

July 2022

First Friday Mass

Date: 1st July, 2022

Time: 11:30am to 12:30pm

Venue: College Chapel

Charges: NA

No. of Participants: students, teaching and non-teaching staff.

On 1st July 2022 being the First Friday of the month we had an Eucharistic celebration in the college chapel. It was also the beginning of our academic year 2022-23. The Eucharistic was led by Fr. Renold. The mass began at 11:30 am. We had the teaching, non-teaching staff, students who attended the Eucharistic celebration. It was a fruitful beginning to our new academic year 2022-2023.



AUGUST 2022

Shalom-Peace in His Presence

Date: 12th August 2022

Time - 1:45 - 2:30 pm

Venue: Chapel

Charges - NA

No. of Participants - 6 members, core team and staff in charge (Sr. Deodita)

ACS Club's first prayer session, Shalom - Peace in his Presence was conducted to have peace within ourselves and also to spread peace among others by reflecting on God's word and meditating in prayer. It commenced with asking everyone to gather around the centre area which was set up with candles forming a cross as well as some of those placed on the altar. After this, we began to silently meditate with some background music playing. Sneha led us through the whole session keeping intervals where we had to reflect on ourselves, talk to God or even be peaceful in his presence. The session ended with a beautiful hymn. It gave most of the participants a quiet time with God amidst their busy schedules.



Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and 75th Independence Day

Date: 15th August 2022

Time - 7 am

Venue: Chapel

Charges - NA

No. of Participants - students, sisters of the convent, professors, parents, and the priest (celebrant) among others.

To celebrate the Holy Eucharist, Fr. Gavin joined us. The chapel was decorated beautifully. In front of the altar was a fascinating rangoli celebrating our 75 years of freedom. There was a choir and a group of lectors who were Sophians. The sermon given by the priest was very apt for the occasion and gave us many insights to ponder. One of the highlights of the mass was the special aarti that took place during the offertory while the celebrant consecrated the Holy Eucharist. It was done in accordance with a deeper meaning also symbolising the connection with our Indian culture. Towards the end of the mass, a sweet was served for everyone. This was followed by flag hoisting and a short programme depicting our notions of patriotism.



Bhokar Camp

Date: 13th-16th August 2022

Time - NA

Venue: Bhokar, Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra.

Charges - NA

No. of Participants - 13 students and 3 staff members

The Bhokar Camp took place from the 13th of August, 2022 to the 16th of August, 2022 at Bhokar in Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra. Sr. Patricia D'souza, Ms Eliza Arhana and Ms. Sumathy Pinto accompanied us to the camp. In Bhokar, we resided at Ashankur Rural Women's Centre which was run by the sisters of the Sacred Heart, the same congregation that runs Sophia College.

The travel, food and accommodation for the camp were organised by the teacher incharge of ACS, Sr. Patricia. The main motive of the camp was to strengthen our relationship with God and to get to know ourselves and others better.

The camp included various interpersonal activities where we interacted with the students studying and residing at the centre. Activities that were conducted by Sr. Patricia were as follows:

1. We were told to bring along 1 item that would describe us the best. Through this we got to know each other in depth.
2. We were given an hour to draw where we thought we were at the present and where we would visualise our future to be. After we had done that, we placed it in front of the Blessed Sacrament and prayed over it. We then discussed with each other what the drawing actually meant to us.
3. We also had a movie night where we watched a movie called "Another Perfect Stranger"

On Independence day, we had begun our day with flag hoisting followed by a few cultural programmes done by the students of Ashankur and the students of Sophia College. We also went to the Convent of the Religious Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and interacted with the sisters residing there. We participated in the Holy Mass and visited different churches.

On 16th August, 2022 we went on a one day picnic to Bhandardara Dam. We saw many waterfalls and dams and it was a day full of fun and joy.

Being a part of the rural area made us realise that there is much more to life than just following our daily routine. All of us needed a long break where we could be away from all our work and just be present at the moment.



