



General Curia

Fr. General has appointed

Fr. K.C. Stephen the new Provincial of Dumka-Raiganj province

Fr. A. Nirmal Raj (DUM) the new Rector of Vidya Jyoti, Delhi

Fr. Zbigniew Leczkowski the new Provincial of Greater Poland and Mazovia

Fr. Provincial's schedule: April-May 2021

19 April	Province Congregation
	Province Consult
24 April	XLRI GB meeting
12-15 May	Praful's Ordination. Jashpur
16-31 May	Annual Retreat, Break

Notice: The Congregation for Catholic Education, Rome has approved Fr. Konrad Noronha for the grade of "Professor Ordinarius" in the Faculty of Theology, Jnana Deepa Pune. Hearty Congratulations to you Konrad!

A reminder

Priestly Ordination of Praful Ekka: Friday, 14 May 2021 at 6:30 am at Ajdha, Jashpur, CG

Thanksgiving Eucharist: Saturday, 15 May 2021 at 7:00 am at Ganjhar, Jashpur, CG.

Contact Praful for further details

Province Holidays!!

Cool weather, scenic surroundings, a relaxed daily schedule ... and ... good company.

St. Stanislaus Villa, Lonavala.
Mon, 26 Apr to Mon, 03 May

A bus has been arranged as follows
- Mon, 26 April. Mumbai to Lonavala. Leaving St. Peter's Bandra at 6:30 am.
- Mon, 3 May. Lonavala to Mumbai



If you can't come for all the days, do drop in for even a day or two.

Contact: **Gerard Rodricks 9223262524**

Flipbook on Br. Leonhard Zimmer SJ

Mr. Ajit Lokhande has written a booklet on Br. Zimmer, the Apostle of the Kathkaris. Here is the link to this flipbook.

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/lbnxr/qdhi/>

Thank you Ajit. Your ongoing bond with the Society brings us much joy. Thanks also to Joshua D'Souza for the technical help.

Status – List 1

Ambatha

Joel Noronha	Superior
Paul Raj	Cmty coordinator
Owen Caston	Assists in works

Ashagad

Anthony Toscano	Acting Superior
Sanjeev Gonsalves	Minister
Joseph Pithekar	socio-pastoral work

Manmad

Kenneth D'Souza	socio-pastoral work
Infant Leonard	Regency

Vinayalaya

Trevor Miranda	Socius, Superior
Joaquim Tellis	Minister
Luke Rodrigues	Retreats, Alumni, Pre-novitiate

Snehasadan

Wellington Patil	Diaconate at H Fly
Rajesh Parmar	Prov coordinator of Migrant Network

St. Stanislaus/Peters

Assis Rodrigues	Minister, Asst PP*
Praful Ekka	B. P.Ed course
Dudley Mendonca	In residence

Retreat House, Bandra

Lancelot Prabhu	Superior
Abhay Shirekar	Retreats, Marriage Encounter work

St. Xavier High School

Jude Fernandes	Superior**
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St. Pius, Goregaon

Julian Saldanha	Superior
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XIE, Mahim

John Rose	Province Development Director (PDD)
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St. Mary's, Mazagaon

Francis Swamy	Superior**, Asst. PP*
Andrew Rodrigues	Headmaster (SSC), Asst. PP*
John Lobo	Parish Priest *
Callistus Menezes	Treas, Admin, Asst. PP*
Lawrence Ferrao	Asst. PP*
Ambrose D'Souza	Regency. Vocation work

Nandurbar

Wendell D'Cruz	Ecology platform, NFE
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MPSM, Nashik

Joel Noronha	Superior
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Holy Cross, Nashik

Conrad Mascarenhas	Asst. PP*
Rohan Brahmane	College Studies

Shrine, Nashik

Errol Fernandes	Superior**, Chaplain*
Augustine D'Mello	Min., Asst Chaplain*
Bosco D'Souza	Asst Chaplain*

Talasari

Joseph Gonsalves	Minister, Asst. PP*
Adolf Muclar	Treasurer
Anacleto Fernandes	Asst. PP*, school work

Uplat

Vijay Gonsalves	cmty coordinator
Stephen Ghosal	Headmaster
Thomson Lopes	Asst. PP*
Roshan Goveas	Regency

