-maintained and heritage facilities of the Club was given by the Immediate Past President.

A big thanks to all our Members who made the events of March full of coming together as one CC Community and camaraderie. As we look forward to the month ahead, let us continue to cherish the bonds of friendship and fellowship that unite us as members of this esteemed club. Various departments of the Managing Committee have put together events that are going to exciting to attend.

Bar Nights will restart every Friday evening. The Faith sub-committee will have their event on the 6th of this month and it is aptly titled – Hallelujah, We are the Easter People, celebrated along with the ever popular Redemptorist Preacher, Fr. Juventius Andrade, CSsR and The St. Teresa Choir. An Elders Evening is planned for the 10th and a Ladies Coffee Morning for the 14th and this will be followed by an Arabic & Mediterranean Food Festival. The iKids will have a summer camp from 15th to 21st of this month. You can be sure that your kids are going t have a good time at this camp. The Cricket League will be held on the 27th. It may not be too early to announce that the Bootleg Bee gees from the UK will be performing exclusively at our Club on 3rd May and Members should mark their calendars and block the evening for this event. The Band will play only at our Club during their visit to Bangalore this time.

The Managing Committee has also planned to have a E-Waste Collection Service to be managed by a Third Party. Please await the details of the Launch Date. Members can deposit their E-Waste at this collection point in the near future.

Thank you once again, and here's to many more memorable moments together.

Warm regards,

Melville D'Souza President

### **HEALTH CLUB**

The Gym/Health club has been functioning very smoothly and it's lovely to see so many members taking part in the activities from this department. This past month, we chose to tread a different path for the monthly ROMP. A morning forest walk was organized in the Avalahalli forest with active coordination with some of our CC members. Almost 70 folks showed up! The feedback was intensely appreciative, and the ROMP regulars have asked for more of the same. In parallel, the Yoga, Zumba and Pilates classes are an ongoing feature - we encourage more of you to sign up and get your wellness and health on an even keel through the facilities of CC.



Maya Bhasyam MIC

### NEW AFFILIATION CLUBS

Zest Club, Kalburgi. www.zestclub.co.in

The Cosmopolitan Sports Club, Salem. thecosmosclubsalem.com

The Cosmopolitan Club, Wayanad. thecosmowayanad.com

The Bhadra Sports Club, Balehonnur, Chickmagalur. www.bhadrasportsclub.com

The Engineers Club, Kochi. https://engineersclubindia.com

### HOUSIE

Closing out February we had a 'Members Only' Bingo Morning on the 18th February and 82 members turned up for a morning of fun and games. In addition, we also provided all our members a sumptuous snack box with coffee or tea to keep them sated while they played. Prizes for this event were sponsored by Girish Ramanathan and our thanks go out to him for his continuous support.

To keep up our member's morale and have them motivated to come out in larger numbers, we have re-introduced the 'Snowball' and 'Jackpot' rounds. These are additional amounts that only Members can win, in addition to the regular first House prize money. While the 'Snowball' can be won in any of the rounds, the 'Jackpot' can be won only in Rounds 2 and 6. The Snowball and Jackpot will not be played during the Bingo rounds or on Bingo mornings.

Our final event for February was a Mini Bumper on the 25th February which was open to Members & Guests and had a great turnout of 156 people, with our members leading the pack with 103 in attendance.

As we entered the month of March, we started off on the 3rd March with a Mini Bumper and had a packed house of 145 people in attendance of which 85 were our ever supportive members themselves and 60 of our ever present guests, who add an external touch to our events.

Following this was our next event on the 10th of March which was another Mini Bumper and as expected had a huge turnout of 146 people with 91 Members and 55 guests.

As we draw towards the end of the Lenten season, we have one more 'Members Only' event coming up on the 24th and following that will be our 'Super Duper Easter Bumper Housie' of 2 Lakh' on Easter Sunday itself.

Needless to say, we are eagerly preparing for this mega event. We have some gifts and "Surprizes" coming your way. So be there to grab your share of the action and of course, the big prize money!

I would like to wish all our Members and Guests, our Sponsors and our Staff "A Very Happy & Holy Easter". Thank you all for your continued patronage and support.

Mark Lushington MiC Housie

### CRICKET

Cricket fever is on, so why not at the Catholic Club also. Our very own Tennis Ball Cricket League will be held on Saturday 27th April from 5pm onwards.

The Audition for players will be held on 19th April at 7 pm. Players interested in being part of the event, do register early using the online Google Form.

