



By Love Serve One Another

JOTTINGS

Faith in God the Father Almighty
and in Jesus Christ His Only Son Our Lord and Saviour
and in the Holy Spirit

Purpose

- Promotion of the full development of women and girls through its programmes
- To develop a membership that is responsive through service to the changing needs of the community in a changing world.

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Will Father Christmas Wear A Mask?

Jennifer Talwalker (JMT)

As I write in November, I am trying to imagine how Christmastide 2020 will pan out for us this time. Well, even Covid cannot stop church bells ringing in the Good News of Christ's incarnation, but must our carols come muted through a surgical mask? For those of us who are senior citizens, do we expect to be still housebound? Many folk who leave town for a Christmas vacation will wonder if that is a safe option this year. Big parties or even a store visit for children to Father Christmas may be deemed unsafe. And, of course, no after-midnight Mass hugs and kisses in festive spirit. And so it goes on!

Annually, we joyfully celebrate the unique occasion when God's Son arrived on Earth as a newborn

Baby Boy. That first Christmas, the only fanfare was angelic singing to ordinary Jewish shepherds on Bethlehem's starlit fields. The long-promised Messiah arrived to a working-class family who could only find the outhouse of an inn for shelter. How extraordinary this seems! But this was only the beginning of Jesus' humble life which put deeper meaning to worship, demonstrated through selfless love in words and deed. Christianity began with Jesus' perfect life as our pattern. Therefore, let us welcome the Babe of Bethlehem into our hearts again this year despite restrictions. May the twinkling Star of Bethlehem guide us in a newer, simpler fashion with the realization this Noel that God came down and dwelt among us. Alleluiah!

CHRISTMAS

Annie George, Chembur Area

Christians awake, 'tis Christmas time
'Hallelujah' rings the angels' chime
Rise to join the happy song:
"In a manger, born our heavenly King"
Shout aloud the joyful song
Take time to join the heavenly throng
Make haste, less we miss the Babe
Adorned in simple swaddling clothes--
'Saviour, accept our humble praise'

Christ in Christmas

Sharon Pires, Fort Area

As the year comes to an end
We celebrate with family and friends
Rejoicing in our Saviour's birth
Who came to restore peace on earth
We welcome Him into our hearts
Let this Christmas be the start, to do our part
To spread His message of love, near and far
The rays of hope reflected by a star
With Christ as the center of everything
We will find happiness in daily living.

No Glass Between Shared by Laila Furtado, Fort Area

The story is told of a little boy whose family was quite poor, since he never received any gifts at Christmas time. He would stand and press his nose against the store windows, staring at all the clothes and toys other little boys would find under their trees.

One day, the little boy dashed out in front of a car to save a kitten that was stuck. Passersby called for

help, and he was rushed to a nearby hospital. Because it was Christmas, one of the nurses brought him a troop of toy soldiers and laid them in his lap. His eyes were wide as he gently touched them. "What do you think?" the nurse asked. "There isn't any glass between!"

Some day we shall see Christ face to face, with no "glass" in-between

Sweet Notings - Put Christ Back in Christmas Sharon Pires

The pandemic has taught us to see situations, relationships, work, travel – things and people we took for granted in a new light. The economy is slowly opening up. As we start moving out, we find a restriction on our freedom, to curb the viral spread. Our response has to match the challenges - be cautious yet proactive, reach out but follow safety protocols and build immunity.

Covid-19, a time of spiritual awakening for many – connecting with the Lord daily, deeply and fully. An opportunity for reflection and enhancing our knowledge of God's word through Bible-reading, meditation, conversations and learning from the experiences of others.

We celebrate the birth of a new -born, a sick person getting well and returning home from the hospital, and so many other mercies– all signs that God still loves the world. Nature gives hope in the blossoming of a flower, a bird feeding its young ones, a fledgling learning to fly, a caterpillar becoming a butterfly. God has not given up and we can see the blessings daily around us.

Christmas is coming – the season of rejoicing in the 'Birth of our Lord'. Every year we get caught up in the festivities and forget to 'Celebrate the Reason for the Season'. The pandemic has taught us to stop, reflect and look at what is truly important. Let's put 'Christ back in Christmas' and truly experience the joy, peace and love of our Lord.

