

ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN STUDENTS



“A Year of Faith, Joy, and Everlasting Memories !”

The Association of Christian Students (ACS) was more than just a club—it was about belonging. This year, we walked together, creating moments that will forever echo in our hearts.

We stood together during Peace Fortnight, embracing the power of love and unity. Our Masses—from First Fridays to the Assumption Mass and College Day Mass—strengthened our bond with God. Duchesne and Jesus Youth events deepened our faith, while the Fun Fair filled our hearts with laughter. The excitement of the Flashmob built up to the magic of Christmas Wishing, where hope and togetherness shone brightest.

Now, as the year fades, ACS remains—not just in memories, but in the faith and friendships that will last forever.

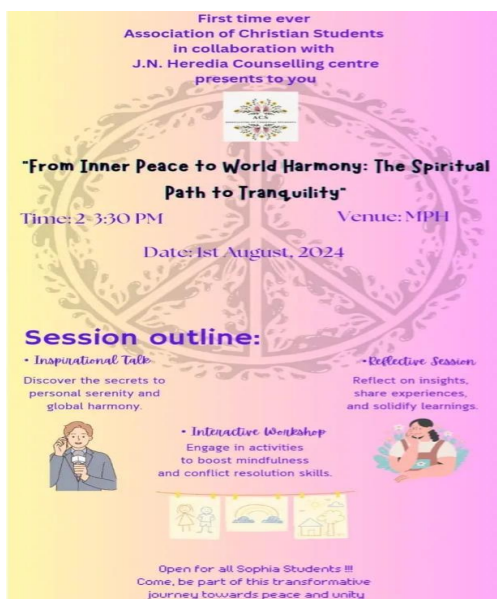
‘From Inner Peace To World Harmony: The Spiritual Path To Tranquillity’

1st August, 2024

On the 1st of August, 2024, the Association of Christian Students (ACS) catapulted into the ‘Peace Fortnight Events’ with an electrifying opening session titled “From Inner Peace to World Harmony: The Spiritual Path to Tranquillity.” This riveting event, conducted in collaboration with The J.N. Heredia Counselling Centre, promised to be nothing short of transformative. Our honoured resource person, Ms. Sukreeti Bhosale, the illustrious college Counsellor, graced the event with her profound wisdom.

As the event commenced, Ms. Bhosale captivated the audience with an engaging introduction, setting the stage for a journey into the depths of peace. She unveiled the intricate tapestry of what peace truly means to us, sparking a wildfire of introspection. Ms. Bhosale then posed a poignant question that resonated through the room: “How can inner peace cultivate outer peace, and how can spirituality guide us there?” This query struck a chord with the attendees, igniting passionate discussions and reflections. The atmosphere was electric with curiosity and eagerness. To deepen our exploration, Ms. Bhosale led us through a mesmerizing mindfulness exercise, followed by an art-based activity that allowed us to express our inner tranquillity. Enveloped in the soothing strains of serene music, participants delved into their creative spirits, finding peace in the strokes of their brushes and the hues of their imagination.

The session culminated in a heartfelt sharing circle, where everyone revealed their personal definitions of peace and brainstormed ways to weave tranquillity into the fabric of their daily lives. This event was not merely an introduction but a powerful initiation into the transformative journey of the ‘Peace Fortnight Events,’ setting a dramatic and inspiring tone for the days to come.



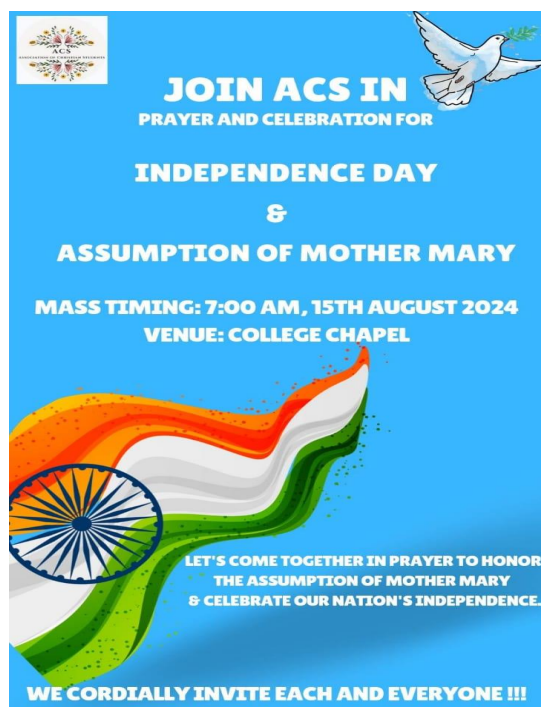
Assumption of Mother Mary & Independence Day

