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## Appointments by Fr Provincial

Name	From	To	wef
<b>Scholastics</b>			
Alok Toppo	Juniorate	College studies, Ahmedabad	June
Anuranjan Dumdng	Juniorate	College Studies, Ahmedabad	June
Bikant Kullu	Juniorate	College Studies, XITE, Jamshedpur	June
Anjum Lomga	Ahmedabad	Philosophy, SN, Chennai	June
Roshan Toppo	Basahatu	Philosophy, SN, Chennai	June
Ashish Digal	Ranchi	Philosophy, SN, Chennai	June
Arun Prasath	Ahmedabad	Philosophy, DNC, Pune	June
Jobin Sebastian	Bengaluru	Philosophy, DNC, Pune	June
Telesphore Toppo	Ahmedabad	Philosophy, DNC, Pune	June
D. Oliver	SN, Chennai	Regency St. Xavier's LPG	June
James Xalxo	DNC, Pune	Regency, St. Xavier's, Basahatu	June
Binay Kerketta	Inigo Niwas, LPG	Regency, Loyola, Pajikeri	June
Jubin Nath	St. Xavier's, Lupungutu	Regency, HLC, Bhubaneswar	June
David Kullu	Loyola, Sanghabhanga	Regency, St. Xavier's, Tundi	June
Binod Horo	B. Ed. College, Telco	Regency, St. Xavier's, Choira	June
Cyprian Soreng	Loyola, Pajikeri	Theology, VJ, Delhi	June
Sanjiban Tirkey	Loyola, Chennai	Theology, DNC, Pune	June
<b>Priests</b>			
Fr Bhincant Bhengra	Gande Durgri	Tertianship Sri Lanka	
Fr James Santhanm	XITE	Teacher, Loyola JSR	May-01
Fr Mahesh Kumar Nayak	Minjaponka	GPM+Schoo Khalijharan	May-01
Fr Manohar Kindo	Pajikeri	Tertianship, Sitagarha	June
Fr Mukti Clarence	GJR, JSR	Teacher, XITE College	May-01
Fr Paul Fernandes	Additional	PDD	May-01
Fr Tony John	HLC, BBSR	Tertianship, Sitagarha	June
Fr Walter Kongari	GJR, JSR	Social Work, TRTC	May-01

### Fr Provincial's Programme

**Fr. Provincial's program for April-May 2020 will be communicated to you once there is greater clarity regarding the Covid-19 situation.**



### Fr Provincial's Message: The Hope Beyond the Crucifixion

The life time experience of COVID-19 has shaken us and created a panic in human societies. It has taken over our families, our neighbourhood, our streets, our praying places, our jobs, our markets, our hospitals and places of social gatherings and isolated us completely. It has

occupied our common spaces. It is uprooting us from the 'we' and forcing us to live in the 'I' world. Without discriminating class, race, caste and creed, it has injected fear, anxiety, uncertainty and dark shadows of death in all human beings. It has not spared neither geographical nor religious boundaries. For once, we do not talk about religion or ethnicity, but focus on human welfare and survival. In this desperate time humanity has become one.

The socio-political decisions of lockdown, which aims at controlling the spread of pandemic and restoring the confidence of people, have on the contrary raised many questions. It is not just the frightening experience of the pandemic, but for thousands it is a question of survival and fighting hunger. Millions of poor fear hunger may kill them first than the pandemic. For many it is the experience of Calvary.

Amidst all these we also hear the whispers of

courageous stories. Many, in particular medical practitioners and health workers, are making sacrifices in the service of thousands of victims all over the world and a few of them have already sacrificed their own lives. We hear the experiences of those suffering, of being both a victim and a witness, which has helped us to understand God's active role in our life and deepened our faith in Him.

In spite of conflicting thoughts and sentiments in our minds, the examples of life promoting angels fill us with hope. Even the small acts of reaching out to the needy and hungry, tells us that the spirit of God is present and active, irrespective of religion, language or culture. Even in suffering we see the hope beyond and a new life. We join our prayers together with the whole world for all those suffering from the COVID-19, that they may be able to experience the merciful hand of God and strength to endure all the hardships!

