



Catch Up!

The Catholic Club Monthly Newsletter March 2026



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

The month of March continues to be a month of prayer, abstinence and fasting, in the spirit of Lent. Please look out for the announcement and participate in the Lenten programs being held in our Club.

The bar-nights have been moved to Wednesday. Our Sunday brunches continue, and we are celebrating the Women of our Club on March 8th – International Women's Day. There are special programs arranged by Coreen Fareed D'Souza, along with stalls hosted by our women entrepreneurs. There will also be an all-women band performing on stage.

The Staff Picnic for our Catholic Club staff, is planned in the middle of March, across two days. The Club will continue to function normally.

Note the special offers that we have released for our members, on the memorabilia, Chambers and our Bar! Members may benefit from all the offers. We also have our Chess tournament being held this month. Refer to the circulars we have released through the CC Message Board.

Last month (February) began with the celebration of Love - Sassy Seniors' Valentines Party, Cupid's Cappuccino for our Ladies, and the Bumper Housie. We hope our members won some money, or some love! The icing on the cake was our Festa Do Carnaval – with the hot favourite A26 on stage. It was a colourful evening indeed! The kids were not left behind, as they had a Pajama party with snacks and hot chocolate that they relished at the party.

With Ash Wednesday bringing in the season of Lent, the tone of the Club has changed to match the season. We had Literary Weekend with a much anticipated book launch in the Club – The Tiger's Share by

Keshava Guha, preceded by a Quiz show the previous day. A first-of-its kind play "The Train Driver" was staged at the Club for our members. The program was well received and the performances by the artistes were inspiring. The Carlisle Bartley Memorial Snooker Tournament is ongoing, and will close in the first week of March. The Badminton League qualifier games are ongoing, and the Table Tennis seeding games for the men have just been completed. The Bingo Morning with a prize money of One lakh was held on 22nd February.

We hope members made use of the Health Check-up Camp that was organized in February for our members and employees. Thanks to the team from St. John's for the support.

The first Lenten Recollection was led by Monsignor S Jayanathan on the evening of 27th February, ushering the participants deeper into a prayerful and devoted Lenten season!

Let us continue our journey through Lent, as we strengthen our faith and await the Rising of Our Lord!

FEATHER IN THE CAP!

Warm congratulations to Mr. Nigel Fernandes (our member), CEO of ATC Publishers and Arlight Global Pvt. Ltd., on being conferred the Papal Knighthood of the Order of St. Sylvester at the 37th CCBI Plenary Assembly, Bengaluru. This honour recognises his decades of faithful service to the



Church through Scripture, liturgy, catechesis, and pastoral leadership.

Archbishop of Bengaluru Rev. Dr. Peter Machado expressed the pride of the Bengaluru archdiocese in Chevalier Nigel Fernandes. He praised Nigel's humility, piety, and generosity in helping those in need, which have led to his success. The archbishop highlighted Nigel's key achievements in publishing, including the New Living Translation (Catholic Edition), the English Standard Version (Catholic Edition), the Lectionary, and other Church-related publications. He also noted Nigel's active role in various Church activities and associations.



FEATHER IN THE CAP!

Lieutenant General Michael Anthony Jude Fernandez, was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM), this Republic Day!

His journey towards military excellence began at the Jesuit run – St. Joseph's Boys' High School, Bangalore. He went on the train at the NDA (Khadakwasla) and the IMA (Dehradun), before being commissioned to the Corps of Engineers.

Congratulations to Ms. Divya Vedpathak who won the GOLD in all three events of the Karnataka State Juniors & Seniors Power Lifting event in Mangalore. She lifted a total of 308 kg in deadlift, bench and Squats. Came first in the state as a Junior.

Wishing my dear members and families a holy season of Lent. May this season transform you to be a better person to your neighbours and share the peace, love and kindness of God has thought us.

Jude Rajesh Ferrao
President



LENT

A SEASON OF RENEWAL



FAITH

We are now in the season of Lent and our first FAITH on the 27 th which was led by Msgr. Jayanathan, our Spiritual Advisor, had members completely involved in what he had to say to us. His guidance is always appreciated.

Thank you to the FAITH sub-committee for their support. Thanks as always to our President, Office Bearers and committee.

Special thanks to our secretary, Clifford , Vani and Kishor from amongst our staff, for their support.

