



# Kerala Tidings

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## From the Provincial's Desk

### BACK TO SCHOOL... BACK TO WORK...

Amidst the cruel dance of the pandemic for over a year, we have celebrated Easter, the festival of undying hope. "Do not be afraid" is a powerful message to us. We trust in that affirmation and move on with courage. I joined a group of ten new Provincials from the global Society who came together for exploring in depth "our way of proceeding." The week-long virtual meeting held in March was a substitute for a Roman meeting that got cancelled. Fr General and the other officials of the Curia were present to enlighten the group. The interactions with them and the sharing sessions proved a strengthening experience. Fr General, in his prayer session, highlighted some major concerns placing them in the context of the Ignatian Year. The concerns included personal and institutional conversion, renewal of the structures of poverty, realization of the fruits of the Universal Apostolic Preferences, promoting solidarity in formation and sharing of resources, and above all, creating a culture of vocation promotion. A sharing by Fr Mark A. Ravizza, Counsellor for Formation, was particularly illuminating; he helped us understand formation as probation in the mind of Ignatius.

Trusting that the adverse situation will ease soon, I am planning some 'actual' meetings of our Province men in the coming months. To begin with, I have proposed a Meeting of Superiors on May 1 and 2 at Christ Hall. Let the Risen Lord help us keep hope alive.

*E.P. Mathew. SJ*

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

- April : 10-11 Planning meeting on mission in Wayanad  
: 15-16 Province Consult, Santigram, Kalamassery
- May : 01-02 Superior's meeting, Christ Hall, Kozhikode  
: 07-10 Meeting of Scholastics, Santhinilayam, Kumaranalloor

## APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL

- Fr Jose Mathew Vayalikalapura:** Rector, St Xavier's College, Thiruvananthapuram.
- Fr Stephen C. Koitharayil (DUM):** Provincial of Dumka-Raiganj Province.
- Fr Antonysamy Stephenraj (PAT):** Regional Director, JRS
- Fr Sunny Jacob (JAM):** Asst for Mission and Identity for the Secretariat for Education and Jesuit Education Specialist for 'Educate Magis'

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Ordained Deacons: Schs Lijo Antony Pathickal and Stevensen Maliekal Cheriya** were ordained deacons by **Mar Jose Pulikkal**, Bishop of Kanjirappally, on 29 March at Mary Matha Minor seminary, Podimattom. Congratulations, Deacons!



**Fr Xavier Tharamel**, Chairperson of Vocation Promotion, informs:

There will not be a Vocation Camp this year too in the background of the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, an Orientation Programme for the new candidates will be held from 10-14 June. The new

academic year of the Pre-novitiate will begin on 15 June. Kindly promote suitable candidates to the Pre-Novitiate. Those who have completed Std X or Plus 2 or more are welcome.

### WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PRIESTS

There will be two Personal Growth Workshops for the young priests of our Province in May, 2021.

The five-day workshop will lead the participants through various steps of AMR or Awareness Meditation and Relaxation. This process is the key through which one gains access to the subconscious for healing and empowering in order to harmonize the functions of subconscious and conscious mind to make individual fully alive and fully human.

**Fr Joe Kootinal**, Director of Atmadarshan, Patna, will guide the workshops.

Workshop I : May 3-8 at Prasanthi, Wayanad.

Workshop II : May 24-29 at LES, Sreekaryam.

**Frs Wilson Mulackal** and **Xavier Tharamel** will be the organizers.

### SUPERIORS' MEETING 2021

After the long COVID break, Fr Provincial has convened a meeting of the Rectors/Superiors as follows:

Date : May 1 & 2, 2021 (Sun & Mon)

Venue : Christ Hall, Kozhikode.

### MAiN - ACCOMPANYING MIGRANTS IN DISTRESS (JCSA)

On 25 February, during the virtual meeting of the South Asian Provincials (JCSA), the Conference launched the MAiN (Migrant Assistance and Information Network) project. The network is a concerted collective and innovative response to reach out to migrants in distress; it will work in partnership with various stakeholders and collaborators involved in this apostolate throughout India.