Gavin Cordeiro MIC

#### HR

"The more we sweat in peace, the less we bleed in war". Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf

While we are not at war, nor going to war, we have extrapolated the lesson learnt from this famous saying.

As we continue the season of Lent, which for us at the club, is a relatively lull period in our regular activities, we have shifted our focus towards our training and developmental activities.

We started off with the Staff Picnic that was held over two days on the 4th and 5th of March at the ELIM Resort, located about 45 kms out of Bangalore. Needless to say, the staff had a whale of a time. They were split into two batches so as not to disrupt service, with one batch attending on the first day and the second batch attending on the second.

The resort is equipped with some excellent facilities, including a large swimming pool which was the main attraction, where the staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves, swimming, playing water polo and generally having fun in the pool. Other activities included a cricket pitch where some of the staff put bat to ball, Zip-lining which was another very popular activity, a stage set up for a "Rain Dance", a well equipped indoor games room and a large restaurant serving up delicious fare.



From the management side, the President, MiC Cafeteria, MiC Indoor Outdoor Games and MiC Chambers, attended on the first day, while the Vice President , MiC HR, MiC Indoor Outdoor games and the Secretary attended on the second day. After spending a good amount of time with the staff and joining them for lunch as well, the Committee members left them to enjoy the rest of the day.

From a HR perspective, it was heartening to see all our staff from different backgrounds inter-mingling and having fun together.

Moving on to the element of training, which we as a management team are focusing on, we have conducted a refresher and re-cap training on the 14th & 15th of March, of the earlier sessions carried out, by the external Consultant "Ms. Unique Consultants" with the idea of reviewing the progress made by our team members and the benefits that they have gained thereafter. A third session is scheduled for the 26th March.

On the 16th March, we conducted a Fire Training for the Security, House-keeping and some of the office staff, to familiarise them with the different types and the proper use of Fire Extinguishers. The training was conducted by our Security Service provider D1 and was attended by the MiC HR and the Secretary. It was conducted well and the staff too were happy with the training imparted to them. Needless to say, this is the beginning of many such trainings and we aim to have all the office staff, kitchen staff and everyone else trained in fire-fighting to be able to perform an initial response action in case of a fire. (pic2)

On the 18th of March, we conducted another capsule of PoSH Training, for the English speaking staff of the club. This was conducted by Caroline Lobo and was attended by 30 staff of ours as well as the MiC HR. (pic3)

We are now in the process of getting ready for the next 'Reward & Recognition' Ceremony for the quarter and urge you all to put up nominations for these awards. This will help boost the morale of our staff to see their work recognized.

Another important aspect, that has a huge impact on our staff and the members as well, are the Uniforms. A committee was formed from among the Managing Committee and debated long and hard on the new uniforms that we intend to provide all our staff this year. Colour, fabric, style and pattern were taken into consideration when arriving at a final decision.

A surprise awaits you all when you see our boys and girls come smartly turned out, in their new uniforms very soon!

Let me end this article by wishing each and every one of you "A Very Happy & Holy Easter."





Mark Lushington MiC HR

#### GAMES

It was the inauguration of the IPL with Bangalore playing! Yet we had a full house and even had to say no to one team!

The rounds were fun and even included a blindfold Pictionary round!

Congratulations to the winners!

1st Ashok, Jennifer and Aiona 2nd Anna, Alicia and Craig 3rd Arjun, Sumana and Anjana

The next edition will be on Friday 19th May.

Gavin Cordeiro MIC

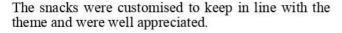
### iBrowse

The iBrowse for the month of March was a Book discussion with a difference. The event which took place in the Ballroom on 15th March 2024, had a reputed and respected author Sadiqa Peerbhoy with us.

The ballroom came to life with an inviting and aesthetically created decor with the Royalty element, Indian flavours and flowers adding grandeur especially with the intricate design. The stage showcased a Darbar setting and the rest of the venue sparkled with marigolds, jasmines and lights

Sadiqa's book on "The Courtesan and the King" is a historical fiction which has inherent facts and a narrative only an author of her calibre can bring to life.

The author and book took us through the royalty, scandal and tragedy of the Malabar Hill murder, the evening was a treat for history lovers. The audience was treated to a opening musical experience by our staff Mr Prem and a dance narration and a theatrical representation of the Maharaja and his muse.



In keeping up with the celebrations of Women's day for the month of March, the iBrowse book club celebrated women who attended the event and presented the women with a take away to remember.