## News from our Houses and Around

### CHAIBASA AREA

#### Amda

We celebrated the Ash Wednesday on February 26 to enter into lent. Nelson and Neelam offered mass for us on March 1. Gyan attended TRTC GB meeting on March 12 and then convened the GB meeting at Amda on March 16 at Claver

Bhavan. CCTV is installed in CSWC hospital and Claver Bhavan. MK George, the Regional Assistant, met us individually on March 18 and then addressed Kolhan Jesuits in the evening at LPG. People of this area strictly observed the "JANTA CURFEW" on March 22. The Sunday market at Amda is closed from March 22. Thanks

#### John Sumbrui

to the Provincial's circular on Coronavirus pandemic. Oscar Horo and Francis Bodra stayed overnight here on March 10, 2020.

#### Basahatu

**School:** On 29 February, an Entrance Test was conducted for the new session with 183 candidates and result was declared on 9 March. From 2-7 March, the students wrote their Annual Exams, then went on a long holiday but the teachers continued with paper corrections. Due to Covid-19, the progress reports were given away for which 70-80% children came. We had a short Parent-Teachers Meeting and all important issues were announced, especially the raise of School Fees. Awareness on the fatal Covid-19 was given for their safety. The rapid entry of Covid-19 has disturbed the entire planning. The school is locked down from 24 March for an indefinite period. The teachers and students are told not to come to School till further notice. On 18 March, **Fr. George Mutholil, S.J.**,

accompanied by **Woolsie Rodriques**, visited St. Xavier's Middle School, Basahatu. He spent some time interacting with the teachers and tried to find out how much the "simple and good teachers" knew about Jesuit mottoes.

**Hostel:** We had meeting of Jesuits and SRA Sisters with regard to raising hostel fees, discipline and the duty hours of the Cook. The Annual Exams ended on 7 March, the very next day the children left for home. Six of our boys remained in the hostel till 15 March and helped out in various maintenance works. The Annual Exam results were out on 21 March in which many of the hostellers did well. Taking hostel admission forms they went back home.

**Parish:** **Nelson Castelino**, the newly ordained, offered Mass for the Jesuits of Amda and Basahatu day before the Ash Wednesday. March was packed with Easter Preparatory Classes, Confessions and Masses in different villages. Again we had the exchange of Catechists with Bordor. The Easter preparation which came to a halt due to Covid-19 scare. All Programs, 'Way of the Cross', Confessions and Sunday Masses were

#### Joseph Surin

cancelled. For the "*Mage Porob*" a Mass was offered in Basahatu Church on the first week of lent.

**Community:** **Nelson Castelino** along with **Neelam Kerketta** went to offer a mass at **Chaibasa** on the invitation of the Daughters of St. Anne Sisters. They too offered mass for SRA Sisters and others on the invitation of Amda SRA nuns. **Nelson** went to Lupungutu to offer Sunday mass for the faithful. **Joseph Surin** was down with Flu and was taken by **Benedict Minj** to St. Anjela Hospital, CKP, for a check-up leading to recovery. **James Samad, Benedict Minj** and **Nelson** helped with hearing confessions and offering masses in different village centers. **Nelson** represented the community for the recollection of the CRI Chaibasa held at TRTC, Guira. The Basahatu Parish Youth, who appeared for the

Matric and Plus II examinations, along with other youth had a seminar on future course with regard to further studies and vocations organized by Fr. Valerian

Lobo in Divya Bharati. On 18 March, **Fr. George Mutholil**, General's Assistant, visited us and spent more than an hour meeting the Jesuits individually. All of us went to St. Xavier's Lupungutu for the session with **Fr. George**

**Mutholil, S.J. Visitors: Frs. Oscar Horo and Francis Bodra**, Sr. Sushanti, HC, and the Provincial visited us.

### Lupungutu

**School:** Both the School and Inter College remained comparatively quiet during the three weeks holiday in February as the Board exams were hosted here. The School reopened on March 2 after the Exams were over. The 11<sup>th</sup>ers completed their school exams in three days from 5-7 March. As the Covid-19 broke out, the government order came to close down schools from March 17 to April 14, 2020. So it was done, the hostel too was vacated and all the

hostellers sent home before the lockdown.

