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On March 18, it was the turn of the silver-plated Adhikara Nandi vahanam to take out the gods in procession as part of Sri Kapali Temple's annual panguni uthiram festival. That Monday morning, thousands of people filled the temple premises and around at the start of this procession.

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Report: V. Soundararani

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The choir is led by Anila Manoharan and it will be singing selections from 'Man of Sorrows' by Van Denman Thompson a cantata for Holy Week, tracing the events from Christ's suffering, his crucifixion and redemption, to resurrection on Easter morning.

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NAGASWARAM FESTIVAL



Hosted by The Music Academy at its small auditorium. March 27 to 29. Two concerts daily, 5.15 pm onwards, starring the stalwarts in this field. Among the artistes featured are - March 27, 5.15 pm -Mambalam MKS Siva; 7 pm - Seshampatti Sivalingam. March 28 - Tirumeignanam Bros. 7 pm - Kasim and Babu. March 29 - Bengaluru S P Palanivel - 5.15 p.m., Vyasarpadi G. Kothandaraman - 7 p.m.

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ART, CRAFT WORKSHOPS

The Art Hive is launching its new Art Studio at Dr R. K. Salai, Mylapore. Visitors can discover the enchantment of the Disco Ball through art and craft sessions at the Art Cafe on March 30 and 31,

There will be seven, onehour slots throughout the day. Anyone above 15 can be part of the workshop. The cost per person including beverages is Rs 699.

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ELECTIONS 2024 / CHENNAI SOUTH DMK, AIADMK and BJP announce their candidates







Tamilisai Soundararajan



Dr J. Jayavardhan

By Our Edit Team

Chennai South will witness an interesting election campaign in the Lok Sabha poll days ago, to be held in April. Most parts of Mylapore zone falls under the constituency.

It will be a DMK versus AIADMK versus BJP battle and the campaign is about to roll for the election to be held on April 19.

The three political parties announced their candidates this week.

Tamilisai Soundararajan is the BJP's candidate, while the DMK's candidate is Tamizhachi Thangapandian, the sitting MP, and AIADMK's man is Dr J. Jayavardhan, who won this seat in the 2014 election.

Tamilisai was till recently the governor of Telangana state and lieutenant governor of Puducherry. She resigned the posts some days ago, rejoined the BJP party (she was

once the party's Tamil Nadu president) and was widely expected to be chosen for Chennai South.

The DMK has chosen to retain Thamizhachi Thangapandian as its candidate for Chennai South.

Thamizhachi alias Sujatha had won the seat in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections beating the AIADMK's Dr J. Jayavardhan by over 2.62 lakh votes.

Dr J. Jayavardhan was widely expected to be the AIADMK's candidate - he is a resident of Leith Castle zone.

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You can cast the ballot at homes if you are a senior 85 years and plus or if you have a disability.

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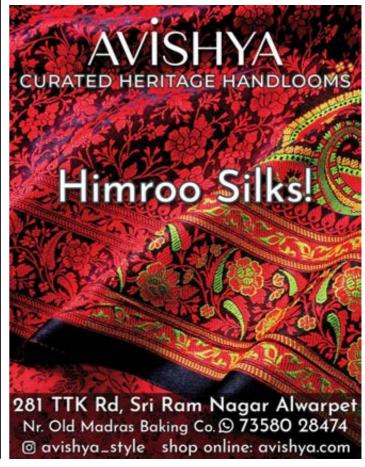












VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

One of the most colourful, demanding and educative election campaigns I have been on in my earlier avatar as a journalist was with the senior politician V. Gopalswamy who now calls himself VaiKo and heads his MDMK party. Those days, he was a stalwart in the DMK.

I think it was an election to the state Assembly and to get a first-hand experience, I latched on to VaiKo's caravan in the Tirunelveli region. I still recall the two mornings when we would assemble at his ancestral house in a village where his

mother would make and serve us *kal-dosai* by the dozens, good enough to keep us filled for the forenoon.