Beauty Salon

YWCA has started beauty parlour services for girls and women. All precautions regarding safety and sanitisation are taken. Given rates are inclusive of safety kits.

Global Hair Coloring	330/-
Touch-up Hair Color	180/-
Hair cut Basic.....	210/-
Hair Cur Advance	260/-
Mehendi dye	230/-
Head Massage	180/-
Deep Conditioning	180/-
Highlight one Strip	180/-
Full Leg Waxing.....	220/-
Full Hand Waxing	245/-
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YWCA of Bombay

Starting soon

Online Caregiver Course

HURRY UP!
Limited Seats Available

Eligibility criteria
Qualification: 7th pass
Medium of instruction: Marathi & Hindi
Duration of course: one month
Fees: 500/-



Certificates will be given to all the participants at the end of the training.

Contact for more information
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Birthdays in December

Date	Member	Area	Staff
2 nd December	Indira Jenna	Andheri	
4 th December			Dilip Devlekar
5 th December	Sushila Pallicha	Andheri	
5 th December	Jayanti Premkumar	Chembur	
6 th December	Linda Gregory Noronha	Bandra	
6 th December			Sanjay Tirlotkar
7 th December			Usha Taylor
8 th December	Vimala Raichur	Andheri	
9 th December	Daksha Kanavia	Andheri	
10 th December	Prasanna Benger	Belapur	
15 th December	Stella Bapu	Thane	
17 th December	Flory D'souza	Andheri	
18 th December	Leonara D'souza	Bandra	
19 th December	Usha D'cruz	Andheri	
20 th December			Pallavi Pawar
23 rd December	Sarojini J. Hingorani	Andheri	
23 rd December	Prabhavathy Christdoss	Fort	
24 th December	Elizabeth Peters	Fort	
25 th December	Raina Michyari	Fort	
25 th December	Saroj Hilbert	Byculla	
25 th December	Shaneya Solomon Sharma	Andheri	
27 th December	Maria Victoria Aguiar	Byculla	
28 th December	Shama Chatterjee	Andheri	
29 th December	Vini Sebastian	Byculla	

We hope you have a wonderful day and
 that the year ahead is filled with much love,
 many wonderful surprises and
 lasting memories .

Happy Birthday !!!





International Centre

Introduces

Reduced Tariff during Covid-19

Room Tariff (Long duration Stay – Yearly Basis)

Room Type	½ Yearly Package (Per Month)	Yearly Package (Per Month)	Room Type
Single (Economy)	22,000	22,000	A/C
Single (Standard)	25,000	25,000	A/C
Premier (Double)	30,000	28,000	A/C
Deluxe (Double)	32,000	30,000	A/C
Super Deluxe (Triple)	22,000 Per Bed	20,000 Per Bed	Non A/C
Family (Quadruple)	16,000 Per Bed	16,000 Per Bed	Non A/C

Room Tariff (Sharing Bed - Package – Stay Only).

Room Type	Yearly Package(Per Month)	Room Type
Super Deluxe (Triple)	16,000 Per Bed	Non A/C
Family (Quadruple)	15,000 Per Bed	Non A/C

Valid till 31st March 2021

To contact for information on reduced rates:

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Short-term Stay at YWCA Dipti Dhaman Hostel, Andheri-W

For 1/2/3 months

Monthly payment - Rs. 6500/-

Deposit (Refundable) - Rs. 5000/-

Canteen charges Rs. 3000/-.

This arrangement is exclusively for new applicants during the Covid 19 period.

Food & Hygiene Kit for seniors & children, plus an Educational Kit for children living in the community

Covid 19 Emergency Relief Fund for Jobless people and vulnerable sections of the society.
Reaching out to communities at Byculla, Fort, Chembur, Borivali, Andheri & Belapur.