**Fr Siji Chacko** (PAT) is the Director of MAiN and **Fr Shin Kallungal** (KER) its Asst Director.

**MYANMAR - New Jesuit Region in the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific:** On 19 March, the Feast of St Joseph - the Patron of the Society of Jesus, the Myanmar Jesuit Mission became a dependent region of the Philippine Province. Jesuits first returned to Myanmar in 1997, but later Jesuits from many places including Thailand, Nepal, Korea, and Indonesia came to help the fledgling mission. Some provinces of India, among other parts of the Society, dedicated personnel for the mission. From the beginning the mission was

entrusted to the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific, with the Thai superior doubling as superior for Myanmar. Myanmar deserves our prayerful support.

### MEDICAL BULLETIN

**Fr George Pattery:** After handing over the charge as POSA, Fr George Pattery came to Trissur (Govt Ayurveda, Oushadi) for treatment of Arthritis and Parkinson's and to spend part of his sabbatical period to study Arnos Pathiri and his works. At Arnos Pathiri Academy, Velur, he developed 'diabetic' related discomforts and was admitted to Nirmala Hospital, Kozikode. After a week, he came to Christ Hall for rest and recuperation. On medical advice he will stay in Christ Hall till September in order to continue treatment and work on Arnos Pathiri and other projects of publishing. He is relishing his longer stay in Kerala after a gap of 35 years.

**Fr John Thottupattu** who suffered from severe symptoms of Covid-19 positive was admitted to Nirmala hospital. After being discharged, he has been staying in Christ Hall under strict quarantine restrictions. Since he suffered from pulmonary and neurological complaints, he had to be fed through ryles tube. Now he is able to eat normal food and is improving fast.

**Br Mathew Puthiedom** was brought to Christ Hall with a fractured right hip. He underwent Hemiarthroplasty right (hip ball surgery) at Nirmala Hospital and was discharged after a week. Now he is convalescing at Christ Hall since he is advised rest for four months. He is eager to get back to Loyola Sadan, Poozhanad, but for the dog there that had pushed him down!

**Fr Jose Kadankavil** was admitted to Nirmala Hospital for acute urinary retention problem. Further diagnosis showed that he was suffering from Benign Prostrate Hypertrophy (BPH), Diabetes Melitus, and hypertension. Jose underwent a Trans Urethro Resection of Prostrate (TURP) and is convalescing at Christ Hall with good improvement.

### Pope's Intentions April 2021



#### Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**  
INDIA



## TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS - LIST 2

<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Fr Antu Kalamparambil	AKJM community, Kanjirapally	Samanvaya community, Kanjirapally
Fr Jose Pulinthanath	Loyola, Sreekariyam	Pius XITI, Edathua (Manager and Coordinator)
Fr Pious Vachaparambil	St Xavier's, Thumba	Manager, St Joseph's ICSE School, Kozhikode
Fr Xavier Veliyakam	St Xaviers, Thumba	Loyola School, Mukundara
Fr Dominic Madathaniyil		Manager, Sarvodaya School, Eachome (Addl charge)
Fr Jose Mathew Vayalikalapura		Manager, St Xavier's College & XIM, Thumba
Fr Mathew Pampackal		Sabbatical
Fr Prince Clarence Panachithara		Acting Superior, Sarvodaya, Eachome (Addl charge)

### ASSISTANCY-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS

Fr Jesu Benjamin (DUM) - National Director, AICUF (Subject to the appointment by CBCI)

#### JOR BAGH, DELHI

Fr Shajumon C.K. (DAR) – Superior  
Fr James Arjen Tete (CCU) – Secretary, Formation  
Fr Arun Kumar (KAR) – Secretary of Faith  
Fr John Ravi Selvan (DEL) – Secretary, JEA  
Fr Nelson Gonsalves (GOA) – Asst Finance Officer, JRS

#### ISI, BANGALORE

Fr Francis Balaraj (KAR) – Administrator and Program Head of Social Inclusion and Democracy

#### ISI, DELHI

Fr Thomas Perumalil (PAT) – Acting Superior  
Fr Siji Chacko (PAT) – Director MAIN (Additional responsibility)  
Fr Shin Kallungal (KER) – Asst Director, MAIN  
Fr Franklin Rex (CEN) –JRS  
Fr Alwyn D'Souza (KAR) – Research Scholar  
Fr Lancy Lobo (GUJ) – Research Scholar

#### SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

Fr Francis D' Souza (KAR) - Registrar & Treasurer  
Fr Arul P Stanislaus (CEN) - Minister and Spiritual Director  
Fr Benedict Lakra (RAN) -Spiritual Director