Tara

Trevor Miranda	Superior
Joseph Poshapir	cmty coordinator

Ambadi Road

Brian D'Souza	Parish Priest *
	Acting Superior
Gerard Rodricks	Asst. PP*

Premanjali, Gass

James Francis	assists in house
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Manickpur

Joel D'Souza Diaconate

Uttan, Our Lady of the Sea

Wesley D'Costa Diaconate

Tertiaship

John Cyriac Shembaganur

Arun Lobo Shembaganur

Felix D'Souza Hazaribag

Arul Bosco Hazaribag

Vidya Jyoti, Delhi

Vivek Vinnarasan B. Th

DNC/JD, Pune

Frankie Nunes B. Th

Joel Mendonca B. Ph

* subject to appointment by the local Ordinary

** subject to approval from Fr. General

Scholastic Vincent Paulraj left the Society of Jesus on 11 March 2021. We wish him God's blessings along the path ahead.

The Spiritual Exercises & NLP: An online session by Fr. Dinesh Braganza

In this Ignatian Year, we had a very enlightening webinar on “The Spiritual Exercises and NLP” to help understand Ignatian Spirituality from the psychological point of view. The field of psychology was non-existent during Ignatius’ time, and much water had to flow through the Cardoner before we come to Freud, Adler, Yung, Carl Rogers et al. The main speaker was Fr. Dinesh Braganza who has specialized in NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming). What

we see as the key dynamics of the Exercises are better understood through the findings of NLP.

The talks given at modern retreats give the impression that they are not very different from those during a “mission” in Lent. We know that Truth is to be found not in the talks of the director but in the personal effort to discover it by oneself. The Exercises flow out of Ignatius’ experience and when given to Xavier and Borgia, the experiences were different, conditioned by their respective personalities or psychologies.

Fr Dinesh spoke in NLP terms of “Anchoring:” focusing on one thing, checking beliefs and their influence on oneself, re-thinking thoughts if they are not felt to be relevant, and visualizing the new goal aimed at—all these are unique to one’s own psyche. NLP further leads one to “perceptual positions,” that is, seeing things with one’s own eyes, with those of others’ eyes or by merely observing what appears. This gives us somehow the same dynamic used by Ignatius in the meditations connected with “Making a Choice of a Way of Life.” Dinesh spoke about how Ignatius helps one to make choices or elections by taking one out of limited present situations and into looking at the totality of life.

NLP puts us in touch with personal experience. Through “Core Transformation”, we become aware of past experiences that prevent us from being our true selves, and only then we are in touch with the true selves. NLP makes us look inward into subjective experiences, the same process used during the Examen. Dinesh guided us through the weeks in the Exercises with great clarity; with the NLP process of “Core Transformation,” we become aware of the experiences in our past that hold us from being who we are. Healing begins when we connect with our core self and arrive at the mind and heart of Christ.

✓ **Joshua D’Souza**

ST. XAVIER'S NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL

One of the glorious chapters in the history of education in Mumbai is St. Xavier's Night High School. Established in 1959, the school has been a torch bearer for the poor and plays a major role in uplifting them. From the first year itself the mission of the school was that no one should remain uneducated., irrespective of age, caste, and mother tongue. The same is true even today.

Many working people, after completing their hard day's work of earning bread and butter, eagerly come to school to fulfill their hunger for education. Here, from 6.30 to 9.30 pm, they are taught not only academics but also other activities like football, cricket, basketball, chess, drawing etc. Through this they learn the values of team work and planning. This is of great help to them in learning to plan out the daily activities of their life.

In our Night School, students are given free text books from Std V to VIII. It is the only English medium night school from 5th to 10th std in the entire A,B,C and D wards in Mumbai.

Ours was the first night school from A/B ward to reach the State Level Science Exhibition in the year 2012 by bagging 2nd prize at ward level and 1st prize at district level. By the way during science exhibition our students were not given any concession of time. They were judged along with other day school students and judged purely on the quality of the projects. It shows that our students are as capable as other students of the city. Our students also won the consolation prize in the bhajan singing competition in 2017.