15th August, 2024

The Assumption of Mother Mary and Independence Day Mass, held on 15th August 2024, was a significant event at Sophia College. The mass was attended by all college students, teaching and non-teaching staff. Rev. Fr. Sajit celebrated a beautiful and spiritually uplifting mass, which set a reverent tone for the day. The choir members, lectors, and all Executives played vital roles in ensuring the smooth flow of the service, demonstrating their dedication and efficiency throughout.

Following the mass, a flag-hoisting ceremony was conducted. The event began with a prayer led by Shanaika Fernandes, the Club Secretary of the Association of Christian Students (ACS). The NSS unit, then, captivated the audience with a soulful song that beautifully encapsulated the spirit of Independence Day, stirring emotions and pride among everyone present. The highlight of the ceremony was the hoisting of the Indian flag by our Principal, Dr. Anagha Tendulkar Patil, a moment that filled the air with patriotism. The celebration continued with an energetic dance performance by the students, symbolizing the freedom and joy associated with the day.

The event culminated in a Peace March to August Kranti Maidan, a site of great historical significance in India's struggle for independence. Students participated with enthusiasm, paying tribute to the nation's freedom fighters. The day concluded with students leaving with a sense of pride and cherished memories, having celebrated both faith and freedom in a deeply meaningful way.



EVENT WITH JESUS YOUTH

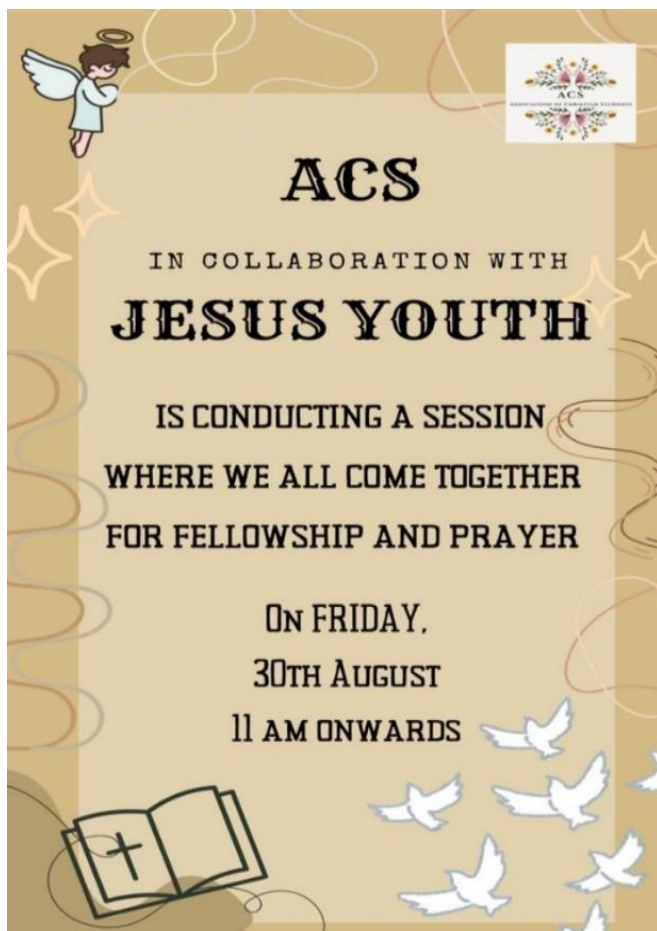
30th August, 2024

On Friday, 30th August 2024, the Association of Christian Students (ACS) hosted an engaging event with Jesus Youth (JY), a Christian movement that challenges young people to live a meaningful and fulfilling life. This event was conducted during the long break in the AV(F) room. The event began with introductions where participants, including ACS core ACS team members and JY volunteers, shared personal insights.

The session featured a lively warm-up game where attendees were divided into two groups and tasked with enacting ten Bible names. This activity fostered interaction and camaraderie among the participants. Following the game, hymns were sung, enhancing the event's spiritual atmosphere. The group then engaged in watching videos and had a gala time joining in singing some songs.