We will have more Lenten sessions on the 13 th and 27 th of March, for which we will give you updates. Priests will be available for confession at - Raintree from 5 pm onwards on 27 th Friday, followed by Praise and Worship in song. Looking forward to seeing you in large numbers.

Have a Blessed season!!

Faithfully yours,

Coreen D'Souza Fareed
MIC - LADIES

KIDS

It was such a joy to see the children of our club enjoying themselves at the Pyjama Party that was organised for them on the 8 th of February. We had almost 40 kids in attendance and they just enjoyed being kids.

Thank you to my sub-committee members Marcus Pereira, Anita Pelegrim and Theja Rajesh for their support. A big thank you to Lydia, our staff at ikidz for her hard work as always.

Thank you to my fellow committee member Anup Saldanha, MIC chambers for allowing me the use of mattresses and pillows for the pyjama party.

Thank you to our secretary Raymond for his support always.

Summer holidays are around the corner and we have a special summer camp that we will curate for them. You will have details for this as soon as ready.

The dates would be between the 15 th and 25 th of April so please keep yourselves and your kids free on these days .

Looking forward to seeing the children of our club in large numbers.

Warm regards,

Coreen D'Souza Fareed
MIC - LADIES



WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD



WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD?
A FUN WORD CHALLENGE NIGHT!

FRIDAY 20.03.2026 **7.00 PM** ONWARDS **TEAMS OF 3**

Get ready for an evening filled with words, wit, and wisdom!
Test your vocabulary, speed, and teamwork in an exciting battle of brains.

EXCITING PRIZES TO BE WON!
FUN • LEARNING • COMPETITION

REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW & JOIN THE CHALLENGE!

TREASURE HUNT

THE GAVINCI CODE

A TREASURE HUNT FOR 4-WHEELERS

**SUNDAY
15TH MARCH**



4 PER TEAM

11:00 AM ONWARDS



4-WHEELERS ONLY



**ENTRY FEE:
RS. 1,000/- PER TEAM**



FOLLOW THE CLUES • SOLVE THE MYSTERY • WIN THE RACE!

EXCITING PRIZES AWAIT!



SPORTS & LIBRARY

The last weekend in February was a hectic one for these departments.

It began on Friday 13th with the popular game show, What's the Good Word, with a full house. A larger than normal audience shows that the popularity of this programme is growing. Exotic rounds saw all the favourites fall by the wayside and new champions emerge.

The next What's The Good Word will be on Sunday 22nd March at 11.00 AM. On Saturday evening it was time for sports with the Ranking tournament for our Table Tennis fans.

Simultaneously, at Sky Lounge was the iBrowse book launch of 'A Tiger's Share'. Although there was a smaller than normal audience, they were kept engrossed by the lively discussion between the author Keshava Guha and the moderator Manav Nagaraj.

On Sunday it was time for the first ever presentation of a live English play at our Club. The amazing performance of the cast and the storyline kept the audience rivetted, and, when it was over it was only expected that there was a standing ovation. 3 days with 4 events catering to different segments of our members and their friends.

Gavin Cordeiro

MIC - SPORTS & LIBRARY



YOUTH

Amateur Nite 2026 - A Night to Remember

There is something incredibly special about Amateur Nite - the nervous excitement before stepping on stage, the proud smiles in the audience, and the thunderous applause that follows every performance. This year's Amateur Nite, held on 31st January, was no exception. It was an evening filled with passion, courage and remarkable talent.

From soulful solo vocals to skilful instrumental performances, from heartfelt duets to energetic bands, the variety of talent on display was inspiring. Each participant brought something unique to the stage. What stood out most was not just the talent, but the confidence and dedication behind every performance. Amateur Nite continues to be a platform where our youth step out of their comfort zones and into their spotlight - and that is always a beautiful thing to witness.

A sincere thank you to our wonderful emcees, Ruth and Melroy, who brought warmth, humour, and seamless coordination to the evening. You kept the energy alive and ensured that Amateur Nite flowed effortlessly from start to finish. I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our judges - Cevin, Tara, Trisha, and Hiren - for taking time out of your busy schedules to be part of Amateur Nite. Your valuable insights, encouragement, and thoughtful feedback mean so much to our performers. I would also like to thank Ayesha Pereira for designing the certificates so beautifully.

To our contestants - thank you for your courage and commitment. The hours of practice, the dedication, and the willingness to stand before an audience do not go unnoticed. And to the parents, thank you for your unwavering support and encouragement.