#### PAPAL SEMINARY, PUNE

Fr Antony Raj R (JAM) –Moderator of Philosophers& Spiritual Director  
Fr Rocha Rozario (GOA) – Spiritual Director

#### JNANA DEEPA, PUNE

Fr Peter Ignatius (PAT) – Registrar and Teacher  
Fr George Cordeiro (BOM) – Moderator of PG Students and Manager of PG Block

### DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

Fr Paul Chemparathy (NEP) – Treasurer  
Fr Jagdish Parmar (DAR) – PWPN Office relocated at De Nobili College, Pune  
Fr Clement Jesudoss (MDU) – Teaching at Jnana Deepa

#### VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

Fr Hector Pinto (GUJ) – Registrar & Treasurer, Vidyajyoti, Delhi

Fr Edwin Philip Rodrigues (BOM) – Teaching, VJ JRS, AFGHANISTAN

Fr Jerome Sequeira – Country Director

#### TERTIANSHIP

Fr Irudayaraj Manickam (GUJ) - Tertian Instructor, Sitagarha  
Fr William Sequeira (KAR) – Tertian Instructor, Kandy  
Fr Jose Jacob Maruthukunnel (KER) – Tertian Instructor, Shembaganur

#### IGNIS

Fr Somy Mathew Mannoor (JAM) – Editor, IGNIS

### FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

#### CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE

The community bid good-bye to three of its members, namely, **Frs K.J. Thomas, Rabin and Sch Sinesh** on 30th of March. We had a special Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. Provincial, followed by scrumptious dinner. The community remembered the generous contributions of these people with a sense of gratitude and intimacy of heart. Fr K.J. Thomas left for his new mission the same day and **Fr Devasia** took charge as Acting Superior. We celebrated **St Joseph's day** with a solemn Mass. We were privileged to commemorate the gift of life of **Frs Anikuzhy, Thaiparambil and P. T.**

**Mathew.** Fr Thaiparambil was away at Pachilakkad for his annual retreat from 12th to 22nd.

The community gave a grant farewell to **Mrs Radha**, a life-long domestic staff of Christ Hall, on 23rd of this month. **Fr Devasia**, Minister, recalled the dedication with which Mrs Radha has been serving Christ Hall community. She retired from her job because of old age. **Fr Joe Mathew**, along with his student, Mr. Jacob, from Nirmala ITI, Pariyaram introduced to the community a new **sensor-attached sanitizer dispensing machine** on 27th. We congratulate the ITI team for its creative venture. The Congregation of Venerini Sisters underwent formation training at SRC under the guidance of **Frs K. J. Thomas** and **Sheise** and **Sr Gracy SJL** from March 22nd to 29th.

*George Karuppallyil*

### **LOYOLA, ALUVA**

**Fr Provincial** spent two days with us for the visitation and he also conferred the ministries of Lector and Acolyte on three first year novices, **Charis, David** and **Thomas**. They received the cassock too on the same day. We made a walking pilgrimage to Malayattoor and on the way we were cordially welcomed by Sameeksha community with a sumptuous breakfast. All the novices attended an online course on Prayer conducted by **Fr Sunny Kunnappallyil** and **Fr Stephen Chundanthadam**. The renovated basketball court was blessed and inaugurated by **Fr Jose Jacob** with **Fr Linto Kanichai** as the guest of honor. We were invited by the Lumen community on March 21st to enjoy a drama by Mr. K J Baby. A special day of recollection was arranged for preparing us for the holy week, the ministries, and the mission experiment. It was guided by Fr Jose Jacob on 22nd. The novices left for their mission experiment on 30th. **Fr Jacob Kumminiyl** conducted an online retreat for the presentation sisters.

*Praveen and David*

### **SAMEEKSHA, KALADY**

**Schs Lijo and Steevensen** were ordained deacons by **Mar Jose Pulikkal**, Bishop of Kanjirapally, on March 29 at Mary Matha Minor Seminary, Podimattom. Sameeksha had to face the fury of nature in the last week of March. The heavy rains and strong winds caused widespread damage to the campus. About 15 nutmeg trees along with other trees were uprooted by the sudden gush of wind. The meditation hall too bore the brunt as several roof tiles were hurled off the roof. Sameeksha has never witnessed such damages in the past 35 years.