Presently we have 190 students including 15 girl students. All efforts are made to provide the students with an all-round training. This is done through various competitions, annual Prize Day, Sports Day, celebration of religious festivals, national days and Jesuit feasts etc. In the limited time at our disposal, we try to give our students the type of experiences given in any day school. A.M.D.G.

➤ **Mr. Ajit Dave**
Headmaster

XTC Tidings

Mission Experiment: We second years underwent our mission and hospital experiments during this difficult and risky time of Covid. We are grateful to the Lord for His protection and guidance along our journey. We are also grateful to the people who made provisions and accepted us in their communities taking the risk for the sake of our experiments. These experiences raised many questions: How does our vocation make sense in the midst of all that is happening? How are we relevant to the present context? These questions actually strengthen our vocation and our yes to the Lord, as we witnessed the many wonderful things that are still happening even today:



The prophetic mission of MPSM reaching out to thousands of people irrespective of caste or religion has given us clarity in our own vocation.

The Sisters of Helpers of Mary showed us what it means for love to be manifested in deeds. We were touched and deeply inspired by the works of charity these sisters were doing. They take care of the leprosy patients, the aged, the orphans, and the unwanted children of the society. Throughout our journey we saw that when God calls He gives the grace to face all the challenges of our lives and we only need to trust in his love and mercy.

✓ **Unisakhiat Muruh**

Alone with God alone: It was a very special and intimate experience that I had during my long retreat. I entered the retreat, with a deep desire to be transformed into a more genuine image of Jesus, like all the other Jesuits, who have gone through the long retreat before me. I definitely experienced both challenges and graces. This is a time that I can always look back to whenever faced with any difficult moment. It reminds me of God's personal and unconditional love for me and thus strengthens and assures me of His grace and providence in my need. The variety of experiences that I received, have broadened my perspective to find God at different times in different ways, during the different phases of life. I was amazed to see how God can work even through my weaknesses and desolations. These experiences have left a deep impression on my heart and mind, leaving me thirsty, to find God's will in every moment of my life. It has filled me with gratitude and intensified within me the desire to respond generously to the stupendous love that God has showered upon me.

✓ **Rohan D'Almeida**

Ignatian Leadership Contemporary Issues and Challenges

The second part of the webinar on "Ignatian Leadership: Contemporary Issues and Challenges" by Lisbert D'Souza, had many more participants since there were nearly 95 devices connected to it from different Provinces. Lisbert posed the question: "How does one integrate into the Ignatian style of leadership the

understanding derived from meeting all the challenges of our times which are different from those of Ignatius?" Those challenges, internal or external, must be squarely faced, and that can be done if one has probity, sound learning and, of course, love for the Society. With these qualities



one will naturally stand out as a leader.

Through a variety of examples, Lisbert indicated what is required to be a good leader today. Taking for granted that one wants to be Christ's disciple, one has to share one's understanding of difficult issues and their possible resolution. This is done, unmistakably, by those like Trump, Modi, Duterte, and Bolsonaro, each of whom has a multitude of followers. But their visions are narrow, confined to local politics and to ideologies. There is something else that comes from global leaders like Gandhiji, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela. They seek the common good, their inspiration transcends political and social boundaries, and their power and magnetism comes from their personal integrity. In the Society of Jesus, as in any religious body, there is a vertical hierarchy and persons can take positions in it that, for various reasons, may not be suitable for them. Decision making then becomes problematic, though this can be overcome if everything is done for the greater of God.

This second webinar made us look at ourselves with the eyes of Christ, and examine our process of decision making. Does one have moral authority? Are we focused on our success or the mission of Christ? Where the Laity is involved, do we dialogue with them or do we indulge in clericalism? Lisbert certainly led us to do a lot of thinking.

• **Joshua D'Souza**

PREMANJALI MATTERS

The sudden Covid-19 lockdown in March 2020, cancelled several retreats and seminars planned at Premanjali. On the other hand, it challenged us to find creative means for ministry. So started online retreats, webinars, zoom sessions and individual counseling. The lockdown also opened ministry to collaborative ventures! Could this be the 'new normal' in future?