The event concluded with a prayer, seeking blessings and reflecting on the day's activities. JY volunteers also presented an overview of their organization, emphasizing their commitment to empowering youth.

The event successfully combined fun, faith, and education, leaving participants inspired and connected to the Christian values promoted by both ACS and Jesus Youth.



1st FRIDAY MASS

6th September, 2024

On 6th September 2024, the Association of Christian Students (ACS) held its 1st Friday Mass in the College Chapel. This Mass was offered for the soul of our beloved professor, Dr. T.C. Roymon, a revered member of the faculty. Held during the long break at 11 am, the chapel was filled with students, faculty, and staff who gathered to pay their respects and offer prayers.

The service began with a gracious introduction by Dr. Trevor Allis, Head of the Department of Philosophy, who spoke fondly of Dr. Roymon. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Clarince, who led a deeply meaningful service, helping the congregation reflect on Dr. Roymon's contributions and legacy.

The choir added to the solemnity of the occasion with beautifully sung hymns that filled the chapel with peace and comfort. The lectors delivered the readings with heartfelt emotion, allowing those present to engage deeply with the spiritual significance of the Mass.

Though the service ended on a bittersweet note, it was a touching tribute to a cherished professor. While we mourn his loss, we take comfort in knowing that Dr. T.C. Roymon will forever remain in our hearts and prayers.



1st FRIDAY MASS

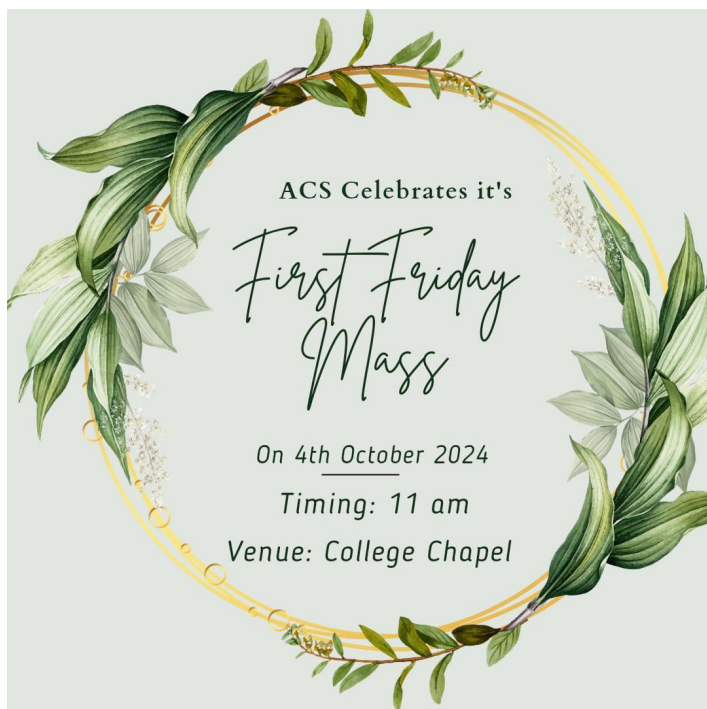
4th October, 2024

The Association of Christian Students (ACS) celebrated its First Friday Mass on 4th October 2024 with great devotion and reverence. The event was held in the college chapel and was attended by students and faculty members who came together to seek blessings and guidance. The Mass was offered for the success and well-being of students as they prepared for the upcoming examination month.

Special prayers were dedicated to ensure that students study diligently, overcome challenges, and achieve excellent results in their exams. The congregation also prayed for the overall well-being of the college community, including the students, teachers, and staff. This gesture reflected the strong sense of unity and faith shared within the ACS community.

The celebrant, Rev. Fr. Sajit, delivered an inspiring homily, emphasizing the importance of hard work, perseverance, and faith in overcoming obstacles. He encouraged everyone to trust in God's plan while putting in their best efforts in their academic pursuits.

The Mass concluded with a heartfelt rendition of hymns and a special blessing for all attendees.



HONOURING THE LEGACY OF DUCHESNE

19th November, 2024

“Do not look back to the past, nor forward to the future. Claim only the present, for it holds God’s will,” said St. Philippine Duchesne, a sentiment that resonated deeply as the Association of Christian Students (ACS) gathered on 19th November to honour the incredible legacy of their Patron Saint. Formerly known as the Duchesne Club, ACS has always drawn inspiration from the life and work of St. Philippine, and this celebration was a heartfelt tribute to her indomitable spirit.