VaiKo was a tireless politician besides being a fiery, free-flowing public speaker. He would hit the ground running over long hours and visit every other village on the day's circuit, even if only 20 odd families resided in a village. I think it was the summer season and in that arid backyard, with red dust enveloping our caravan and the sun unforgiving, covering the campaign was still a great experience indeed.

Election campaigns have changed vastly. More reliance on the social and electronic media, helicoptered VIPs, more jamborees, music and song. Less door-to-door and less local. Not to sideline the fact that money and goodies passed down the line at the midnight hour.

As we move into Elections 2024 now and get to choose our parliamentarians, and as I look back at the Chennai South constituency, I wonder what I can write about the record and experiences of the sitting MP, of the DMK, who has been chosen once again to battle it out here. She has been seen at small meetings, mostly hosted by the Mylapore MLA, she has been seen at some hot-spots where local issues worried people and her social media messaging has been active. But the human relationships, the get-the-hands-dirty on issues acts seem far between - wonder if the Chennai Metro issue was her concern?

At our newspaper, our focus has been on the local MLA and the civic councillors. We have not covered them very closely but we have been at it all through.

We have a MLA who has an open door at his office, who communicates, though in parts, who is active in the field. But look closely, and some of his early zeal seems to have faded in the hum-drum rigours. We would have liked to have him host face-to-face meets in different localities, to be transparent about the major projects he funds and backs and has failed to accomplish and to focus on a few pressing issues locally.

And these expectations apply to our local area councillors, almost all women. The scarce area sabha meets have clearly exposed the sham that is grassroots democracy.

The positive effects have been forthcoming but limited. The MLA was seen on morning walks in some areas, along with active residents, trying to understand local issues. These have not been part of his routine though.

A councillor like Amirda Varshini accepts invites from community groups to go on walks and understand issues and address them. But a birdie tells us that there are rivals in her allies who are frustrating the efforts.

Our elected reps can perform better, do some good and be made accountable only if citizens are pro-active. Arm-chair comments and suggestions don't help. We must get political.

LETTERS FROM READERS

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Provide full name and short address.

This column also contains comments posted on our social media pages.

New Toilets at Nageswara Rao Park: now open, now shut, now open

Much was spent on constructing public toilets for men and for women alongside the front wall (north side) of Nageswara Rao Park, Luz. It was good to use for some weeks after it was opened. Then it was shut down - water was seen leaking at its rear in the park zone. It was opened again.

In late February, it remained locked. Hawkers here said the person appointed to oversee it was no longer around.

Recently, after complaints were made, the toilets are open.

Incidentally, the fancy eco-toilets located



at the rear gate are not functional anymore. The old toilets here are part-usable, with men and women asked to use only one toilet.

- T. Prabhu

Relay walkers' track at Nageswara Rao Park

The walkers' track in Nageswara Rao Park in Luz is in a bad condition and has not been re-laid for a very long time. Storms like Vardah and Michaug have affected the tiles. This work must be taken up on priority basis.

- Sundaram

Traffic diversion woes

The traffic diversion through Srinivasa Avenue at R A Puram has led to a heavy flow of vehicles, mainly MTC buses. This is affecting the 40+ year old apartments, as well. The carriageway was dug up recently to lay sewage lines and left partly covered, narrowing the available space. Crossing the road has become extremely difficult.

- Ramaswamy

Thank you, Traffic Police

A particular stretch on 3rd Trust Cross Street, Mandavelipakkam has been witnessing frequent accidents due to parking of vehicles on both sides of the road. Many use the lane for morning walks, as well. Upon request from residents, the Mylapore Traffic Police cleared the vehicles and also placed a No Parking sign board in the stretch.

I request similar arrangements at other locations in Mandaveli.

- Krishnan

Panguni fest observation

Regarding the Panguni Festival - in the case of lifting and placing of deities on the vahanas, the temple authorities should use electrically-operated trolleys with modern lifting methods.

There is a high risk of danger in the use of manually-handling of the deities.

- Ramamoorthy

Was this bus shelter needed?

The new bus shelter in San Thome near San Thome High School has maimed a big, shady tree of its branches.