The community gave an affectionate send-off to **Fr Shin Kallungal**, who is transferred to ISI Delhi to head the JCSA desk for coordinating the

ministry among the migrants. **Fr Binoy** presented a very insightful talk on *Science and Spirituality* on the *Dharmasameeksha* series in February. Three scientists who made a biodiversity assessment of the Sameeksha campus presented their findings on the *Dharmasameeksha* series in March. A Muslim-Christian dialogue with 10 representatives each from both the religions on the apparent divide between the two communities in Kerala took place in January and the follow up in March. A statement asking for working as fraternal communities was issued to the press. **Fr Sebastian Painadath** offers regular talks on Zoom in German and English. He taught an online course on the Trinity for the *Jnanasameeksha* students.

*Ivin Tommy*

### **AKJM/SAMANVAYA JESUIT HOUSE, KANJIRAPALLY**

**Schs Lijo Antony** and **Stevensen Paul** were ordained deacons by **Mar Jose Pulikkal**, Bishop of Kanjirapally, on 29 March at Mary Matha Minor Seminary, Kanjirapally. Seven brothers of the diocese were also ordained deacons the same day, and some others received minor orders. Fr Provincial and PCF were present. **Fr Xavier Tharamel** and the scholastics from Sameeksha also joined the function.

AKJM students of classes 10 and 12 are preparing for the board exams. All students of the school have been evaluated under a continuous system of assessment throughout the year besides their annual assessment. The community celebrated the birthday of **Fr George Sebastian** with a prayer service followed by sumptuous dinner. The Centre for Ignatian Spirituality (CIS) organized a five-day online prayer session cum guided meditation under the guidance of **Frs Sunny Kunnappally** and **Stephen Chundanthadam**. It also organized a five-day web retreat for the laity and religious. The preachers included **Bishop Thomas Tharayil, Bishop Christudas, Frs Thomas Karimundackal, Binoy Pichlakkat, Prince Clarence**, and Mrs Gracy Jacob. Luminous Radio streamed the retreat on the YouTube for Keralites residing abroad. **Fr Jose Jacob** rejoined the community after spending a few months in the Tertianship at Bengaluru. Fr George Sebastian has been admitted to the S H Medical Centre, Kottayam for a check-up.

*Augustine Peedikamalayil*

### **LUMEN-JYOTHIS, KOCHI**

**Fr Sheise** has got back to the Community after his tertianship at Mount St. Joseph's, Bengaluru. **Fr Roy Thottathil** conducted online art workshops for teachers in Afghanistan from 4th to 11th of March. The workshops, titled 'Art for Peace and Reconciliation',

was organised by JRS for different groups of teachers in Kabul, Herat, Bamiyan and Daikundi. The Newman Association had its monthly meeting online on the theme *Moral Concerns in the Political Process of Assembly Elections*; Dr N.M. Pearson and Dr Muse Mary George made presentations. YMCA India in collaboration with LIPI organized a one-day workshop on *Young Agents of Peace* for its national leaders at YMCA, Ernakulam. LIPI Science Forum organised two online talks this month. **Fr Job Kozhanchadom** (IISR, Delhi) presented a paper on *Keplerian Revolution in Science*. The second talk was on *Chaotic Dynamics in Neural Networks* by Dr Rose P. Ignatius, former HoD of Physics, St Teresa's College, Ernakulam. **Fr Binoy** was invited as a subject expert in the three-day Syllabus Workshop on Christian Cultural Studies organized by Sreenarayanaguru Open University, Kollam.

*Devassy*

### ST XAVIER'S COLLEGE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



Finally the day came, one which all waited in anticipation: the inauguration of the newly constructed FR AIKARA AUDITORIUM : SXC GOLDEN JUBILEE MEMORIAL. **Bp Christudas R.**, Auxiliary Bishop of Trivandrum Archdiocese, blessed and formally inaugurated the hall. The opening ceremony was followed by a public meeting and cultural extravaganza. Those who graced the dais include **Fr E. P. Mathew**, Provincial, **Fr Pious Vachaparambil**, Rector and Manager, **Fr V. Y. Dasappan**, Principal, **Msgr. C. Joseph**, Chancellor and Vicar General of Trivandrum Archdiocese, and Mr. Jacob Punnose, former DGP of Kerala. The 6.5 crore worth auditorium is magnificent not only from an aesthetic point of view but also from its utility angle. Fr Pious deserves praise for his master craftsmanship. **Fr Mathew Nampiarambil** started the first spade work as early as in 2008 but could not take the project forward for want of funds. Later in 2014, when the college celebrated its Golden Jubilee, this forgotten project was again dug up. Subsequently, Mr. Santhosh Paul, an alumnus of our college and a Kochi based architect drew the plans, but the project got delayed due to CRZ related restrictions for construction in the