SEPTEMBER 2022

Mellow Time

Date: 29th September 2022

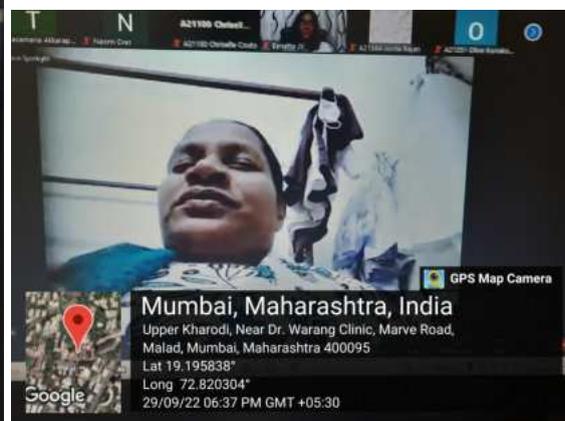
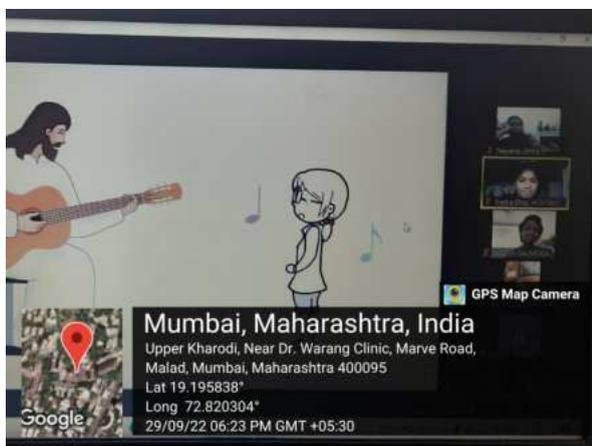
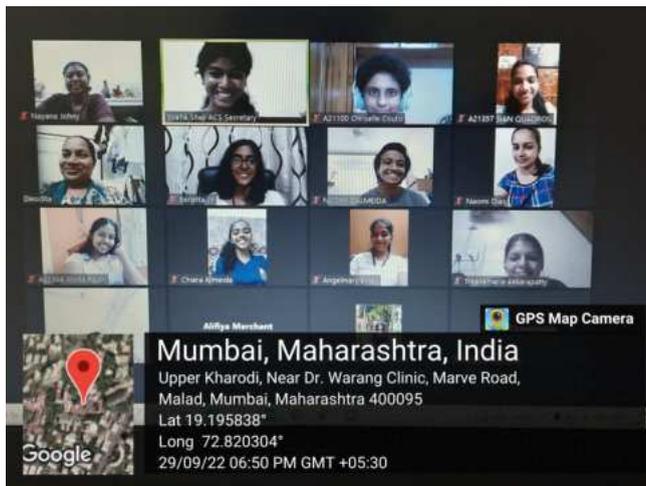
Time - 6 pm to 6: 45 pm