Behind the scenes, a committed team worked diligently to ensure that Amateur Nite ran smoothly and according to schedule. My heartfelt gratitude and appreciation goes out to my sub-committee - Crystal Crasta, Gregory Joseph, Tristan Stapleton, Nihar Saldanha and Hrishi Thomas - for your organisation, teamwork, and dedication in bringing everything together so seamlessly.

Finally, I would like to thank our President for the unwavering support and for continuously encouraging initiatives like Amateur Nite. Providing platforms for our youth to express themselves and showcase their talents is invaluable. I would also like to thank the entire Managing Committee for their support and for being present to be a part of the prize distribution.

Amateur Nite is more than just a competition - it is a celebration of growth, confidence, and community spirit. Watching our young performers shine reminds us why we do this year after year.

Until next Amateur Nite! Keep singing. Keep performing.

Nikita Pereira

MIC - YOUTH

AMATEUR NIGHT





SASSY SENIORS

Sassy Seniors Valentine Party – A Grand Celebration at Catholic Club

Love, laughter and lively music filled the air on 12th February as nearly 350 members and guests gathered at Catholic Club for the much-awaited Sassy Seniors Valentine Party. It was an evening that beautifully celebrated not just Valentine's Day, but friendship, companionship and the ever-youthful spirit of our Sassy Seniors.

From the moment the music began, the dance floor was alive. Couples twirled, friends sang along to their favourite tunes, and the room echoed with cheer and applause. The Blue Nights Band kept the energy soaring throughout the evening, ensuring there was never a dull moment. Adding to the magic was our Emcee, Melroy, whose humour, warmth and lively interaction had the audience laughing and fully engaged. A special note of appreciation to Melroy for his evergreen entertainment and for effortlessly keeping the spirit of the evening vibrant from start to finish.

We were honoured to have our President, Rajesh Ferrao, address the gathering and commend the enthusiastic participation of our Sassy Seniors. His encouraging words added significance to the celebration, and he graciously distributed prizes to the delighted winners, making the occasion even more memorable. We also thank the entire Managing Committee for their continued support and for being present to share in the prize distribution. A heartfelt thank you to Patrick, Vice President; Anthuraj, Treasurer; Micheal Saldhana, MIC - Bar; Sam Texeira, MIC - Entertainment; Gavin, MIC - Sportico; and Anup Saldhana, MIC - Chambers for their valuable support in making this event a grand success.

Our sincere gratitude goes to our main sponsor Ujjain Bank; co-sponsors Marzi, Hidden Valley and

Marvante Restaurant for their generous gift vouchers; Smakz Cookies for the delightful gifts; and Sunshine White and Asha Philips for their cash sponsorships. Your generous support added excitement and joy to the celebrations.

Special appreciation also goes to the entire F & B Team for their excellent coordination and service, ensuring every guest felt welcomed and well taken care of. Thank you to Vaani and Lydia for their constant assistance, along with my dedicated subcommittee members - Maisy, Asha, Anita, Kevin, Sunshine who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything ran seamlessly.

My heartfelt and special thanks to Patricia Crasta for conceptualizing and beautifully organizing the entire theme and décor of the event. Her creativity and meticulous planning transformed the venue into a stunning Valentine's setting that elevated the evening and created the perfect backdrop for celebration.

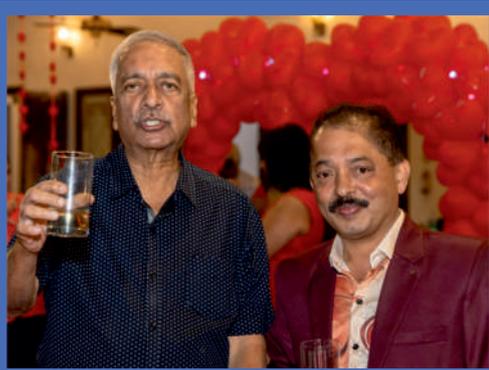
A special thank you as well to Kevin Stapleton and Rosalind Fernandes for conducting the lively housie game, which brought laughter, excitement and friendly competition to the night.

The Sassy Seniors Valentine Party was more than just a gathering - it was a reminder that joy has no age limit. The packed dance floor, the cheerful winners and the smiling faces said it all. If this celebration was anything to go by, we can only look forward to even more vibrant evenings ahead.