proposed site. It took a few more years before we got the final nod from all agencies concerned to go ahead with the project. Fr Pious roped in an efficient civil engineer Mr. Ivan G. Pereira to supervise the work. His experience and acumen made Fr Pious' labours light and rewarding. The foundation stone was blessed on 30th December 2014 by Most **Rev Soosapackiam**, Archbishop of Trivandrum. Three years later, on 28th November, **Fr M. K. George**, then provincial of Kerala Jesuit Province, laid the foundation stone and started the construction work. The work, by God' grace, progressed without any break in record speed despite the ill effects of the Pandemic.

### NEW RECTOR TAKES CHARGE



**Fr Jose Mathew** took over as the Rector of St Xavier's College at a simple but glittering ceremony culminated in the Eucharistic celebration. As a gesture of his magnanimity and thoughtfulness, Provincial **Fr E. P. Mathew** travelled all the way from Calicut to reassure the community his spiritual support and paternal concern. Jesuits from Trivandrum region joined us for the Eucharistic celebration and the sumptuous dinner that followed the taking over ceremony. It is really a second coming for Fr Jose Mathew who served the campus in various capacities for nearly two decades. We hope his experience and vision would be a catalyst in taking this institution to newer and greater heights. The community feels obliged to wholeheartedly thank **Fr Pious Vachaparambil**, the outgoing Rector for his great contributions to the community and the campus even at turbulent times. The recently inaugurated beautiful and magnificent college auditorium is just one example of his many achievements. We wish him the blessings of the Risen Lord as he is preparing to move out to his new mission.

*Dominic Palakeel*

### AADI, ATTAPPADI

Lok Manch had its 2-day TOT training for the leaders of Attappady animated by the state campaigner. ISI,



Bangalore organised a 3-day virtual cadre formation on Panchayat Raj in which AADI and Lok Manch leaders took part. AADI and Lok Manch, in collaboration with five colleges that sent trainees to AADI, organised two Webinars, one on Women's Empowerment and the other on Tribal Rights. The annual General Body meeting of AADI was held online on 9th March presided over by Fr Provincial, President of AADI. A group of 30 tribal youth from Gujarat was at AADI for five days as part of a cultural exchange programme. Tribal children from Attappady joined them for a one-day gathering with seminars, classes and some cultural programmes. **Fr P.S. Antony** and AADI staff participated in the Women's Day celebration at Nellipathy organised by Attappady Unit of the SMSS, the social work agency of Sultanpet diocese. Fifteen MSW and BSMW trainees from Lissah college, Thamarasery, St Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda, Marian College, Kuttikanam and Central University, Kasargod did their placement at AADI.

*Mathew Aarthayil*

### ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY, VELUR

The Arnos Padiri Academy (APA) celebrated the 289th death anniversary of Arnos Padiri. As part of it, an online *Puthen Pana* recital competition was organized on 14th March for various age groups. Eighty six members from different parts of India participated. Later, on 19th, we celebrated a Commemoration Mass in APA Chapel with **Fr Emmanuel Koyan** as main celebrant. About thirty well-wishers were present. It was followed by *Pushparchana* at the portrait of Arnos Padiri and a commemoration meeting. A public meeting was organised in the evening at the Sahitya Academy, Thrissur. Scholars like Dr. C. Ravunni and Dr. (Sr.) Sheeba A.C. addressed the meeting and Mrs. Jyothibai Pariyadath presented a paper on *Arnos Padiriyude Kavyabhavana*. **Fr Sunny Jose** was the main celebrant at the Arnos Padiri commemoration Eucharist at St Antony's Forane Church, Pazhuvil.