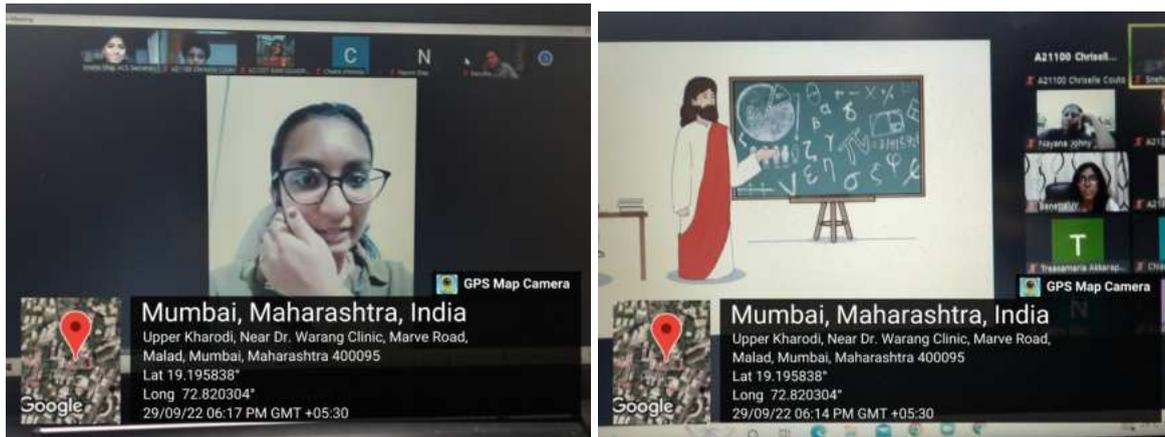
Venue: Online zoom meeting

Charges - NA

No. of Participants - 10 members, 1 member from the Jesus Youth Community, core team and staff in charge (Sr. Deodita)

This event was conducted for the students to have a break from all the studies and assignments overburdening them. We began the event by welcoming them and playing a game. The game was similar to the game of Charades. Two groups were formed and 1 member from each group had to either lip-sync or enact the bible verse given to them. In return, the other players had to guess the bible verse. After this fun icebreaker, we watched a video. The video was about a young girl undergoing stress and how she approaches God and He looks after her difficulties. The students then shared their thoughts on the same. Sr Deodita was kind enough to spend some time helping us clear our heads and meditate calmly. She ended the event with a small prayer for all of us. The event was really energetic at first, playful and happy.





Social Media - Instagram

1. Thinking Thursdays

On Thinking Thursdays, we think along the lines of a particular theme, reflect on a relevant bible verse and ponder upon a thought-provoking question and self-reflect. We reflected on trust and on spreading light.

(Our 'Thinking Thursdays' were done on the following days: 22nd and 29th September 2022.)

2. Suspenseful Saturdays

We share lesser-known and eye-opening facts about the bible. We shared about the authors who wrote the Bible and their profession.

(Our 'Suspenseful Saturdays' was done on the following day: 24th September 2022)

OCTOBER 2022

Malvan Camp

Date: 20th-27th October 2022

Time - NA

Venue: Malvan, Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra.

Charges - NA

No. of Participants - 12 students and 2 staff members

The Malvan Camp took place from the 20th of August, 2022 to the 27th of October, 2022 at Malvan in Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra. Sr. Patricia D'souza and Sr. Deodita Gudinho accompanied us to the camp. In Malvan, we resided at Ashadeep Nursery which was run by the sisters of the Sacred Heart, the same congregation that runs Sophia College. The travel, food and accommodation for the camp were organised by the teacher in-charge of ACS, Sr. Patricia D'souza. The main motive of the camp was to find our purpose by strengthening our relationship with God and to get to know ourselves and others even better. The camp included various interpersonal activities in which we interacted with our fellow camp members, as well as intrapersonal activities in which we were asked to indulge ourselves in 'our time' whenever and wherever we could at the place where we were residing in order to discover our purpose and individuality. Sr. Patricia's activities included the following:

1. We were instructed to draw 'Who am I?' on a sheet of paper provided by Sister in order to

look deep within ourselves to discover who we are and then share our thoughts with one another.

2. We had a meditation session at the rocky beach led by Sr. Deodita, where we all sat in prayer to find answers to our questions.

3. We had another meditation session, this time with Sr. Patricia, on the same rocky beach, to look even deeper into ourselves, and then returned to draw what we were feeling right now.

4. We had a few neighbouring children come over to the convent, and we had various activities such as games, singing, dancing, and giving out gifts to the children. The activities were conducted for 2 days i.e the 24th and 25th of October.

Other activities included:

- A 'Climate Change' session led by Malvan parishioner youth and co-founder of 'Youth Beats for Climate.' She very well explained the rising issues of Climate Change in the World and helped us understand its importance and participate in at least small activities that would help our environment at the very least.

- We also had a session with Sr. Rita Pinto, a resident of the Malvan Convent, who explained how the RSCJ community works at the United Nations level.

- We also attended the novena and feast service at Rosay Church in Malvan. We visited Chivla and Devbagh beaches, where we saw fishing and sunsets and had a good time.

The camp also taught us what it's like to serve, bond, and be present with God.