**Community: Woolsie and Ranjit** attended the Lenten CRI recollection which was held at TRTC on 10 March. About 27 religious reflected together on the theme "Identification with the crucified Lord to remain in his love" given by Ranjit **Roshan Minj**, which was followed by adoration, confession and Eucharist. Fr. **M.K. George** visited Kolhan area on 18-19 March and then addressed the Jesuits on March 18 evening at Lupungutu. His message from the General was "to listen to the Spirit". The community is praying for the victims of Covid-19 and for the global health with the Blessed Sacrament

### Ranjit Roshan Minj

exposed in the chapel from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the entire campus is isolated due to lockdown.

**Inigo Niwas:** In this lockdown, the first years have not gone home and the second years, after board exam, had 10 days of holiday. The selected candidates for the pre-novitiate have come back for two months of English course. Together all the candidates are quarantined inside the campus having courses on English, music and sports.

### Pandabir

Here the last two months were full of activities. Benedict and Neelam kept themselves busy in the parish ministries. Altogether 18 couples received the sacraments of matrimony. Lenten retreats and reconciliation continued in the villages as well at the mass centers for Easter preparation. The Catechists from Basahatu and Bordor exchanged their services of teaching catechism to our parish. It was indeed a wonderful experience for all. But due to Covid-19 pandemic, we could not complete

village Lenten retreats. Neelam accompanied twenty-five youth of the parish to Basahatu for a day of picnic cum motivational activities with the Basahatu youth, a total number of fifty.

On March 8, we had a youth coordinator's meet in Bordor for the upcoming 'Summer Youth Convention' in May initiated by Fr. Walter Kongari, keeping in mind the Society's mandate of 'Walking with the Youth' of Kolhan. The meeting was chaired by Neelam together with Ranjit Kindo, Amos, Niral and Nelson. Fr. Sushil took all the outgoing students and the teaching staff for a day of excursion to Jamshedpur. The students after having finished their annual exam enjoyed 'Jamshedpur darshan'. The school

### Neelam Kerketta

children bid farewell to the sixth standard students and enjoyed a day of picnic inside the campus. The Parish hall has a beautiful look now as it is painted with biblical sceneries. We are thinking of having more such paintings in the School class rooms for the children. We are grateful to Mr. Gyan and his wife Mariam from St. John's School, Ranchi who spent a few days with us.

## DHANBAD AREA

### Digwadih

The visit of **Fr. George Mutholil**, Regional Assistant for South Asia, ensured the deepening bond of companionship and enthusiasm for the mission of the Lord. Our individual colloquy with him and his words of appreciation and encouragement gave us joy and contentment. From here he was taken to St Xaviers Tundi and

finally to DNS-Gomoh accompanied by **Oscar**. In the evening, his visit culminated with a short address to the Jesuits of the Region at DNS-Bhuli, followed by a fellowship meal. The pandemic caused by Covid-19 has brought our activities and life to a standstill. Following the central and state government orders, **Amal** has postponed the re-opening of school until further notice. At the same time the ICSE Board Exams for the 10<sup>th</sup>ers and the 12<sup>th</sup>ers have been put on

### Niranjan Minj

hold. **Frs. Oscar, Emile and Alex** continue their work in closed rooms. **Francis** taking risks in going out on and off to make arrangement for the supply of our sustenance. At this time of global emergency, the community has fixed an extra hour of prayer and adoration every day.

## JAMSHEDPUR AREA

### Choir

Choir had the first entrance test on March 7, 2020; about 90 students

appeared for the test. The parents meeting, annual exam results and teacher's orientation had

### Tom Nelli

to be postponed due to Covid19. Fortunately, the annual exams were

completed before the government announced the closing. The civil courts all over Jharkhand are closed till March 31, until further notice. Making use of his time, Pancras started his annual retreat in XITE Gamharia. A number of engineers from Chaira were sent by Fr. Walter to make an estimate for

the additional classrooms proposed to be built. Following the advisory of Fr. Provincial, Chaira will have an hour of adoration along with the sisters because of Covid19. In Rerua, Michael was busy converting the approach road to the school building to a concrete one with the help from Dr. Pradeep Kumar Balmuchu, the ex-MP. Rerua too had the entrance test for the new admissions. An herbal training for the villagers

from the project area of Gudabanda block was conducted by Fr. Tom in Rerua. Almost after a month's rest, instead of traveling by auto Michael was privileged to travel by a jeep from Basahatu community to Mercy hospital.