Another significant event was a Zoom Conference on 20th March jointly organized by APA and Mr. Davis



Thekkumthala from Germany. Its objective was to make the contributions of Arnos Padiri known at the universal level and to initiate a group of international well-wishers. About thirty people participated; they included Mr. Achim Burkart (German Consul General, Bangalore), Rev. Theo Paul (Vicar General, Osnabruck Diocese, Germany), Prof. Christoph Vielle (Catholic University, Louvain), Dr. Heike Oberlin (Tubingen University), Mr. Rainer Ellermann (Mayor of Ostercapplen, Germany), Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, Dr. Anil Vallathol (Vice Chancellor, Mal. University), **Frs M.K. George SJ** and **E.P. Mathew SJ**.

*Sunny Jose*

### SANTIGRAM, KALAMASSERY

With Covid around, life at Santigram has been very slow, and we decided not to run the regular annual programmes. Basic TA that is held every month (2nd Saturday and Sunday) is the only regular programme that is going on. **Fr M.J. Thomas** is presently guiding a One-Month Retreat for 4 MSJ sisters. **Fr Ephrem** conducted Group Therapy sessions for two small groups of SD sisters. Both **Fr Saji** and I are engaged in counseling work since some individual clients come seeking help. Fr Saji is also busy providing for us with regularity.

*Ephrem Thomas*

### LOYOLA, POOVAR

The final year B.Com students of the Loyola College of Commerce were given farewell. They had regular classes on the campus for the past 3 months, a change from their online classes. The Kudumbasree Mission is making use of Loyola computer lab for giving training to the youth of Poovar panchayat. Three first year novices from Loyola, Aluva, **Davis Mathew**, **Caris Xavier** and **Thomas Philip**, have arrived for a month-long socio-pastoral experiment at Poovar. We invited the Mukundara Jesuits to visit Poovar and we had an hour long boating in the beautiful back waters of Poovar. **Fr Binu Kaduthalakunnel** presented virtually a paper titled "The rural entrepreneurship for the transformation of rural India" in a national seminar held at the Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous) in Trichy.

*Binu*

### XIDE, JAMTOLIBARI, TRIPURA

**Bishop Lumen Monteiro, CSC**, the bishop of the diocese of Agartala inaugurated the first and new Jesuit parish in Tripura on 21st March. The parish was named as St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Kailashahar. **Fr James Morais** was appointed by the bishop as the first parish priest. The new parish has got six substation churches



at Jamtoli, Khasiabasti, Kuruma, Kathalbari, Thachai, and Bursi. The new Jesuit parish was carved out from St. Paul's Parish, Kumarghat. A one-day Lenten retreat was arranged at the parish church in Kumarghat. Almost 250 people participated in the retreat. As a preparation for Lent, we had arranged house blessing and prayer sessions in the parish guided by **Fr James** and **Sch Frangle**. The new Youth Committee (Kailashahar Catholic Youth Movement) was formed in the parish and representatives from the substation churches participated in the meeting. The remedial tuition teachers' training programme was conducted in XIDE on 2nd March and 12 teachers participated. **Sch Dijin** and **Sch Frangle** had a trip to Meghalaya and they visited some of the new Jesuit mission stations in Shillong. Six students from the first batch of GDA (General Duty Assistant) students got placements at St. Joseph Hospital in Vishakhapatnam. They had been trained by **Sr Annie Joseph, SJA** in our Institute. The new dispensary building is under construction.

*Frangle*

### ST MARY'S SCHOOL, JAMPUIJALA



The Annual Day celebration of St Mary's School was held on 12 March. Teachers and students put their hearts and souls into it to make the event a memorable one. Work on the new building meant for the hostel

and the nursery is progressing. The annual exams were conducted since the academic year comes to an end in March. The parents were called to a meeting and they got a chance to see the progress report of the students and the promotion list. We also organized a sharing session of the teachers at the end of the academic year under the guidance of **Fr Babu Paul**, the Principal. The questions he gave helped them reflect on the past one year and to make some valuable suggestions for the coming academic year. **Sch Dijin** was given farewell by the staff and they all shared their experiences with him.