Of what use is this 'publicity' bus shelter which neither provides total shade to commuters nor is it required. There is another shelter and many commuters also used to stand under the shade of the tree.

- Helen

MY STORY



Semester at Sea

By NANDITHA KANNAN

Embarking on the MV World Odyssey for the Spring 2024 voyage with 'Semester At Sea' was an unforgettable journey. The MV World Odyssey is a graceful ship - quite big, so as to accommodate over 500 students and all the rest of the shipboard community,

As the Indian Interport student, I began my voyage in Malaysia, captivated by the mysteries of the ship and warmly welcomed by the shipboard community. We explored the vibrant town of Pen-

ang - it provided us a rich cultural immersion, and a desire to travel there once again.

Students in the 'Semester At Sea' program are from various parts of the world and belong to different nationalities. There were students from the USA, Canada, China, Thailand, Britain and elsewhere.

Throughout the voyage, engaging classes offered me opportunities to learn and share insights. The shipboard educational experience consisted of classes on a multitude of select subjects that the learners could choose from, just like a regular university program. I chose 5 classes, out of which 'World Music' was my favourite, considering my passion for Carnatic music, Classes are not held in a typical classroom setting but in different spots on the ship

A memorable Bollywood night to end our journey aboard the ship, complete with colourful attire and spirited dancing, brought the diverse community together in joyous celebration.

The experience not only deepened my understanding of other cultures but also instilled a renewed pride in my Indian heritage.

Exploring Kochi on the final day further enhanced this spirited voyage's significance, with experiences ranging from savouring local cuisine to attending a traditional Kathakali performance.

The ship was a unique, charming home. I hope I can visit it another time, with more adventures and more happiness to bring back.

● Nanditha Kannan is currently pursuing her B.A. Economics and Public Policy degree in Chennai. Her interests - music, reading, writing, and travel. Contact - nandithakannan05@gmail.com

Archbishop opens refitted OPD at St. Isabel's Hospital to mark its 75 years

By Our Edit Team

The community of nuns, doctors, nursing students and staff made what was a low-profile celebration of 75 years of St. Isabel's Hospital into a warm event on March 19 evening at its campus on Musiri Subramaniam Road.

A group of the nursing course students, in costumes, presented a medley of classical dance to the guest of the day – archbishop Rev. George Antonysamy of Madras-Mylapore diocese.

The guest, accompanied by some diocesan



priests and the nuns who manage this hospital, then walked to the festooned door of the renovated Out Patient Department (OPD), said prayers and formally opened it. They also went around the facility.

Then, the archbishop celebrated a special Holy Mass in the campus chapel and the evening ended with dinner.

OPD FACILITIES

The hospital's Out Patient Department, located close to the entry gate, is now spacious and easy to access. There are many consulting rooms for doctors, more space for patients to await their call and it is air-conditioned.

While specialists are available at designated times through the week, doctors who manage dentistry, cardiology, general medicine and paediatrics are available in turns through the day, said Dr. Stephen Mathew, COO

The superior, Sr. Fatima Dias, is the executive director.

The OPD works from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and currently, about 250 people consult here daily. Call 24991081 / 82 / 83 to fix a consultation

Memories of Panguni festival: two share experiences

Four senior Mylaporeans took time off last week to share with *Mylapore Times*, their memories of the Panguni festival of the 1970s and 80s. Their videos are posted at www.mylaporetimes.com.

Here we present a gist of what two of them said.

Sundari Krishnamoorthy. Lived for decades in Mylapore; now resident of Nungambakkam



I did my school and college in Mylapore. Also, stayed there till 2007. The Panguni fest used to be a grand affair and a great attraction for us even during our childhood. The fest would always coincide with our school annual exams. So, we used to go to the temple in 'colour' dress, come back home, change and go to the school in uniform.

The ranga ratinam and the mini giant wheels used to be major attractions. Shops used to sell miniature vessels (soppu saman). Nari kuravas (tribes) used to display a huge collection of colourful beads.