### Jilling

An orientation program for teachers of our school was organized at Jesu Bhavan on 7 March, having Fr. James Kalapura as the resource person who emphasized the primary need to develop is to know our students before any other thing that we can think of and become teachers who are inspiring for the learners. We are grateful to Jesu Bhavan, XLRI and Loyola School community for the hospitality given to us. On

March 16, the school was closed indefinitely in keeping with the order of the government to prevent transfer of Covid-19. All our Jesuits here self-quarantined immediately and following social distancing for the period of lockdown. We have been provided with standard masks too.

On 17 March, Fr. James and Fr. Eric drove in with SCJM Sisters from Sankosai and AC Sisters from Sonari on a 'darshan' cum community outing. They visited 'saborpada', the original home-ground for our mission. They brought snacks for our hostellers but found the place empty due to lockdown. They took some

### Sylvester Ekka

leaves and branches of 'putkal tree', and some plants for their communities. On 18 March, Fr. Jerome brought Fr. George, General Assistant for South Asia, to visit our community. He heard our individual stories on our mission and inspired us to continue the good work for the Lord. The work at the hostel building has been adversely affected due to lockdown with little hope to complete as planned.

### LCE, Telco

**School:** In view of the opening of the new academic session 2020, **Sushil** had organized an orientation for the teaching staff on **March 6** on "Ignatian legacy and personal motivation" given by **Jerome Sequira** for two sessions followed by lunch. The following day, **March 7**, all the teaching and non-teaching staff were present to help conducting an orientation for

the LKG parents and kids – practically all were present with their kids and took active part in the program. The procedures followed were to the point, practical, meaningful and well conducted by the teachers, each one having appropriate rolls to play including the administration had their share to express what was essential for the parents to know and act for the safety-security of their kids and for the smooth functioning of a Jesuit School.

**March 12** was the opening of academic session

### Sushil Suman & P Tony

2020 without much hassle or complain from the guardians and teachers. However, the school remained closed from **March 16** as a precaution to Covid-19, which was further confirmed by the notification from the JK Govt. to keep all educational institutions closed till April 16, 2020.

### Loyola School

The declaration by the PM about the nationwide complete lockdown on Covid-19 put a halt to ISC, ICSE and NIOS Board Exams of both English and Hindi School students. **Fr. Charlie Pereira** came from Tangrain to make his annual retreat at Loyola during this lockdown and **Pius** went for his annual retreat at

TJR, XLRI. On 21 March, **Fr. M. K George**, the General Assistant for South Asia came to visit Loyola Community and interacted with the City Jesuits in the evening. As a unique concern, during this lockdown, LAA formed a group to supply necessary and essential needs to the elderly parents and relatives of overseas LAA members residing in Jamshedpur. Dayanidhi visited all the member schools of JYOTI to plan

### Dayanidhi

out the program for the golden Jubilee celebration of JYOTI this year. He is very positive about the outcome of his visit and his meeting with the Jyoti- Coordinators at Loyola School. The activities here at Sonari parish came to a halt with the shutdown due to Covid-19.

### XITE

**Community:** The GB meeting presided over by **George Fernandes** was held on 4 March. On 20, **Fr. M.K. George**, Regional Assistant for South East Asia paid a visit to XITE and met some of the

community members individually. The community went to Loyola school to listen to his address to the city Jesuits at Loyola.

**School:** The Jesuit team of **Somy Mannoor**, **Jerome Sequira** and **Michael Fernandes** conducted a two-days' workshop on Jesuit

### Hilary Lobo

Education for the teachers on 5-6 of March. Report cards of Std. IX students were distributed on 7 March. An orientation program for parents of new LKG and UKG students was conducted on 7

March, and a second one for parents of new students from Std. I to Std. VIII was held on Saturday 8 March. The Principal conducted an orientation program for teachers on 11 March. The teachers then prepare the syllabuses for the academic session 2020-21. Moderators for each standard were appointed to supervise and monitor the preparation of syllabuses and question papers and to alert teachers regarding schedule for submission of projects and assignments. **Fr. M.K George, S.J.**, was welcomed

by the teachers on 20 March. He inaugurated the new prayer room for the use of staff and students of all religions. The new academic session commenced on 16 March with a meaningful prayer service. But the school remained closed from 18 March on account of the pandemic caused by Covid-19.