Fr. John Rose, and scholastic Joshua D'Souza of St. Xavier's Institute of Engineering, Mahim, actualized several partnership projects with Premanjali with Fr. Tony J D'Souza. A 30-hour webinar spread over some weeks was their first venture: a program for children, followed by 'We Care' for parents and teachers. Both programs were accessed by a large number of participants. Encouraged by this, several other webinars followed: one for AICUF students in Delhi; another for parents, teachers and students in Darjeeling; one for nearly 400 Sisters on Midlife Crisis; two webinars dealing with stress for high school students; on Spiritual Leadership to the superiors of Jesus and Mary. Closer home was a webinar for the youth of Vasai diocese on counseling; the practical part of this course will be conducted when the lockdown is lifted.

Tony offered an eight-day psycho-spiritual retreat to Jesuits. Another for Priests and Religious, and *because online* was accessed by nearly 160 participants! A five-day retreat to lay people found an online slot. Another 3-day seminar was given on psycho-spiritual growth for the staff of St. Xavier's College, Goa. A retreat across countries, was done online in the US. The time differences needed meticulous planning in terms of time and technology!

In our Vasai diocese, a core committee with Fr. Tony J in the Chair was constituted to plan various diocesan activities during the lockdown. A meeting of Catholic businessmen in Vasai was called, to plan financial aid to people affected by Covid-19. At another level, there was a felt need to revamp the weekend Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) and to use the Pre-

Nuptial Enquiry as an available tool to better prepare couples for marriage. Tony was invited to review and plan the MPC. He conducted a 10-module seminar 'Training of Trainers', for a select group of Diocesan priests, to help them understand various psychological, neurological, social and spiritual realities affecting individuals in their marital relationships, including parenting. These trained priests will then offer this course to other priests. For the laity, select couples will be trained to train other couples.



Outside Vasai, in Vadodra, Tony conducted a 3-day Symposium on Spiritual Leadership for Jesuit superiors of the Gujarat Province. He made it in time to escape the lockdown there, to return home. When Covid 19 lockdown was eased a little, two large groups of Pilar Fathers favorably occupied Premanjali twice for Tony's awareness retreats.

Ozy directed 2 sisters in two online retreats, and one face-to-face retreat for a Jesuit.

Sat. March 20th, Premanjali was enlivened and brightened by 22 young ones from the Common Juniorate, Vinalaya, with their mentor Fr. Robert Das! Treated to evening tea and snacks, they left to beach themselves on Rajodi Beach, one of the many beach-attractions in Vasai! Returning, they were addressed by Tony J on the programs in Premanjali. Light appetizers with 'bujing' as starters followed, as a preface to a sumptuous sea-food dinner sourced in Vasai! With Sunday mass the next morning and breakfast, the group left for the ruins of Vasai Fort. This fort built in 1532 has ancient Jesuit memories, and this Jesuit group with their visit added contemporary ones!

In August Ternan left Premanjali community for Xavier Tech, Mahim. Since then we have been only two! Please pray the Lord of the harvest to send us counselors and retreat directors!

➤ **Ozy Gonsalves**

MPSM Khabhar

MPSM community in this Lenten season has been following fruitful reflections by our four theology students from Vidyajyoti, Delhi. As we approach the academic year ending our days are getting busier with exams and assignments. We were happy to witness a successful defense of Ad Auds exam by Dn. Wesley and Dn. Welington in February. Fr. Joel, Fr. Patrick and Dn. Wesley also volunteered to preach at the feast of the Shrine of Infant Jesus, Nashik in the month of February.



MPSM organized a deliberation process for two days on “Towards Creating a Roadmap for XISR”, after having discussed and discerned the same with the community. There were a good number of stakeholders who participated in the process, Jesuits and others. The process of discernment and dialogue was followed to chart out a potential roadmap for XISR. The meeting was chaired by Fr. Joel. The entire process has been documented.

MPSM bid farewell to Ms. Pratiksha Raut, the first intern at MPSM from Nirmala Niketan School of Social work, who interned for three months (Dec. 2020-Feb. 2021). Along with Sr. Sagaya, FC, she stayed at Ambatha and Nashik to conduct a baseline survey for the new project, “Developing

Forest-based Social Entrepreneurship for Tribal Communities through Asset Based Community Development Program.” MPSM had the privilege of hosting the Indigo CSR Head from Delhi, Mr. Raju Sharma, for field visits in Trimbakeshwar Tehsil, followed by a meeting with the Project Team, for the Indigo-AFARM funded CSR Project, “Enhancing Livelihood Security for Rural Women through Sustainable Agriculture and Entrepreneurship Development.”