We have been providing annadanam for four generations. My mother used to make panagam, neer mor and rose milk at home and distribute to devotees. The distribution would start at 12 noon and go on till 4 pm. From 1984 till last year, we have been providing annadanam. We particularly prefer to give food to people who pull the temple chariot. We also have a thanner pandal.

Shobana Ramkumar. Pelathope resident



The 10-day temple festival has been going on ever since Mylapore was a village.

The deities are taken out in a one vahanam each morning and night. The

deities with the grand *alangaram* are a sight to behold. People would come together to pull the temple chariot. We used to pour water from the building tops on the road to cool down the place.

In those days, devotees used to come from villages like Red Hills, Ponneri and Ambattur, many walking all the way with children on their shoulders.









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As large-scale work on Chennai Metro's rail projects in Luz take place, the face of this area is changing again. In this series (this is part 3), we post the best memories people have had of Luz.

RangasamyStudio &Universal Bakery

We resided on Luz Church Road opposite the Amrutanjan factory for 40+ years. When I was young, I used to go to Luz Circle very often. With friends and family, we went to Shanti Vihar restaurant to enjoy Aloo Tikki and to Bombay Halwa House for its Samosa, Bread channa, Bel Puri and sweets.

We had cool Rose
Milk at Himalayas often.
Rangasamy Studio was
the go-to for passport size
photos and film developing and prints. Next door,
there was Universal bakery for
fresh bread in the evenings what an aroma.

At Deluxe Tailors located above R R Pharmacy I got all my pants and shirts stitched. I have re-located to Alwarpet and I miss the old Luz Circle.

- M. Ganesh







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In 1992, I got my first job as a computer operator cum programmer in Kanara Advertising agency. This was located opposite Kamadhenu Theatre, next to Anand X Rays and inside Rex Fashions shop's compound.

I used to come by cycle to office in the morning, after having a stint in computer programming at Brilliant Computers. Both Kanara Advertising Agency and Brilliant Computers do not exist today.

- Easwar Raghunathan

Rex Fashions & Sastri Hall

I lived in Mylapore for 60 years - from my birth till my shastiapthapoorthi. I studied in P. S. High School and Vivekananda College. I walked through Luz Circle almost everyday. The Ranade Library, Srinivasa Sastri Hall and the adjacent Mylapore Club were bustling with activity. The annual discount sale at Rex Fashions in March and at Rangachari Silks in the Aadi month were a big attraction.

- N. R. Krishnaswami

84-year-old's memories: Special Sada Dosai, Posh Salon and Deluxe Tailors

I am 84 now, and settled close to Luz for the past 27 years. I can never forget the Luz of my student days. I was an Intermediate student of Vivekananda College in 1955 - '57 and a hosteler too.

Luz Circle was a big draw in the evenings and attracted college 'heroes' for their evening routine of 'sight seeing', then popularly referred to in boys' circle as "sight adikkiradhu"!

The Pillaiyar Kovil here then was just a 'medai' around a peepul tree with the deity in a small shrine.

Mahendra on the northern side and Triplex on the south-side of Luz Church Road were two popular dry cleaners. Charge for washing, starching and ironing of a shirt was four annas (present 25 paisa). Extra starching of the collar to make it stiff cost us one anna more.

It was at the popular Udupi Sukha Nivas that I was introduced to the crisp Special Sada and Onion Rava dosai. The hotel had a small, open garden space in the rear end - for private dining. Coffee was simply superb. A sumptuous unlimited meal then cost 10 annas.

Very popular then was Subbiah Hair Cutting Saloon by the side of Sukha Nivas - it had a long row of about 10 chairs. Many VIPs used to visit this high-class saloon. On Sunday mornings, there would be a queue at the salon. A haircut cost 8 annas, considered quite high at that time.

Deluxe Tailors, headed by Hussein Saheb, (located in the block next to Vinayakar Koil) was quite popular even in 1955. He charged Rs.2/50 for stitching a pant or a shirt.

Their shirt - shaped delivery card used to indicate a trial fitting date and a final delivery date.

Kamadhenu Theatre was popular. Some boys from our College who sat through a night show would scale over the hostel wall to get back to their rooms.