Warm regards,

Jeffry Crasta
MIC – ELDERS COMMITTEE





LADIES

The ladies of our club have been having fun...

The coffee morning on the 8 th of February had 100 Ladies enjoying themselves.

Thanks to all who attended and supported.

8 th March is Womens Day and we have a fun filled day planned for you.

Stalls, a live girls band, dances, games and a day full of surprises!! Please buy your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment of receiving a take away gift.

Looking forward to seeing you Ladies, to celebrate being Women.

A big thank you as always to my sub-committee for their continuous support.

I thank our President, Office Bearers and committee for their support.

Thank you to the staff of Catholic Club and our members.

Warm regards,

Coreen D'Souza Fareed
MIC- LADIES



CELEBRATE BEING A WOMAN



8th MARCH • 11 AM ONWARDS

LIVE GIRL BAND • SEASON 2

Music & Dance Over the Ages!

Fun, stalls, dances, prizes, surprises & Take away gift

**Entry (Inclusive of Lunch)
Members 499 | Occasional Member 699
Sales close on 6 th March.**

**Gate Sales
Members - Rs. 699 | Occasional Member - Rs. 999**

**Dress Code:
COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW**



CARNIVAL 2026





As the waves rolled in and out, the Catholic Club in association with The Karnataka Goan Association brought the spirit of Goa alive with a spectacular Goan Carnival on 15th February 2026. Bright, bold, and bursting with energy, the celebration was filled with colour and excitement at every turn. With A26 all the way from Goa setting the rhythm live on stage and DJ Callie on the console keeping the beats pumping, the Catholic Club truly rocked from noon to moon.

The carnival unfolded like a story along Goa's coastline, beginning with a serene sunrise theme led by children and seniors, symbolising hope and new beginnings. As the day moved into dusk, the youth and adults lit up the stage with vibrant performances that captured the golden glow and festive spirit of evening by the sea.

The arrival of King Momo and his Queen brought the revelry to its peak. Accompanied by a dazzling troupe, they embodied the true essence of Carnival, where joy reigns and worries fade away. Performances by the Waves troupe and the Blue

Sapphire Maidens added grace and grandeur, while Sunrise and Sunset came alive once more in a magical dance of colour and movement.

As the night deepened, King Momo and his Queen returned to the floor to a lively Goan Konkani melody, culminating in a joyful proclamation that invited everyone to celebrate in true Carnival spirit.

A heartfelt thanks to Catholic Club President Mr. Jude Rajesh Ferrao and KGA President Mr. Valerian Fernandes for their support. A special mention to Jake Texeira, our dynamic emcee for the evening, who kept the energy high and the crowd engaged throughout the show. Special appreciation to Samantha Pasha for the stunning costumes that added sparkle and charm to the evening. We also extend our gratitude to Kingfisher for their generous sponsorship and support in making the event a grand success.

Sam Texeira

MIC- ENTERTAINMENT

New Members Approved at the Membership Interview on 12th February 2026

Mr. Thomas Chacko Arakal

New Senior Citizen

Mr. Benedict Victor Pinto

New Senior Citizen

Mr. Sooraj Mathen Ancheril

Donor

Mrs. Lubna Esmail

Donor

Mr. Sangeeth Job Samuel

Life

Mr. Vinoi John

Life

Mr. Neil Jacob Rodrigues

Life

Ms. Akansha Ann Varma

Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary Member

Mr. Arjun Thomas Alvares

Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary Member

Mr. Joel P Shaji

Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary Member

Mr. Joshua Nitin Raj

Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary Member

Mr. Scott Mark Newcastle

Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary Member

Mr. Aarya Paul

Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary Member

Mr. Sergio Tristen Rosario

Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary Member

Mr. Joel Varun Vasanth

Ordinary

Mr. Desmond Bosco Goveas

Ordinary

Ms. Merita Joy

Ordinary

Mr. Aaron Reon Manuel

Associate

Mr. Mark Seymour Naidu

Non Resident

Mr. Sunil Fernandes

Non Resident

Mr. Declyn Gerard Gomes

Temporary

Mrs. Sasha Peterson

Temporary

Mr. George Joseph Poovathingal

Temporary

Dr. Joseph Anthony Roberts

Temporary

Mr. Clive Michael Vanbuerle

Corporate

Mr. Manjunath S

Corporate

Mr. Sandeep V K

Corporate

CHESS

An Open Chess Tournament will be held on Saturday 21st March 2026 at our Club Members of all Clubs are invited.