The event began at 12:30pm in the AV Hall, where Sr. Patricia captivated us with an insightful session on St. Philippine’s extraordinary life and unwavering dedication to God and humanity. Her story, one of resilience and faith, moved us and reminded us of the values our club embodies.

Following this, we transitioned to the MPH for a lively celebration. The atmosphere was electric as we enjoyed snacks, shared conversations, and played engaging games that brought out everyone’s enthusiastic spirit. Exciting prizes awaited the winners, adding an extra spark of joy. Our Warden, Eliza Ma’am, along with Sr. Rosa, Sr. Patricia, Sr. Annie and Sr. Anita, joined the festivities, their laughter and camaraderie blending beautifully with ours.

The day concluded with a quiz on St. Philippine Duchesne, deepening our understanding of her life and teachings. As we came together as a close-knit group, we left inspired, united in gratitude for a Patron Saint whose guiding light continues to shine brightly on ACS.



ACS FUN FAIR – A DAY OF FESTIVE CHEER

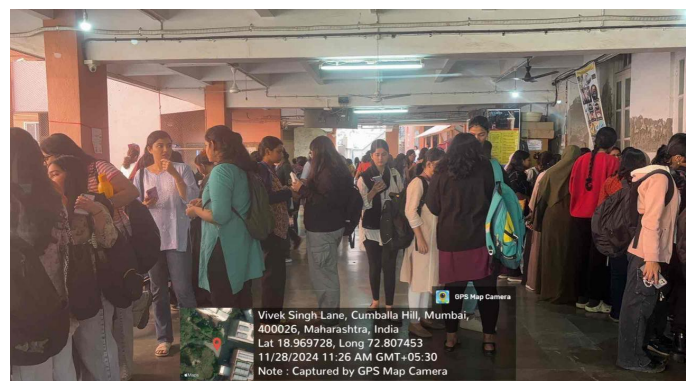
28th November, 2024

On 28th December, the Association of Christian Students (ACS) organized a vibrant Fun Fair from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM at the canteen extension, marking one of the most exciting events of the year for ACS. With six creatively curated stalls, the fair offered something delightful for everyone and drew a bustling crowd of enthusiastic shoppers.

The array of stalls featured a stunning variety of handmade items and goodies. One stall showcased bead jewellery and accessories, adding a touch of elegance to the event. Another stall drew crowds with its collection of lip balms, tote bags, and chic girl accessories. For food lovers, the aroma of Chicken Lollipops was irresistible, while keychains added a quirky charm. A stall selling pin badges was a favorite among students eager to display their Individuality, while another featured delicious assorted chocolates, walnut cakes, and marble cakes that were too tempting to resist. The crochet stall, with its Christmas-themed creations, perfectly captured the festive spirit and stood out as a unique highlight.

The canteen extension was abuzz with energy, laughter, and the joy of shopping. Students enthusiastically explored the stalls, soaking in the festive ambiance and making the event a resounding success.

For ACS, this Fun Fair was more than just an event—it was a proud achievement, showcasing creativity, teamwork, and a leap forward in organizing large-scale activities.



COLLEGE DAY MASS

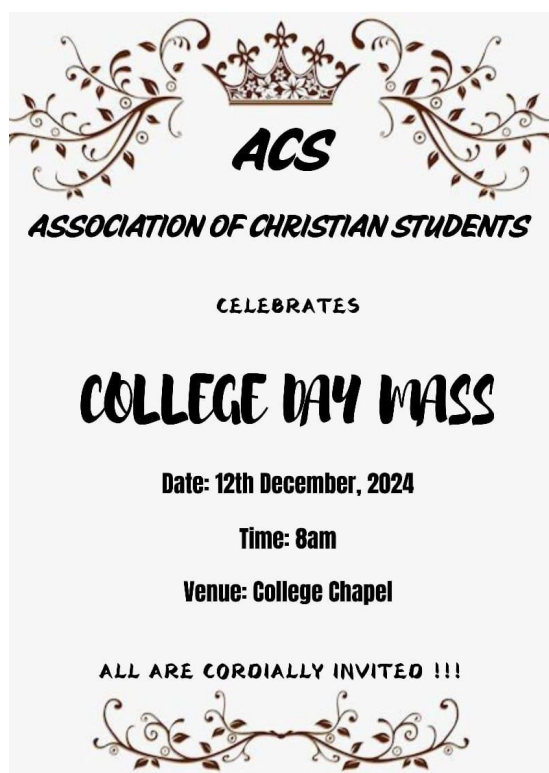
12th December, 2024

The Association of Christian Students (ACS) at Sophia College organized a solemn and heartfelt College Day Mass, celebrated with great devotion and reverence. The event witnessed an overwhelming attendance of students, teachers, and non-teaching staff, filling the college chapel with an atmosphere of unity and prayer.