- A. N. Parakalan

Queen's drive-past

It was in 1962, I was in Kindergarten at Sri Vidya School which was located at present-day Canara Bank. Queen Elizabeth was visiting Madras and her motorcade passed through Luz Circle - our class students stood at the round tana and we waved the Union Jack and our national flags. She was in an open car - she waved back with her gloved hands. Our teacher, Ms Thomas, an Anglo-Indian took this initiative.

My tryst with Luz Corner lasted till 1972 when I finished school at Vidya Mandir. We grew up with Shanti Vihar, Bombay Halwa House, Choice Center for toys, Amars Traders for stationery, Malsons, India Silk House for dresses, Gaylord for stitching pants, Luz Studio and of course, Sukha Nivas from where we would get Masala Dosa for school excursions.

- S. Ramakrishnan



Residents join councillor, engineers to walk around Jeth Nagar; look at civic issues

By Our Edit Team

Recently, councillor Amirda Varshin of Ward 126 led a morning walk across the ward's Jeth Nagar to understand the local civic issues. Joining her were local area government agencies' staff and residents.

A few key issues were highlighted in the areas that are affected and these were $-\$

1. Local area roads dug up for various needs witness work carried out in 'installments' over the past month.
2. Avenue trees need trimming by the GCC as they cover street lights and CCTV cams. 3. Metrowater inflow has been very poor inside the colony in recent times. 4. Encroachments in streets need to be removed.

Residents have requested the councillor to share budget approvals for road relaying in Jeth Nagar. Said Ravi Nandyala, Jeth Nagar association member, "Though the community association has written to senior officers / engineers on core issues, there is no response."

The state agency staff who were on this 'walk' included Muthiah, AEE of GCC, Bhupalan, Urbaser supervisor and Gopi, AE of GCC.

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Durga Narayanan, a resident of Abhiramapuram throughout her life, passed away on March 13. She was 61 years old.

Wife of K. Narayanan of TTK Pharma Ltd., and daughter of V. T. Rajan of Rajan & Co. Printers, she completed her education in Mylapore.

Her family said Durga was a

'dedicated home maker and a wonderful cook and she never let anyone who came to her go back hungry.' Her culinary skills were appreciated by relatives and friends and she was very quick in making traditional sweets and pickles, her family said. She leaves behind her husband, son Vishwesh and his family. The family resides at 9, C. P. Ramaswamy Street, Abhiramapuram. Contact Narayanan -: 9840970189

- Info by Sriram

Mylapore Times Trust seeks donations, to support local area students

The Mylapore Times Charitable Trust (MTCT) has launched its annual campaign to seek donations from people to support one annual project - to award funding to students of Class 10 and Class 12 of Mylapore zone schools who need part-funding to pursue studies.

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This past week, these were our donors - Lalitha Ramamoorthy, Dr Ranga Road - Rs.10,000. Nilakanta Subramanian - Kesavaperumal Puram - Rs.5,000.



A few thousand people gathered around the 'ther' and on East Mada Street on Friday morning as the procession of the gods rolled out of the shelter to the cries of 'Kapali! Kapali!!'. More people streamed in from all sides into the mada streets as the chariot made its way south, then west and then north. This was part of the annual Panguni festival of Sri Kapali Temple, Mylapore





The annual exhibition of works of art, craft, sculpture and much more from the collection of late Vyasarpadi Vinayaga Mudaliar is on now at what is commonly referred to as Chithirai Chathram on South Mada Street (near Sangeetha restaurant).

This show is held only during the Panguni festival of Sri Kapali Temple. The works will be put away on Monday night and the place is rented out for social/religious events. Check this show out if you have not seen it.

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CHENNAI METRO

Grouting continues in Mandaveli south

By Our Edit Team

Grouting by contractors of Chennai Metro is still going on in the Raja Street zone of Mandaveli following Metro's decision to carry out this operation following some observations in the soil behaviour when the tunnel boring machine (TBM) was at work underground south of Tholkappia Poonga since late December.

Walls of some houses / blocks in the area are also propped up just to ensure things are in order when the TBM resumes boring operations towards Mandaveli, said a resident here.

