
New Priory For The North



The best mass venue in the north, the Church of St. Gonsalo Garcia just two minutes' walk from the St. Gonsala Garcia Orphanage. It is within the huge Bassein Fort and is surrounded by grass and woodland. The church was built by the Jesuits as part of the Jesuit College. It is currently owned by the state.

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On 16th July, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Fr. Daniel Couture made a surprise visit to Bombay and announced his desire to establish a new priory there to serve the apostolate in the north of India.

The new prior will be Father Francis Chazal and he will be assisted by Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer. They will be responsible for the larger Mass Centres of Bassein Fort (Vasai), St. Anthony's School in Chennai and R.N.Khandigai (2 hours south of Chennai), and the smaller Mass Centres of



The facade of St. Gonsalo Garcia.

Malad (Bombay), Bandra (Bombay), Goa, Bangalore, Delhi and Dubai. These Mass Centres represent some 800 faithful in total. Father Francis will concentrate his apostolic efforts around Bombay while Fr. Pfeiffer will evangelise the masses in the environs of Chennai.

The new priory will enable the priests to develop the existing Mass Centres by offering Mass and catechism more frequently and it will open up the possibility of establishing new Mass Centres in hitherto uncharted territory.

Please pray that this new venture be blessed



Tamil orphans all the way up north too.

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Horse drawn rickshaws on the peninsula of Gorai, where some of our faithful live.



Outside the walls of Bassein Fort is a fishing village. This picture was taken at 6:30am.



Fishermen bring their catch ashore to be sorted and gutted by their wives and daughters. Note the Portuguese style of dress. The old Portuguese culture is still very evident in Vasai even though the Portuguese left in 1739 after a 3 year siege.



The orphans of the St. Gonsalo Garcia Orphanage in the Bassein Fort of Vasai. One ugly duckling shall find his uniform in a few weeks time.

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