This event left the audience engaged, thrilled and excited and walking away with memories of an evening well spent.

Joeita Pelegrim MIC - iBrowse





#### LADIES

Women's Day

"Celebrating Women" - was the theme of our celebration of International Women's Day, on the 8th of March. It being Lent, we wanted to be sure we were doing what is right - and especially for all women - and we went ahead with the theme with the support from our President. With great support from our generous sponsors, the event turned into a lovely evening of fun, music, games and dancing for the ladies of CC. Thank You to The Rainbow Children's Hospital, Maka Zai Rum, Byg Brewski, Mother's Recipe, Miharas Luxury Desicare and two generous sponsors that helped us throw a fabulous and fun filled evening. At the same event, CC felicitated a few of our accomplished lady members for their contribution to the Club in multiple activities and sports. Those who were recognized were - Dr. Aloma Lobo - CCOT First Lady Chairperson, Mrs. Linsey D'Nazareth who has been conducting Aerobics classes free of cost for 25 years for our all our Ladies, Mrs. Lally Vincent, Mrs. Marie Padival and Ms. Rachel Williams in all their accomplishments across Bangalore, the State, the Nation - in Badminton, Squash, Bridge, and Snooker. The "Celebrating Women" evening ended with the Ladies enjoying a lovely dinner, the camaraderie, and a small token at the end of the event.

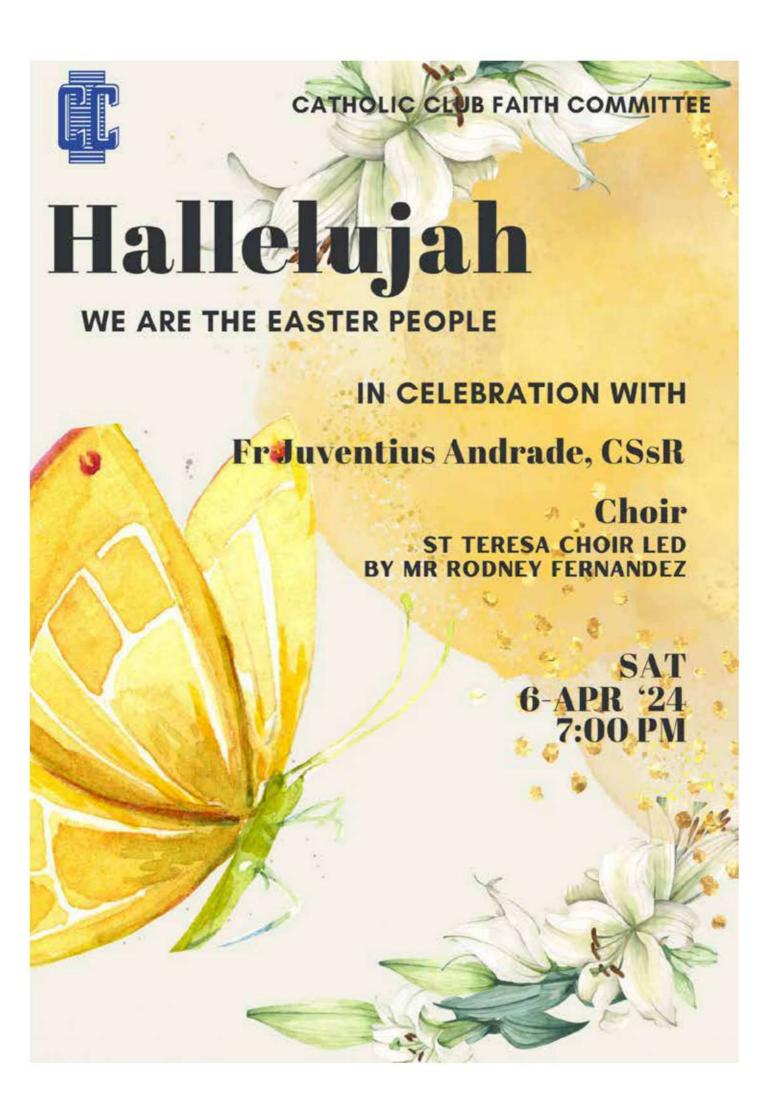








Maya Bashyam MIC





### 13 Cards Easter Rummy Knockout Tournament



Club Contribution Rs. 15,000 With Fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME



## MINI BUMPER HOUSIE

Exclusively for Members only ON SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024, 7PM @ CATHOLIC CLUB Ticket sales start at 6:30 PM.