*Dijin Jose*

### MIGRANT ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION NETWORK (MAiN)

MAiN (Migrant Assistance and Information Network) is a new initiative of JCSA and Collaborators to address the cause of Migrants in distress. Inauguration of the MAiN Central Hub Office, based at ISI- Delhi, was held on 25 February by POSA. Many Provincials, State Facilitators and partners joined the function which was held online. The event received excellent media coverage in The Delhi Post. Several programs were held after the announcement of MAiN in December 2020. Exploratory visits to different organisations working with migrant workers such as Gram Vaani in Tirupur, Tamil Nadu, Jan Sahas in Delhi, and the Aajeevika Bureau, Udaipur, Rajasthan helped us to understand the various models and technology platforms for the helpline systems being used by different organisations. In February we held different Zoom meetings with the State Facilitators on possible strategies to follow.

Being in its infancy, MAiN is in the process of building partnership with other NGOs and Institutions. A two-day consultation held at Indian Social Institute Bengaluru in March brought together State facilitators and collaborators of Destination states (Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra, Telangana, Goa, and Delhi). Another meeting that was held at Chennai was facilitated by Shin Kallingal. A webinar on the topic "India's Draft Migration Policy" was organised by MAiN. The panellists Dr Partha Mukyopadhyay, (Former Chair, Working Group on Migration, Government of India, and Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi), Dr Priya Deshingkar, (Professor of Migration and Development, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex, UK), Dr Vibhuti Patel, (Former Professor at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, and SNTD Women's University, Mumbai), and Dr Yogesh Kumar, (Executive Director, Samarthan - Centre for Development Support, Bhopal). Social Media platforms also are created for effective media engagement.

*Shin*



## OURS IN MEDIA

**Fr Midhun J. Francis**, "Building Bridges Between Religions: Reading Nostra Aetate Through the Lens of Pope Francis," in *Towards Renewing Church and World: Revisiting Vatican Council II Through the Eyes of Pope Francis* (Delhi: JD, Pune & CCBI commission for Theology, n.d.), 413-428.

### Fr Thomas Karimundackal:

- "George M. Soares-Prabhu, SJ: A Passionate Biblical Exegete and a Committed Liberation Theologian," in *Jnanadeepa, Pune Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol 25/1-2 Jan-June 2021, 5-10.
- "Dialogical Biblical Hermeneutics: George M. Soares-Prabhu's Contribution towards an Indian Biblical Theology," in *Jnanadeepa, Pune Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol 25/1-2 Jan-June 2021, 42-65.
- "Integral Liberation: George M. Soares-Prabhu's Contribution towards a Biblical Theology of Liberation for India," in *Jnanadeepa, Pune Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol 25/1-2 Jan-June 2021, 210-232.

**Fr Binu Kaduthalakunnel**, "Therural entrepreneurship for the transformation of rural India", in *Sambodhi* (quarterly research journal) Vol-43, No-04, XXIX, October-December 2020.

## GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

**Fr Savarimuthu Xavier** (CEN), 83/59  
on 03.03.2021 at Dindigul.

**Fr Edward Kerketta** (RAN), 69/46  
on 08.03.2021 at Ranchi.

**Bro Victor Campos** (GOA), 87/20  
on 10.03.2021 in Goa.

**Fr Arul Jeevan** (MDU), 73/50  
on 22.03.2021 at Dindigul.

**Fr Anil Kishor Tirkey** (RAN), 67/47  
on 27.03.2021 at Ranchi.

Mr Kuriakose Eruppakattu (90), maternal uncle  
of **Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy**, on 18.02.21.



Mrs Monica Anthrayos (86), mother  
of **Fr Varkeychan Mecheril**, on 23.03.2021.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### APRIL

- 01 Dolichan Kollarath
- 04 Gracious Stephen
- 10 Antony Mecherry
- 10 Pious Vachaparambil
- 12 Jithin Puthuparambil
- 14 Bastin Vattanky
- 14 Benny Chiramel
- 17 Amal Babu Pattasseril
- 17 Dijin Jose Pulickal
- 20 Toby Kozhuppakalam
- 23 Jose Choorapoikayil
- 24 Joe Mathew Kunnathoor
- 27 Shin Kallungal
- 29 Dominic Palakeel
- 30 Mathew Pullattu



### MAY

- 06 Rojas Kalathil

## IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

### APRIL

- 02 (1988) Thomas Arackal
- 03 (1961) Carolus Vassallo
- 06 (2006) Job Pulikottil
- 12 (1992) Joseph Aricatt
- 22 (1991) Zacharia Palakunnel
- 22 (2007) Philip Kalarickal
- 24 (1969) Zacharias Chandy



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