

St. Francis Church, Panvel.

The foundation of this Church was laid on 12th December 1992. The members of the Board of The BDTA, several clergy and leading members of the old church present participated in laying of foundation. As per agreement, the developer Nikhil Enterprises constructed the Church building but the task of furnishing it and providing marble altar and pulpit was completed by the Trust Association.

The Trust Association also put up stained glass windows as backdrop to the altar. The Church has a balcony inside and can accommodate about 500 worshippers.

The Church was inaugurated on 15th October 2000 in the presence of overcrowded worshippers.

This new church building has replaced a 168 years old chapel in the same campus which will be later demolished due to road widening.

At present Marathi services are held following the Anglican order of worship. Some other language group also hold their service in the Church because it is the only large Church in Panvel and will definitely meet the needs of ever growing Christian population. So far the Trust Association has spent Rs. 18 lakhs in furnishing this church.