We were happy to have with us the eight second year novices from XTC, Desur for their Mission experiment at MPSM and Hospital experiment at Velholi, Asangaon (Bombay-3, Gujarat-3, Pune-2). They completed both the experiments in two batches of four each. We are also glad to have our scholastics, Seby, Sumit and Jackson for their mission immersion program for 10 days. They are busy with video documentation of MPSM’s different apostolic works and projects.

When the Covid-19 pandemic again started spreading across Maharashtra, Sch. Welington got infected by it. He followed the fourteen days of home quarantine and medication and is now fully recovered and back in action. Everyone else including the novices and MPSM campus employees did the Covid-19 RT-PCR test. By God’s Grace all their reports were negative. Now we all are enjoying good health and preparing ourselves to celebrate the Pascal mystery of Christ. Wish you all a very Happy Easter and Peace and Joy of the Risen Lord.

- **Welington Patil and Joel Noronha**

St. Xavier's Express, Fort

We are living in times filled with uncertainties. With the rise in Covid cases in the city Teachers have been asked to work from home until further notice. Hard times are often blessing in disguise. Let go and let life strengthen you. No matter how much it hurts, hold your head up and keep going. This is an important lesson to remember when having a rough day, a bad month or an unusual year. Truth be told, sometimes the hardest lessons to learn are the ones the spirit needs most.

Working from home on 28th February 2021, The National Science Day was observed by Science enthusiasts. Science Club teachers organised an array of science activities with a retired science teacher Ms. Sunilla Navalkar and our present Science Teacher



Mrs. Rupali Rele as resource persons. There were power point presentation on lives of different scientists, experiments on bending of light, scattering of light, formation of the rainbow spectrum, chromatography, experiment on Sound and making healthy ice-cream . The students enjoyed the different activities based on the different branches of science. It was indeed a challenge to organise an activity of this sort. Techniques to develop scientific creativity in order to encourage originality, independent thinking, build basic skills and learning by

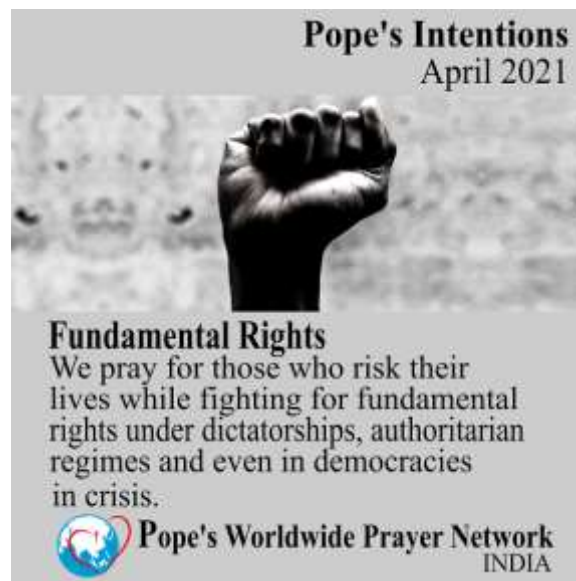
doing were kept in mind while planning this event.

The Science of today is of course the technology of tomorrow. Online Science Club activities was indeed a baby step towards this.

Preliminary exam of Std 10 students are in progress. Students are at ease after Education Minister declared that exams will be held in respective schools with half an hour extra for the Language papers and 15 minutes more for the papers of Science, Math and Social Sciences.

No matter what the circumstances, we must keep putting one foot in front of the other even when it hurts for we will never know what is waiting for us just around the bend.

- **Ms Anneeth Fernandes**
Teacher, SXHS



Fr. Oscar Rosario SJ
1942-2021



Fr. Oscar Rosario was my novice master and it is an honour for me to say a few words as we bid him farewell. I have deliberately chosen the same gospel text of the day: Luke 6: 36-38. Fr. Oscar was a very generous person, one who gave of himself completely. God blessed him abundantly, in full measure, pressed down and running over. The same measure of love and blessings that he received from our Lord was the measure he gave out to others.