**BOOKLET PRICE RS.600 (INCLUSIVE OF DINNER)** 



PRIZE MONEY RS. 50,000



SMART CARD WHILE BUYING THE HOUSIE TICKET BOOKLETS.





### 21 Cards Easter Rummy Knockout Tournament

SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL 2024 @ 3 PM

Club Contribution Rs. 15,000 With Fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME





Catholic Club Presents

## WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD

With Ashok, Jennifer & Aiona

**SATURDAY. 20TH APRIL 2024** 



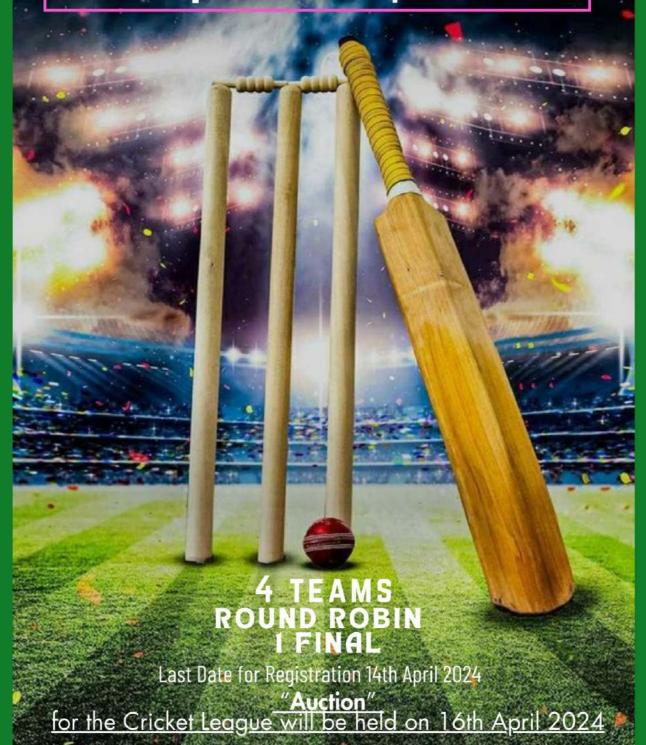
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Registration opens at 6.30pm



### **Catholic Club Presents**

# PRICKET SEAGUE

27th April 2024 | 5:00 PM



## Easter Ball



















## Via Dolorosa

























### XXII CARLISLE BARTLEY MEMORIAL

PRIZE MONEY SINGLES HANDICAP DOUBLE FRAME SNOOKER TOURNAMENT 2024

























### Inaugural of 31st Louis Mathias Memorial Handicap Doubles Snooker Tournament 2024









## CC EVENTS



			APRIL 2024			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 WHIST DRIVE 6.00PM	BRIDGE 6.00 PM	3	4	5 BAR NITE WITH TUMBLEWEED 8.00PM	6 FAITH PROGRAMME 8.00 PM  MUSICAL EVENING WITH BLUE KNIGHT 8.00 PM	7 SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH AARON 12.30 PM MINI BUMPER HOUSIE MEMBERS ONLY 7.00 PM
8 WHIST DRIVE 6.00PM	9 BRIDGE 6.00 PM	TO ELDERS' EVENING WITH NEVILLE 6.30 PM	11	BAR NITE WITH LLOYD 8.00PM	MUSICAL EVENING 8.00 PM	14 LADIES COFFEE MORNING 11.00 AM BINGO HOUSIE 11.00 AM MEDITERRANEAN AND ARABIC FOOD FESTIVAL 12.30 pm
<b>15</b> WHIST DRIVE 6.00PM	<b>16</b> BRIDGE 6.00 PM	17	18	<b>19</b> BAR NITE 8.00 PM	20 MUSICAL EVENING 8.00PM WHATS THE GOOD WORD 7.00 PM	SUNDAY BRUNCH 12.30 PM BUMPER HOUSIE FOR 1 LAKH 7.00 PM
WHIST DRIVE 6.00PM	BRIDGE 6.00 PM	24	25	26	27 CRICKET LEAGUE 5.00 PM	28 MINI BUMPER HOUSIE 7.00 PM
<b>29</b> WHIST DRIVE 6.00PM	30 BRIDGE 6.00 PM					

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DEPARTMENT

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Membership - 225
Reception Main - 226
Health Club - 406
Swimming Pool - 242
Library - 241
IT - 229
Card Room - 234

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Billiards - 404