The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Peter who led the congregation in prayer for the well-being and prosperity of our College, Our Teachers and Non-Teaching staff, and most importantly, our Students. His sermon was uplifting, emphasizing the values of community, gratitude, and faith, leaving everyone spiritually enriched.

The readers delivered the scriptures with poise and clarity, their words resonating with deep meaning and inspiration. The ACS Choir sang melodious hymns that uplifted the soul and added to the sacred ambiance. The well-coordinated efforts of the ACS Club Secretary ensured that every aspect of the Mass was beautifully. From the serene floral decorations in the chapel to the well-prepared liturgical arrangements, the event radiated grace and devotion.

This College Day Mass was not just a celebration of faith but also a testament to the spirit of togetherness and the shared hope for a bright and harmonious future for our college community. It was indeed a day to remember and cherish.



ACS FLASHMOB - SPREADING CHRISTMAS VIBES

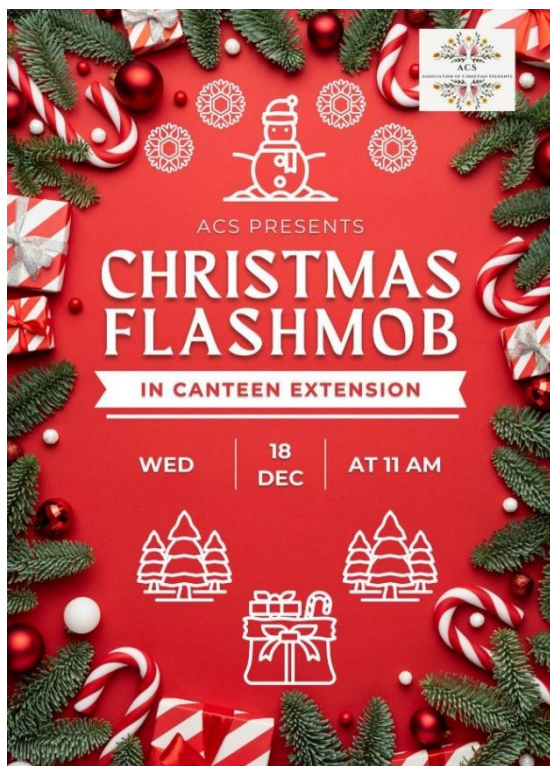
18th December, 2024

On 18th December 2024, in the Canteen Extension, the Association of Christian Students (ACS) brought festive cheer to Sophia College with an exuberant Flashmob that set the perfect tone for Christmas. Dancing to six lively Christmas-themed songs, the flashmob was a vibrant announcement of ACS's flagship event, Christmas Wishing. The performances captivated the audience, spreading joy and excitement throughout the campus.

The preparation for this event was a journey of dedication and camaraderie. Over the past two weeks, ACS members practiced diligently to perfect their moves. These practice sessions not only honed their performance skills but also fostered new friendships and unforgettable memories. The spirit of teamwork and shared laughter made the entire experience truly special.

The flashmob radiated the essence of the Christmas season—happiness, unity, and togetherness. Students, staff, and passerby couldn't help but stop and admire the lively energy of the performers, who left everyone with smiles and a renewed festive spirit.

The event was a resounding success, setting the stage for Christmas Wishing - Our Flagship event, and ensuring its place as a highlight of the season. The ACS Flashmob was not just a performance but a celebration of joy, faith, and the power of community.



TOY COLLECTION DRIVE: SPREADING KINDNESS and Festive Cheer

9th - 19th December, 2024

On 19th December 2024, the Association of Christian Students (ACS), in collaboration with the Department of Psychology and Kindness Unlimited, successfully conducted a Toy Collection Drive to spread joy during the festive season. The initiative, which began on 9th December, invited college members to donate toys in good condition. Donation boxes were placed at the main gate, back gate, warden's desk, and reception desk to make contributions convenient for all.