The grouting has caused some problems in some houses - clogging sewage / water lines. State agencies have addressed these hiccups. Major repairs will be done after grouting is over in this area.

Metro's line will be laid on an alignment that runs beneath the Raja Street - T P Scheme Road zone, under the densely- habited colonies, leading to the Mandaveli station.

SUMMER CAMPS

This column lists camps and provides basic details. If you plan / hold a camp in Mylapore zone, e-mail 3 lines on it. Mail - mytimesedit@gmail.com. All info on camps is posted at www.mylaporetimes.com

SPORT

Sky Sports Academy is offering coaching in football, badminton, chess, yoga, silambam and carrom. Football classes are in Pattinapakkam and the rest at the indoor / outdoor stadium on Karpagam Avenue 4th Street. Some classes are held in the mornings and evenings, some only in one session daily. Call Nirmal - 8122143861 / 9176258587

WESTERN MUSIC

Galilee Academy, San Thome offers classes in Western music - in drums, recorder, keyboard, guitar and vocal. Call 9840053062. This place has been around for some decades now.

SPORT

Pickleball coaching for children is on in Mandaveli, starting April 1, at 4th Trust Cross Street. Organised by Sports Den. 9514100041.



















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This group of teachers kept their annual practice at Panguni festival

By Our Edit Team

March 20 morning. Sunshine morning.

The Sannidhi Street zone slowly fills up with people who make it a point to attend every procession of the Panguni festival of Sri Kapali Temple.

The savudal vimanam purappadu starts around 9 a.m. and as the procession makes its way down East Mada Street, there is one big group that awaits the gods.

Every year, the teachers of Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls Hr. Sec. School, Mylapore present *vastrams* to the gods and goddesses on one day of the Panguni festival.

They wait their turn at the school junction on the East Mada Street and then hand over garlands, *vastrams* and fruits to the deities.

"We have been doing this for many, many years," said the school's headmistress K. G. Pushpavalli. "I have known this practice for at least 25 years."

Teachers pool in money and prepare for this event, buying *vastrams* appropriate for



the gods and goddesses and flower garlands, besides fruits and flowers.

"We choose a morning of the festival when most teachers are free," added Pushpvalli. Being public examination time, teachers get assigned for invigilation at local area schools.

Earlier this week, the group, with a bunch of students alongside, was at their post to await the procession.

"Some students in classes 8 and 9 were keen to sing and join us so we allowed them," said the headmistress.

While a grand sari was presented to ambal, a large garland was presented to Kapali.

Music Academy chooses Geetha Raja for Sangita Kala Acharya award



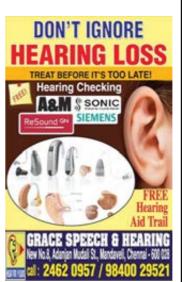
Alwarpet-based Carnatic music vocalist and teacher Geetha Raja has been chosen for the Sangita Kala Acharya award given by The Music Academy, Madras.

Geetha had her initial training in music in Bombay where she grew up, under guru Bombay Ramachandran. Later, she was a sishya of guru T. Brinda under whom she learnt the vast repertoire of music of the

Veena Dhanammal school.

She has been performing and teaching music.

This and other awards will be presented on January 1. 2025 at the sadas of the Academy's conference and music festival.





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Ecumenical Palm Sunday procession

By Our Edit Team

A ecumenical Palm Sunday procession will be taken out in San Thome this Sunday. The congregations of three local area

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churches – of San Thome Basilica, the CSI St. Thomas Tamil Church and CSI St Thomas English Church will assemble at St. Raphael's Girls School campus at 7 a.m. and, under the leadership of the priests at these churches, take out a procession – each group

> then branching of to their respective churches for the Palm Sunday services.

Palm Sunday signals the start of the Holy Week that the Church observes – commemorating events that led to the condemnation, crucifixion and death and resurrection of Jesus.

A ecumenical event brings different streams of Christians together for a religious purpose and this procession has been held in San Thome on this occasion for some years now.