Entry Fee:

Member: **Rs. 500/-**

Occasional Member: **Rs. 750/-**

Gavin Cordeiro

MIC - CHESS

TABLE TENNIS



CHECKMATE

AN OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

March
21st
2026
@ 9.30AM

ENTRY FEE

Member. Rs. 500 // Occasional Member Rs. 750 Per Head
includes fellowship & lunch

Last date for entries - 17.03.2026

For More details contact

Gavin Cordeiro on 9886038390 OR Ajit Lobo on 9686299948



CATHOLIC CLUB ORPHANS' TRUST

On 31st December 2025, Catholic Club Orphans' Trust received a generous donation of grocery kits from an Angel Donor. A total of 100 grocery kits were received for the benefit of less privileged children. Each kit consisted of essential food items such as Rice Wheat Flour & Dhal; and packed as follows:

1. Rice 26 kgs
2. Wheat Flour 10 kgs
3. Dhal 2 kgs

The entire operation was executed under the leadership of CCOT Core Committee Member Savitha Gonsalves. CCOT thanks the Angel Donor wholeheartedly.

The grocery kits were distributed amongst 8 homes ensuring equitable support to the beneficiaries, covering 405 wards.

1. Sneha Nilayam
2. RTC
3. St. Mary's Girls
4. St. Mary's Boys
5. St. Charles
6. Blessing Home
7. Good Shepherd & Chaitanya
8. St. Patricks'

Ration List					
Sl	Home	Wards	Rice	Atta	Dhal
1	Sneha Nilaya	34	7	7	10
2	RTC	81	19	19	20
3	St. Marys Girls	71	18	18	16
4	St. Marys Boys	81	19	19	20
5	St. Charles	28	7	7	6
6	Blessing Home	24	7	7	6
7	Good Shepherd & Chaitanya	36	10	10	10
8	St. Patricks	50	13	13	12
Total		405	100	100	100
Value per kit Rs. 3,000.00 totalling Rs. 3,00,000.00 in all					



GORGEOUS ME

We had a special treat for the Children of RTC where they got an opportunity to visit a well-known Beauty Parlour. CCOT thanks Andria Pinto who

wholeheartedly came forward to give the children an experience of a lifetime





An Invitation to own a piece of heritage and nostalgia.

Catholic Club's Diamond Jubilee
limited edition wrist watches exclusively
made by Titan & Merchandise are now available.



TITAN
EDGE

Gents ₹ 12999
Ladies ₹ 11999



Scarf + Brooch Pin ₹300



Tie + Pocket Square + Cufflinks ₹850

Talk to our front desk staff for assistance

*Conditions Apply. Limited number of merchandise available.
Catholic Club Reserves the right to modify /discontinue merchandise without prior notice.

PROGRAMMES FOR MARCH

2	Monday	Whist Drive	6.00pm
3	Tuesday	Bridge	6.00pm
4	Wednesday	Mid Week Live - Bar Nite	
6	Friday	Faith Programme	7.00pm
7	Saturday	Musical evening	8.00pm
8	Sunday	Woman's Day Celebration	11.00am
9	Monday	Whist Drive	6.00pm
10	Tuesday	Bridge	6.00pm
11	Wednesday	Mid Week Live - Bar Nite	8.00pm
13	Friday	Faith Programme	6.30pm
14	Saturday	Musical Evening	8.00pm
		iBrowse	7.00pm
15	Sunday	Treasure Hunt	11.00am
		Brunch	12.30pm
16	Monday	Whist Drive	6.00pm
17	Tuesday	Bridge	6.00pm
18	Wednesday	Mid Week Live - Bar Nite	8.00pm
20	Friday	Faith Programme	6.30pm
21	Saturday	Musical Evening	8.00pm
		Chess Open Tournament	9.30am
22	Sunday	Brunch	12.30pm
		What's The Good Word	7.00pm
23	Monday	Whist Drive	6.00pm
24	Tuesday	Bridge	6.00pm
25	Wednesday	Mid Week Live - Bar Nite	8.00pm
27	Friday	Faith Programme	7.00pm
28	Saturday	Musical Evening	8.00pm
29	Sunday	Brunch	12.00pm
30	Monday	Whist Drive	6.00pm
31	Tuesday	Bridge	6.00pm



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