NOVEMBER 2022

Feast Day Quiz and Celebration

Date: 18th November 2022

Time: Quiz - 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Party - 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Venue: Chapel and Multi-Purpose Hall

Charges: Rs 98

No. of Participants: Quiz - 2 people, Sr Rosa and core members, Party - 11 students, 4 faculty members

There were 2 participants for the quiz who were asked to first read about the life of St. Philippine Duchesne by Sr. Rosa. Then they gave the quiz, the winners of which were declared later on. Sister Rosa also shared a few instances from St. Philippine Duchesne's life and the students read famous words of St. Philippine Duchesne. The celebration began with the people going to the chapel and Sr. Deodita gave us some information about the founder. Then we went to the Multi-Purpose Hall and played games like musical chairs and bombing the city. We sang 2 hymns after which snacks were given and lastly, we clicked pictures.





DECEMBER 2022

Alive In Christ (Christmas Edition)

Date : 9th December 2022

Time: 11:20 am to 12:25 pm

Venue: Indian Parlour

Charges: None

No. of Participants: 17 participants, Sr Deodita

The event began with a small prayer. The participants were then later divided into groups and they had to guess the Christmas carols. Karaoke versions of the same were being played. We watched two videos which touched upon the spirit of Christmas, God's love for us and breaking free from the bondage of sin. We discussed our views and thoughts on these videos, the responses were unique in their way. Then we came to the main part of the event, which was the Secret Santa. Names were written and chits were drawn. A list was maintained to ensure that everyone receives their gifts. Since we were unable to keep another event to give the gifts, Sneha (club secretary) and Sian (club executive) handed over the gifts to the respective recipients.



College Day Mass

Date: 12th December 2022

Time - 8:00 am

Venue: Chapel

Charges - NA

No. of Participants - students, sisters of the convent, professors, and the priest (celebrant) among others.

To celebrate the Holy Eucharist, Fr. Clifton Mendonsa from Holy Name Cathedral joined us. The chapel was decorated beautifully. There was a choir and a group of lectors which included Sophians. The hymns consisted of different languages and the prayers were written beautifully. As it was our Principal, Dr. Anagha Tendulkar's first College Day Mass as a principal, we prayed dearly for her well-being.



Christmas Wishing

Date: 23rd December 2022
Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Venue: Multipurpose Hall
Charges: None
No. of Participants: NA

This is one of the flagship events of the Association of Christian Students. The Principal, staff and students participated as well as attended the event. It began with a reading about the Birth of Jesus. This was followed by performances by the Education Department and the Staff who sang Christmas Carols. Some members from WMDC danced to a remix of songs along with a SCEDA member who performed a Christmas Monologue. There were Christmas Carols sung by the Hostel students which they had previously sung to raise funds for charity as well as a duet performance by Andrea Ma'am and Floyd Sir accompanied by

Ivan Sir on the keyboard. It came to an end with the members of ACS including the Executive team who sang a medley of Carols. The Staff members and students were given chocolates and exchanged Christmas wishes.