Join hands with YWCA of Bombay to help more people and save lives



Donate Now

Bank details:
YWCA of Bombay
Name of Bank: UCO Bank
Branch: Nariman Point
A/c No. 03860100009540
IFS Code: UCBA0000529

Donations received are Exempted u/s 80G
After making the donation online kindly send PAN, address & payment details to ywcafinancedept@rediffmail.com for acknowledgement letter & receipt

Please Note Important Guidelines for Jottings

1. Word-limit for articles 200-250.
2. Reports should be brief.
3. Only activity-based photos approved by the chairperson of the respective committees should be sent.
4. Only photos of size 1 MB /300 KB with captions will be accepted and should be sent by mail.
5. Only those articles shortlisted by the Jottings Committee will be printed.
6. Members to submit their articles on or before 15th of the month.
7. Articles to be sent to Staff, Mildin – cfsybom-bay@gmail.com. or a hard copy at Byculla, YWCA



Spiritual Emphasis

World YWCA & YMCA Week of Prayer

Rays of Hope – Creating Resilient Communities through Practical Spirituality was the theme of The World YWCA & YMCA Week of Prayer. All speakers communicated powerfully through their personal testimonies and the Word.

1. Breathing together in Solidarity – Faith moves us to experience life coming back, being restored..to touch and be touched by the Spirit of love, compassion and solidarity.
2. Spiritual and Economic Empowerment through Crisis – May our trust in God be as firm and unmovable in the light of life's perplexities as we confess that we will rejoice in the Lord and take joy in the God of our salvation.
3. Addressing Social Injustices in our Communities – The voices of many against the violation of human rights and for dismantling the systemic racism ingrained in public policies advocated for radical changes in our societies and government.
4. Keeping Hope Alive – finding peace and sharing kindness. – Your life may have slowed down but not stopped, your goals may have been adjusted but not derailed, your achievements may have been differed but not denied. God has a plan for

each of us..Do not lose hope.

5. Weaving Fabrics of Support –Through social media, women have a new space to speak up and be heard. With its power to encourage solidarity and collect shared experiences, social media has become a new frontier for women's rights activists to organize and allies to join the fight for equality and justice.
6. Transforming Fear into Strong Vulnerability and Loving Trust –Many around the world are experiencing emotional distress and troubled feelings. Many are living in unsafe and deprived environments that compromise their dignity and capacity for full and sound development. There is transformation in the strength that comes from God; there is transformation in the healing that comes from God; there is transformation when we make ourselves vulnerable and trust God's immense self-giving love will guide us and make us full again.
7. The Rays of Hope – Living Hope, Hope in Despair, Hope for Creation, Gospel of Hope. May we possess Christ-like compassion that stirs others to live hopeful lives. May we welcome all people among us so that they may know Christ, the Living Hope.

Women's Development Unit

Staff Capacity-building

Neeta Dabre attended ICC meetings on zoom of Sion Hospital on 6th and 12th October and also on 6th November.

Health - General Medical Health–checkup Camp in collaboration with L&T was organised on 23rd October at Byculla and on 27th October at Borivali Community Centre and Ashraya Shelter Home.

Capacity-building

1. 32 women of Fort community attended online meeting on 'How to Start Small-scale Business' on 23rd October, which was organised by Ms. Deepa Hakani of Rise Infinity Foundation
2. **Five Mental Health awareness programmes were organised for different groups in collabor-**

ration with Mpower (on the occasion of World Mental Health Month)

- a. Practising Self-care and Maintaining Routine during Covid-19 for Balwadi and Creche parents on 21st October.
- b. Social media, Gaming and Self-care on 23rd October for Youth group
- c. Dealing with Anxiety, Depression and Grief on 26th October for SHG groups
- d. Being aware of Mental Health and Self-care on 27th October for Aasra clients and Shelter Home residents.
- e. Building Resilience & Self-care on 29th for VTC students.

Shamal Pawar, Kiran Patil, Vidya Sawant, Hemlata Garud and Jyoti Dhiwal distributed monthly meal

boxes at Kalachowki, Chembur, Shivshakti Nagar, Byculla and Belapur on 22nd, 29th and 30th October and 6th November at Fort.

Information

- a. Received Rs. 2,50,000/- as donation for Vocational courses from HDFC.
- b. Received 10 steamers from Mumbai North Central District Forum which were distributed to all Y buildings.
- c. Received letter from MSBVEE for offline clas-

ses of VTC.

- d. Letter received from NMMC for free short-term courses for beneficiaries at Belapur.
- e. After completing training in Entrepreneurship Development, Jagruti Bachat Gat started a small business (besan ladoo-making) and are receiving orders on a daily basis.

Nursing Care

One-month Caregiver Course (2nd Batch) started from 13th October .

