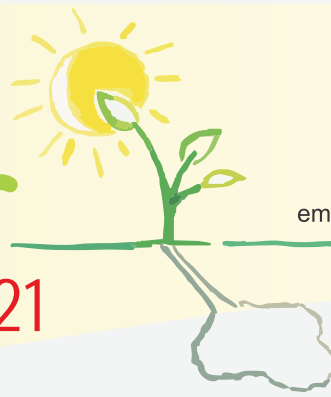


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As 'new' normalcy resumes in many parts of the world, it is time to ask 'what has the pandemic taught me?' Besides increased awareness of the great need and observance of hygiene, a heightened sense for cleanliness to stay germ-free, have we also sensed a change in our attitude?

The example of Dives and Lazarus in the Bible (Luke 16: 19-31) may help us to reflect in these post Covid times. Dives ultimately went to hell, but a quick examination of his life would lead you to say, "Hey! He did not do any wrong! So, why damnation for the man?"

The sin of Dives was that cushioned in all the luxuries that God blessed him with, he neglected to see the sufferings of his neighbor next door! He had, and in plenty! But he did not give...

Most of us have been lucky, but there are many among us who continue to suffer, and some more so harder from the effects of the pandemic like the daily wage labourers. The loss of jobs putting an insurmountable pressure on finances for education of their children, to even meeting basic needs of a square meal a day. Prem Dan continues to remain a haven of support and sustenance for quite a few of these.

We are extremely grateful to our benefactors, sponsors and donors, who, through their generous contribution cater to the needs of man—they are indeed true ambassadors for Christ, who never abandons us, for He is Emmanuel.

Let us not forget that Lazarus is not only our neighbor next door, but he is also miles away. The Gospel is universal. The Church is universal. So, let our arms reach out far and wide, allowing our love and charity across seven seas and geographical borders to help one another. India is desperately in need of a Dives that can donate generously. A Dives, unlike the Dives from the Bible, strives to make a 'difference' in our world today.



ACTIVITIES

Sept – Nov 2021

'Helpers' Day' celebration in Fort Convent Hall with a meaningful prayer service. Very often it is so easy to ignore the contribution of our daily helpers who strive to make our lives a little easier. This was a chance for us to give back in our little way.



02.10.2021
T-Shirt
Painting
Competition
organized
by Lion's Club

We could not tell who was happier, the participants who let their creative juices flow or the viewers who enjoyed the results of their amazing creativity. The common thread of the creations was 'giving' and 'love.'



Teachers' Day
Celebration in
Garden School and
Kharghar Boarding

Teachers' day is a time to celebrate and thank the teachers for all the knowledge they impart to the students. Our students are happier than the teachers themselves while they organise the function, decorate the board, room and practice their performances for the final day for the teachers. The teachers cut and distributed a lovely cake for the occasion.





Fresh Air Camp

November 8-11, 2021

And the happy activities continue. What is life without a picnic or a break from boarding school? The students from our Kharghar boarding school went off to a Fresh Air Camp at Khandala for four days. Aren't they lucky to be away from the smog of the city to the fresh green air? Some of the pictures reflecting their joy and happiness are shared here.





October 29, 2021
Diwali
Celebration
at Prem Dan
Diya painting and
Rangoli Activity

What is Diwali without the traditions of creating *rangolis* and lighting the beautifully decorated *diya*'s. Here are some of the creations that reflect the festival of colour and light.



Let us together continue to reach out in love and service to the unloved, the uncared for, marginalized and downtrodden in our Society.



Christmas Blessings with warm wishes and gratitude,
Srs. Felicity, Helen, Roslin,
all Sisters at Kharghar and everyone at Prem Dan.