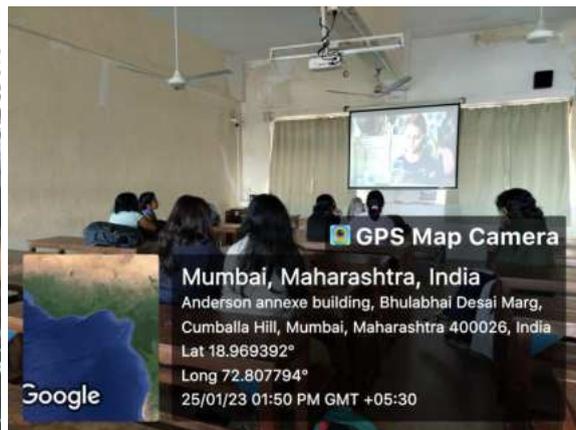
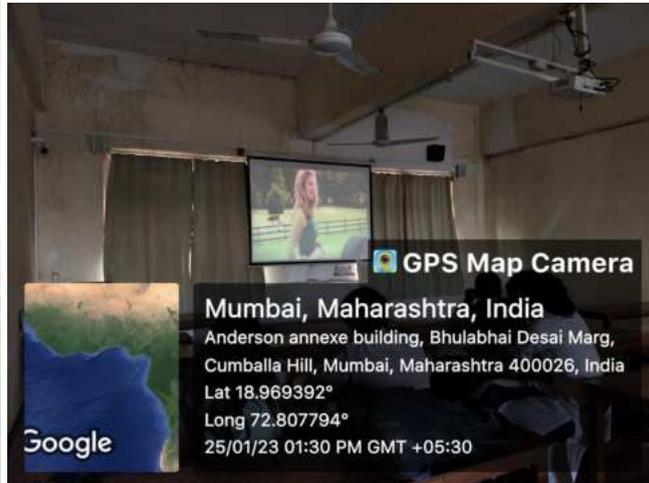
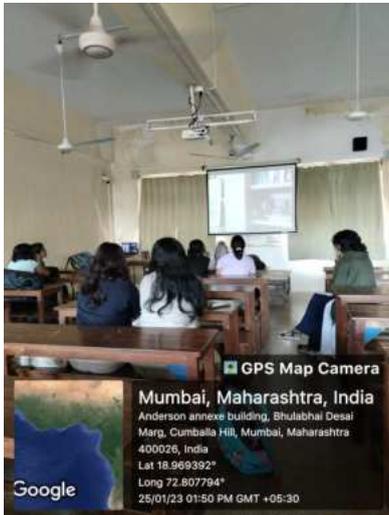
JANUARY 2023

ACS Movie Screening: Miracles From Heaven

Date- 25th January 2023
Time- 1:00-3:30 pm
Venue- Room 10
Chargers- N.A.
No. of Participants- 8 members

The movie screening: "Miracles From Heaven" was conducted on 25th January 2023. The the event took place from 1:00-3:30 pm in Room 10. "Miracles From Heaven" is a faith-based movie displaying true events from the life of Anna Beam (Kylie Rogers)who is

diagnosed with a rare digestive disease and this causes her mom Christy (Jennifer Garner) to question her faith-a faith crisis. A family that was once strong believers in Christ, were now questioning why God was doing this to them, including Anna (the character who was a firm believer of Christ and got the disease). However, she was miraculously saved and even cured of her disease. The movie ends with showing the girl on whom this movie is actually based, showing the beautiful life she is leading now. The audience seemed to be very happy with the ending and left with smiles on their faces.



FEBRUARY 2023

Bible Reflection Friday

Date- 03rd February 2023

Time- 11:20 am-12:25 pm

Venue- Chapel

Chargers- NA

No. of Participants- 6

Every Friday, we had a Bible reflection on the Gospels of Jesus in the college chapel with some of our ACS members and co-teacher in charge Sr. Deodita. We reflect on one

passage of the Gospel and share our thoughts on how the passage affects our daily lives. Along with pondering, we also have a brief time of prayer.



Agape (in collaboration with Jesus Youth)

Date: 14th February 2023
Time: 11:35 am to 12:25 pm
Venue: Chapel

Charges:**No. of Participants:**

This was a much-awaited event by the Jesus Youth Ministry and the Association of Christian Students Club. The event began with the JY members introducing themselves to all the participants. We did a small activity wherein every participant was given a small heart cutout. On one side, we had to write any word which we associated with love and on the other side, any bible verse that reminded us or spoke about love. After this these small cut-outs were collected in a box and kept. Everyone was taught a new action song by the JY Youth and we all sang and danced with happiness. After this, there was a small bible sharing session wherein we were told about Jacob and his love for his wife, Rachel. It was also then linked to God's love for us humans and our reciprocation of that same love. Later, while a hymn was being sung, a small prayer was said for all of us. Then one of the JY members explained and told us more about the Jesus Youth Campus Ministry, its inception, work, etc. We did the action song again and then each picked a heart cutout randomly from the box. The session ended on a good note, with thanking the JY members as well as clicking a few pictures.