Asha Kiran

1. A medical camp was held on 6th November in collaboration with L&T. Free medicines were distributed. Check-ups were conducted for staff and beneficiaries.
2. A webinar was organized on '**An interaction between Housing Society Office-bearers and Expert Consultants**'. 76 participants attended. Panel experts Mr. Ramesh Prabhu, Adv. Uday Wavekar, Mr. Harshad Shah and Mr. Samant explained the various issues faced in co-operative societies and answered the queries of the participants.
3. Co-operative Housing Society Management Course was successfully completed on 6th October with 25 students. Certificates were distributed.
4. Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nutrition is distributed to 20 adolescents from study centre.
5. Diwali snacks poha chiwda, rawa ladoo, besan ladoo, sev, shakkarpali and chakli were prepared for sale. Well-wishers and members donat-

ed Rs.8000/- for raw materials. Orders will be taken till December 2020 as per requirement.

6. The parlour service has started with safety measures from 26th October. Parlour staff comes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for prior appointments. Received good response from regular as well as first-time clients.
7. 20 ration bags for making Diwali snacks were distributed to Andheri staff by well-wishers.



Parlour Service

Outreach during Quarantine

46 ration bags were distributed by Andheri Area members to Andheri staff, creche parents and study center students.

Shelter Homes

1. Currently we have 49 residents at our Shelter Homes.
2. Seven residents have registered for online classes from YWCA and Kotak Education Foundation in October.
3. Residents participated in three webinars in October:-
 - Mental Health by Dr. Save on 2nd October
 - Gender and Equality on 28th October
 - Legal Awareness on Women Against Violence on 30th October.



Shelter Home Residents



Three residents took up residential jobs and two were sent for long-term rehabilitation to Mai Foundation at Pune.

Residents celebrated Diwali by lighting diyas, preparing sweets and making rangolis.



Shelter Home Residents Celebrating Diwali

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Gender Sensitization

A webinar on ‘Gender Sensitization’ was held on 28th October. Advocate Aileen Marques explained **Gender Discrimination as Violation of Human Rights**. She supported her talk with practical examples and also highlighted areas of inequality faced by women in different walks of life by screening a video of Kamala Bhasin, feminist activist (Satyamev Jayte). Her advice was simple: Make the girl child stronger, provide her with a

share of property and accept her if she is abandoned by her husband.

Cyber Safety

A talk on ‘Cyber Safety’ was conducted by Adv. Pankaj Bafna on 12th November. Safe use of new modes of communication (WhatsApp, Facebook, Email etc.) was explained very clearly. Legal implications with examples were also highlighted. Queries were answered in detail.

Area Reports

All area meetings were conducted on zoom.

Andheri Area: 20 members attended the meeting on 5th November. Devotion was led by Shama Chatterjee. Tambola was enjoyed by all.

Bandra Area: 24 members attended the meeting on 7th November. Marvie Ann Beck gave a talk on ‘Women Empowerment during Covid 19’. She also gave tips on make-up.

Belapur Area: 8 members attended the meeting on 7th November. Member Suneeela Arun Kumar gave an online demonstration of Andhra Gongura Mutton curry. Gongura is a green leafy vegetable also known as Ambadi Bhaji. The presentation was appreciated by everyone.

Borivali Area: 10 members attended the meeting

on 14th November. A session on Cancer Awareness was organized. The guest speaker was Dr. Indoo Ammbulkar.

Byculla Area: 5 members attended the meeting on 3rd November. Devotion was led by Emema Christy. Posters to spread awareness about precautions to be taken by the residents of the locality during Covid 19 times and also as a habit, were displayed on the gate.

Chembur Area: 7 members attended the meeting on 6th November. Nisha Gopalan shared recipes of Diwali faral, besan ladoo, shankarpali and poha chivda.

Fort Area: 7 members attended the meeting on 4th November. It concluded with prayer fellowship by Aneela Rao.



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Programmes and Committee Meetings for December 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Anugraha Meeting 5.00 pm	4 Shelter Home Meeting 11.30 am	5 AK & DDH Meeting 2.00 pm
7	8	9	10	11 General Hostels 2.30 pm	12 International Centre 11.00 am Evening of Carols 6.00 pm
14	15	16 Finance Meeting 1.00 pm	17	18 Board Meeting 1.00 pm Jottings Meeting 2.30 pm	19
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Holiday	26
28	29	30	31		