**College and Hostel.** The annual parents meet was held on 7 March in the college but the venue of the meet had to be shifted to the conference room due to heavy rain. However, the program was conducted as planned. The chief Guest and the Guest of Honor were Mr. Tarun Daga, Managing Director, JUSCO, and Mr. Saurav Roy, Head CSR of Tata Steel. Some of the

highlights of the program: the well-presented college report by Principal, the releasing of college magazine 'Xavier Chimes', the presentation of Jim Mario Award, Prof. Cristina Banks Scholarship and Rani Sushma Award. Incidentally, Dr. Promod Kumar Singh and Mr. Shailesh Dubey joined the college faculty. In compliance with Government Advisory on Covid-19 pandemic, the college and hostels were closed with effect from March 17, 2020.

### XLRI

This month has brought novel challenges because of Covid-19. Most of us in the community returned from the admission interviews and are hale and hearty. The spread of the infection gradually increased the fears among the faculty, staff and students. Therefore, the classes were suspended from March 17 for the first year and the GMP students. The students were asked to vacate the hostels as per the directives from the local administration. Since March 23, classes are being conducted on online platforms. The

convocation ceremony, scheduled for March 21, and the graduation, scheduled for April 4, was postponed. The graduating students were not very happy as they had to cancel their travel and hotel bookings but gradually came to more understanding. The senior students still have to vacate, which has become increasingly challenging with the lockdowns. Faculty members who travelled for interviews in the latter part of the month have self-quarantined themselves. The institute has made arrangements for this in the MDP building; some have done so in their own houses. For the first time, the board meeting was held online on March 21, with members attending from their stations. The most critical challenge faced by the institute is in

### Nelson D'Silva

helping the daily wage earners whose work here was suspended since the spread of the infection. The institute has decided to help them in this matter. Fr. Pep Maria-Serrano, who was here on sabbatical, was directed by the Spanish Consulate to return to his country without delay. He left on March 22 directly travelling from Chennai to Mumbai and further. Fr. George continues to work hard in starting the Jhajjar campus by making trips between Jamshedpur, Delhi and Chandigarh.

## ODISHA AREA

### Kalijharan

Prior to lockdown, the Lenten Retreats in different Mass Centers and in taking care of the pilgrims both physically and spiritually kept us busy. Five, big and small groups from different parishes of Sambalpur and Rourkela diocese came for pilgrimage to Kalijharan. Alfred chaired the parish fathers'

meeting on March 8, and on the same day Santosh attended the deanery youth meeting. Alfred, Ranjit and Santosh met the Regional Assistant, Fr. George Mutholil, individually in Tangraine on March 13. But due to Covid-19 pandemic, other pilgrims had to cancel their plan. Some of our retreats, awareness workshop on NPR-NCR- CAA and meetings were cancelled as well. Now we are restricted to the

### Santosh Minj

campus. After months of hard work, Ranjit started a school in Tainser on March 2, with five children in the form of tuition class. The number was slowly picking up but fell prey to Covid-19. Congratulation to Ranjit!

### Loyola Bhavan

Although Covid-19 has brought our life to a standstill, still we managed to fulfill some of our commitments before the Lockdown. Our new Minister, Biranchi Soreng, is learning the ropes from Gerry and at the same time is buried in books preparing for his forthcoming M. A. Economic exam in June. Due to

Covid-19 Epidemic, his Sunday Contact Classes have been cut short. On 21 March, we had a combined celebration of Biranchi and Tony Stevens B'day in a low key. Fr. Kalathil, who had come from Puri, managed to get back to his place before Bhubaneswar city got fully locked down and sealed. Gerry presented the LES Accounts in the GB meeting held in Loyola School on 14 March. He was planning to finish his Audit work by mid-April but has to wait now due to Covid-

### George Anthony

19 crisis. Having handed over his works to Biranchi and with no guest to welcome due to the lockdown, Tony Stevens spends the afternoons in the Chapel praying for the whole world, especially those affected by the Covid-19. George took the General Counselor for South Asia, **Fr. M K George**, on a trip to all our Jesuit houses in the

second week of March and managed to round off all the VRO works with the Residential

Tailoring Skill Centre closing ceremony by March 20, before the City lockdown. He is now busy editing the Annual Reports of various VRO

canters in Odisha.