The drive received an overwhelming response, with students and staff enthusiastically participating to share the spirit of kindness and generosity. On the final day, 19th December, the collected toys were gathered, sorted, and carefully organized by volunteers from ACS Team and Department of Psychology. The toys were prepared to be sent to Navjeet Community Centre, where they would bring smiles to children and families, ensuring a memorable Christmas for all.

This initiative highlighted the importance of community, compassion, and collaboration during the holiday season. The joint efforts of ACS, the Psychology Department, and Kindness Unlimited turned a simple idea into a meaningful act of kindness. The Toy Collection Drive not only added to the festive cheer on campus but also reinforced the values of giving and spreading happiness, embodying the true essence of Christmas.



The Department of Psychology
in collaboration with
Association of Christian Students
and
Kindness Unlimited
organizes

**Toy Collection Drive for
Children Battling Cancer**

Venue's: College Gates, Warden's Desk and
College Reception

Date: 9th - 19th December

**When you give a toy, you give a child a
reason to smile!**



ACS FLAGSHIP EVENT - CHRISTMAS WISHING

- A Celebration of Joy and Togetherness

23rd December, 2024

The ACS flagship event, The Christmas Wishing, unfolded in grandeur, transforming the MPH into a haven of festivity and unity. With every seat filled and hearts brimming with anticipation, the atmosphere was nothing short of magical.

The event commenced with a warm welcome and introduction by the ACS Club Secretary, Shanaika Fernandes, whose words set the tone for the event—a celebration of hope, faith, and love. As the opening carol, O Come, All Ye Faithful, resonated through the hall, a sense of community blossomed. Teachers, students, and staff sang in unison, their voices rising in harmonious praise, creating a moment that felt almost transcendent.

The ACS Quartet followed with a delightful performance, their melodies weaving a spell that left the audience enchanted. The sacredness of the season was then marked by the Bible Reading from Matthew 1:18-26, a solemn reminder of the miracle of Christmas.

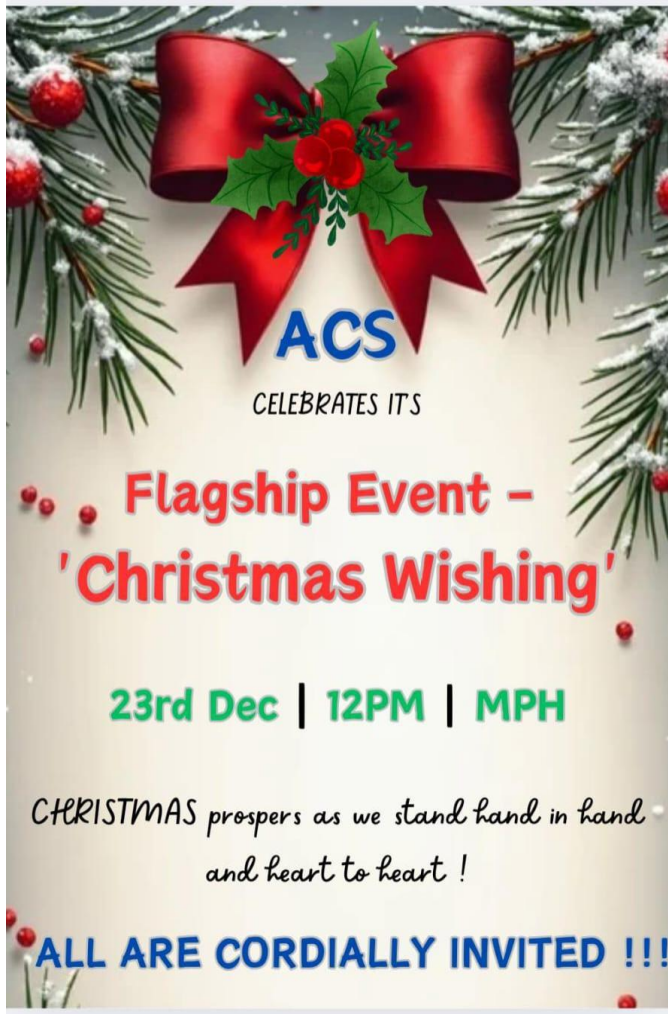
The stage came alive with the ACS Core Team Musical, a breathtaking medley of dance, singing, and acting. Their passion and creativity brought the nativity story to life, drawing thunderous applause. The Principal's Message further illuminated the spirit of Christmas, emphasizing unity and gratitude.