I would like to describe this remarkable Jesuit in 3 different categories:

1. A loyal Son of St. Ignatius: “If I ever had another life, I would gladly join the Jesuits once again.” This was a sentence Oscar often repeated and we knew that he meant every word of it. Oscar was passionate about the Jesuit legacy. He was in his elements during conference class, lecturing from the heart. His narrations of our early history would bring tears to our eyes. His classes were power packed with emotions and deep love for the Society.

Oscar was a man of the Spiritual Exercises. He led many a Jesuit through this deep experience and continued in later years to guide Seminarians, Religious and lay persons along this path. He is well remembered as a powerful preacher and an insightful retreat director. Oscar held many posts in the Society and this was because of his unique blend of human qualities and spiritual depth. He was capable of discharging these jobs with distinction while retaining his humility and human ways.

‘The option for the poor’ was a favourite Jesuit phrase after GC 32. Oscar made it his own spiritual mantra and implemented it in our Novitiate at Sadhanalaya, Nashik. It caught on among us because Oscar led from the front. He believed in simple austere living and followed it personally. He showed courage and foresight in improvising novitiate experiments according to the times. I remember, during our second year he sent us for our “Home experiment” for a week. He told us to stay at home if we so desired, or to return if we still has a burning desire to serve the Lord. We all returned spiritually rejuvenated.

2. A friendly, down to earth person: Oscar hailed from Kurla which was his janma bhoomi, but his karm bhoomi was Manickpur. The parishioners loved him dearly. They remember his devotional and well prepared liturgies. They loved to see him at the altar celebrating mass and the church was packed to capacity. His singing would resound in the church and the congregation joined in with gusto. He was always available and spent much time with the people. They loved him dearly and are deeply grieved to hear about his demise. Their grief has been rendered all the more intense by the circumstances which prevent people from being present today to pay their last respects.

The goodness and holiness of Oscar was evident even in short interactions with him. When my parents visited the novitiate, my mother was taken aback to see the simple structure of the old Sadhanalaya house. She wondered whether I had made a mistake in joining the Jesuits. Upon meeting Oscar however, she was quickly convinced that this was the best place for me since I was under the guidance of a good, spiritual man.

Oscar had a terrific sense of humour and could spontaneously come up with creative puns and jokes. There was never a dull moment when he was around. We were in awe of his prodigious memory and his ability to make a story come alive. Hospitality was another trademark of his character. He was warm and loving, welcoming

all as honoured guests. In this, he set a wonderful example to Jesuits and communities. His cheerful caring behavior was in itself a good advertisement for religious life.

3. A person who suffered cheerfully: During the last stage of his life, Oscar had a memory loss and was disoriented at times. He was not able to recognise the persons around and was confused about where he was. But that did not deter him from sporting a smiling face. No complains or sound of pain when he was in the infirmary. An exemplary Jesuit indeed!

It is said that we can gauge the character of the person when he/she is in the refectory or on the playground and perhaps we can extend that to include the Infirmary as well. In this regard, I was chatting with the Bombay Provincial Fr. Arun and commented upon the wonderful example Oscar was giving us through his illness - no complaints, no fuss, no demands; hardly any mobility and yet so peaceful and cheerful. Arun responded that Oscar was always a deeply spiritual person, and this depth was sustaining him during these days of trial and suffering. A wonderful disposition indeed! We all need to prepare ourselves towards this disposition.

Rest in peace dear Fr. Oscar. Thank you for everything.

➤ **Robert Das**

In Christ's Peace

+ **Fr. Oscar Rozario (BOM), 78/63**, passed away at Mumbai on 28 February

+ **Fr. Savarimuthu Xavier (CEN), 83/59**, passed away at Dindigul on 3 March

+ **Fr. Edward Kerketta (RAN), 69/46**, passed away at Ranchi on 8 March

+ **Br. Victor Campos (GOA), 87/20**, passed away in Goa on 10 March

+ **Mr. Joseph Mascarenhas**, brother of James Mascarenhas passed away on 20 March

A tribute to Fr. Oscar Rozario

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देव माणूस

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फादर ऑस्कर

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देवाच्या अधिक गौरवासाठी

आयुष्य झिजवलं

आज तुमच्या निरोपाच्या वेळी

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- सायमन मार्टिन