### Loyola School

After the promotion meetings, the English School distributed report cards to LKG-IX and XI students on 13 March. From 14 March onwards class wise book distribution started. On the same day the teachers had a staff meeting to plan for the new academic session. On 15 March, we

had the Mass of the Holy Spirit for all the catholic students, teachers and the parents. Fr. Tony Uvari, of XUB was the main celebrant. All these came to naught as the State announced closure of all schools and we could not begin the new session as planned. Odia School began the annual exams for classes KG to VIII from 2 March. The Regional Assistant, Fr. M. K. George

visited the community on 10 March and managed to meet the superior and DoWs. At present we live a life of total 'Lockdown' due to Covid-19 pandemic, a new experience for all of us. We hope to be able to go out on the roads after 14 of April.

### Gilbert Menezes

### Minjaponka

The parish Mahila Sangh celebrated International Women's Day in a grand manner with more than two hundred women participants. About hundred and twenty children from different villages came to the parish for their monthly Holy Childhood program on the first Saturday of the

month and the following day returned after mass. They were thrilled to participate in catechism classes, prayers, meditations, games and doing various action songs. Their presence filled our campus with laughter and joy. The parish youth groups from different mandalies met for a Holy Eucharistic celebration in Pahadima and planned for their activities for the upcoming summer

vacation. Now with the arrival of Covid-19, all the parish activities are suspended and people are encouraged to adopt social distancing. We ourselves are now in self-quarantine mode.

### Mahesh Nayak

### Tumudibandha

On 26 Feb, Gregory had a minor operation in Bhubaneswar. After coming back he remained stuck to his day to day activities like glue. He got money from the sale of paddy and now the second crop is growing well. His cattle in the farm is increasing like wealth with the recent addition of six more. Blacius participated in the Lok Manch National workshop and the Core

Team meeting held at JDV, Pune from 26 to 29 Feb. He was there in March for the recollection of MC Brothers in Srasananda and for the Salesian Sisters in Kurtamgarh. The visit of the Regional Assistant, Fr. M.K. George to Pajikeri and Tumudibandha on 12 March was somewhat special. He experienced a little bit of life and mission at Kandhamal and he listened to us with openness. He was well accompanied by Frs. George and Paneer for the whole of Kandhamal tour. Meanwhile, as fear of Covid-19 grips the

whole world, the life has come to standstill in Kandhamal. Fr. Walter Kongari who came to Tumudibandha-Pajikeri on 17 March is held up here, experiencing being under house-arrest. Nonetheless, he is rekindling his passion for rural life and mission rejuvenating body and spirit!

### Blacius Ekka

### XIMB / XUB

**Women's Day** was celebrated with pomp and valor along with monthly birthday celebration of the staff and faculty in both campuses.

Thank God, the Admissions Interviews for PG programs for 2020-21 were successfully completed just before the complete shutdown due to Coronavirus Pandemic. The outbreak of the pandemic **COVID 19** has put to an end to a series of planned schedules, events and programs that are either to be suspended or to be postponed. Indeed, the awaited and planned convocation event for 2020 could not be held on the scheduled date. The campus has a deserted look.

A couple of maintenance staff come to sweep the main areas and water the plants. Seeing the current situation, **Tony Uvari, the VC** had a couple **Zoom Meetings** with the Deans and Faculty exhorting them to complete the remaining classes for this academic year through online mode. The entire faculty fraternity is enthusiastic with this idea and preparing to complete the syllabus and to conduct the exams through online. Joshy has been taking classes to training them to take classes through Zoom. **Augustine, Donald and Abe** were on the interview panel to select senior managers for the International Centre, University and Chief Security Officer.

**Arockia** had gone to Bangalore to take interviews of the next batch MBA students. **Joshy and Kiran** landed successfully at West Palm Beach in Florida, USA to present a research paper in the IABE International

Conference. Of course, both have come back safely and willingly self-quarantined for a fortnight. Everyday during this period, Officials of Odisha Govt. were monitoring them through visits and telephone calls.