Adding to the spectacle, the QA Department presented a vibrant dance performance that left everyone in awe, followed by the Education Department's soul-stirring carols. The highlight, however, was the Staff Carols, where teachers showcased their musical talents, creating a symphony of joy and harmony.

The event reached its crescendo with the Hostelites' Carol Medley, a spirited and heartwarming performance that left the audience cheering for more.

The event concluded with a heartfelt Christmas message by Shanaika Fernandes, reminding everyone of the true essence of the season—kindness, love, and faith.

As the wonderful day drew to a close, the air buzzed with laughter, music, and the joy of togetherness, making The Christmas Wishing 2024 an unforgettable celebration of Christmas cheer.



Gathering With Jesus Youth

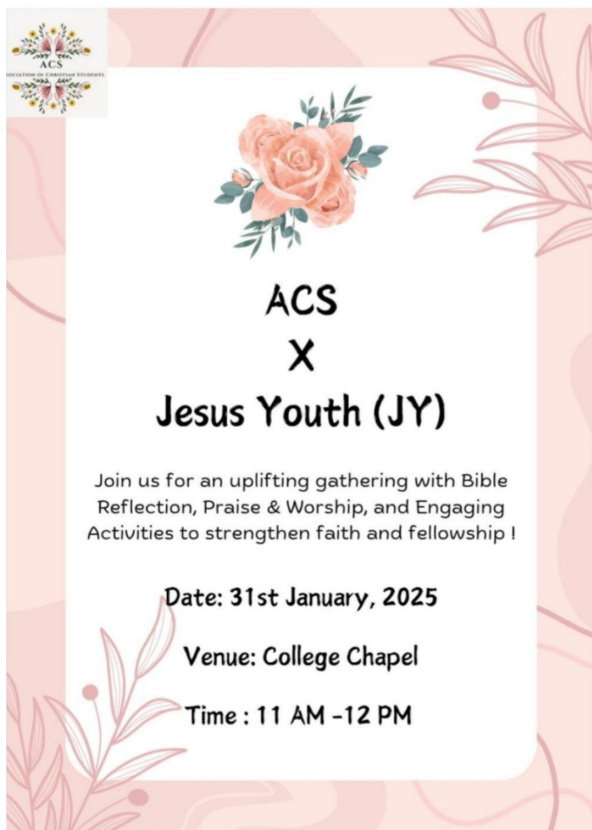
31st January, 2025

On Friday, 31st January 2025, ACS in collaboration with Jesus Youth (JY) gathered in the College Chapel at 11:00 AM during the long break for a meaningful session of prayer, worship, and gratitude. The gathering provided an opportunity for members to come together in faith, reflect on their spiritual journey, and express thankfulness for the past year.

The session began with a prayer, where everyone joined in seeking God's presence and blessings. It was a time of reflection and renewal, allowing members to strengthen their spiritual connection. Following this, we sang hymns, filling the canteen with melodies of worship and joy. The music created an uplifting atmosphere, bringing a sense of peace and unity among everyone present.

A special part of the gathering was the sharing of gratitude. Each member took a moment to reflect on the past year and express appreciation for the blessings and experiences that had shaped them. This exchange of gratitude deepened our bond as a faith community and reminded us of God's continuous presence in our lives.

The gathering concluded on a joyful and reflective note, leaving everyone spiritually enriched and encouraged to carry forward the spirit of faith and gratitude.



1st Friday Mass

7th Feb, 2025

The Association of Christian Students (ACS) celebrated its First Friday Mass on 7th February 2025 with devotion and reverence. The Mass was held in the college chapel at 11:00 AM during the long break and was attended by students and faculty members who gathered in prayer and reflection.

The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Manuel, who led the congregation in seeking God's guidance and blessings. Special prayers were offered for the SSC and HSC students as they prepared for their upcoming board examinations. The prayers focused on giving them strength, wisdom, and perseverance to face their exams with confidence and clarity.

Fr. Manuel, in his homily, emphasized the importance of faith, dedication, and trust in God during challenging times. He encouraged everyone to remain steadfast, work diligently, and rely on God's grace in all aspects of life.

The Mass concluded with the ACS Club Secretary leading the Thanksgiving Prayer, followed by Fr. Manuel giving the final blessings, leaving the congregation with a sense of peace and spiritual renewal.



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