**Tony Uvari** had a fixed meeting at E.M. Lyon Business School, France but realizing the severity of the Coronavirus pandemic, he returned from Delhi. **Abe** went to Bangalore to attend XIME board meeting and came back rejuvenated after spending a couple of days with his brother in Hosur. The scheduled travel plans of other community members were cancelled due the spread of COVID 19.

**Fr. M. K. George, Regional**

### Abraham

Assistant, accompanied by **George Anthony** and **Paneer** visited us and personally met some of us to know more about the ministry we carry on. He also met the city Jesuits at Xavier Residence, XIMB over a dinner. Next day he visited the university and had lunch with the

community. In the afternoon, they left for Kandhamal. **Raj** is setting an example for abstinence from Alcohol during Lent. **Arockia and Augustine** joined him in this endeavour. **Health Bulletin:** Both **Alwyn** and **Abe** were under the supervision of a physiotherapist but due to complete shutdown, one of the caretakers has come forward to help them. S.

**Tony** had self-isolated himself for some days due to severe cold and cough. We had special Eucharist celebrations for the repose of the soul of **Mr. James Rodrigues**, elder brother of **Alwyn** and **Mr. Anthony Muthu**, uncle of **Tony Uvari**.

## FORMATION HOUSES

### Namchi

After a long winter vacation, the College reopened on 3 February. It was cold and made it difficult for a week to settle down. The first semester result was out before we started our second semester. Both Pawan and Pascal have done well. We had inter-house singing and

elocution competition. Pascal came second in Hindi category while Pawan played keyboard for the group singing. Recently, we had heavy rain and a light snow fall. Our Principal is all praise for the Jamshedpur Jesuits as he received warm welcome and cooperation for his official work in Bhubaneswar for the college which now got full recognition. Due to covid-19, entire Sikkim is

### Pawan Toppo

under lockdown. We have one month of house quarantine, started from 18 March and will go up to 15 April. All the outstation students are advised not to leave the state. Though our classes are suspended yet online classes are going on.

### Vocation Promotion Camp

The Jesuit and diocesan vocation camp 2020 was held at Vianney Niwas from 16-21 March. Altogether 36 young boys after completing their class 10 and 12 board exams, came to attend the camp from six different dioceses, namely Jamshedpur, Simdega, Gumla, Khunti, Daltonganj and Ambikapur. Ten of them opted for the Province and the other twenty-six opted for the diocese. Out of

nine, three have been selected for Jesuit pre-novitiate and six for the candidacy program. **Frs Jerry Cutinha, Somy Mathew** and **Br. Amal Raj** delivered talks on Jesuit Charism, Formation and Brothers' vocation respectively. **Frs. Hilarius Kongari, Somy Mathew** and **Ajit Soreng** took interviews for selection of suitable candidates. **Fr. Neelam Snajeev** was available throughout the camp to accompany them in conducting different program. **Fr. Niral** took his time out to come and gave some support. In spite of the fear of Covid-19, the vocation camp was

### Ranjit Roshan Minj

successfully concluded on 21 March, before the *Janta Curfew*. The next Jesuit vocation camp is contemplated to have at Tangrain in Odisha, depending on the condition in the country. The vocation promotion team appeals to all the Jamshedpur Jesuits to encourage and promote vocation for the future of the province.

## Return to the Lord in March

**02:** Fr Felix Tirkey, S.J. (DUM, 52/28), Bathbanga, Dumka

**05:** Fr Geoffrey Michael Meagher, S.J. (NSW, 77/59), Australia

**09:** Fr Petrus Kerketta, S.J. (MAP, 71/51), Ambikapur,

**12:** Fr Arakal Jacob, S.J. (AND, 71/51), Andhra Pradesh

**23:** Mr James Rodrigues (58), eldest brother of **Fr. Alwyn Rodrigues, SJ**

**26:** Mrs Salomi Bage (73), mother of **Fr. Amos Bage, SJ**

**29:** Fr Andrew Koluwan, S.J. (DUM, 72/48), Dumka

## Prayer to Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

- Pope Francis

