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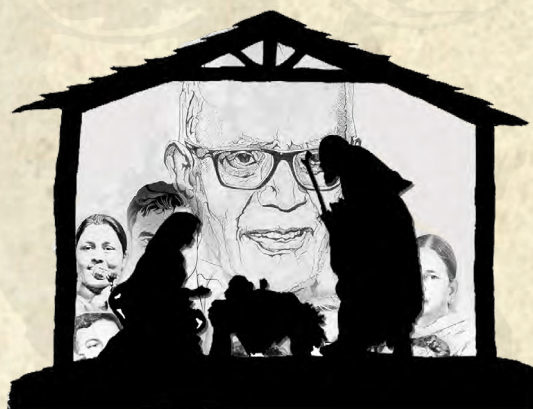
LOYOLA NIWAS, SAKCHI, JAMSHEDPUR, INDIA

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PROVINCIAL'S MESSAGE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3: 16). In this advent season and in the coming Christmas season, we recall God's 'reaching out' to each one of us and humanity, our common home, the earth. Covid19 has taught us many lessons loud and clear provided we have the disposition to learn. In responding to God's 'reaching out' we too are invited to reach out to others - connecting with others' lives not necessarily in physical space but beyond, through online making best use of the technology for our mission of reaching out to those who need us. It is very easy to resort to the comfort of

the four walls of our rooms and our campuses, but it takes some effort to shed our fears of the unknown and go beyond oneself to connect to God and our fellow pilgrims on our Common Home.



Fr Stan Swamy, our own brother, has taught us many lessons particularly to reach out or stretch out oneself to the most vulnerable and marginalized persons - beloved images of God,

of this planet no matter what the price he had to pay. He has taught us what every citizen



of this nation should be doing, what every Christian should be doing and what every Jesuit should be doing. While in the prison pleading not guilty to the accusations framed against him, he has demonstrated a great sense of indomitable courage, dedication and determination for the cause he has given his lifetime. He has displayed that no power on earth can subdue the humanity in him to reach out to others. We thank all the Jesuits all over the Society of Jesus, POSA and the all the provincials

and the Jesuits of the Conference, the legal team of lawyers and experts who are directly working for the speedy release of Stan and others whose fundamental rights are violated and are imprisoned. We are touched by the solidarity and support demonstrated for Stan and others by our collaborators and all people of goodwill from all walks of life. We continue to storm heaven with our cries of supplications joining with the cries of the poor and the marginalized whose Constitutional and Human rights Stan Swamy always defended.

Thirdly, after his return from JRS and supporting the Province administration as the Socius to the Provincial, Fr Jerome Sequiera has once again volunteered to work in the JRS Afghanistan and has received his next assignment from the POSA to lead the JRS team in Afghanistan despite knowing pretty well of the risks involved to personal life in working in that troubled terrain. He has displayed his reaching out to the Frontiers where our services are most required. Thanks Jerome, for your 'reaching out' to the frontiers on behalf

of the entire province. You take along with you the solidarity, the support and the prayers of your province men for you, your Jesuit brothers and collaborators in Afghanistan.

May this Advent season and the coming Christmas season be a time of 'reaching out' as God keeps reaching out to us. May we reach out to God, our fellow brothers and sisters who are most in need of our services.

Fraternally in our Lord

Jerry Cutinha SJ

OFFICIAL

Appointments by Fr General

Fr. John Karuvelil, SJ	Dean of the Faculty of Theology, JDV, Pune.
Fr Roland Coelho, SJ (GOA)	JCSA/POSA Consultor

Appointments by POSA

Fr. Jerome Sequiera	JRS Country Director, w.e.f. 01 Dec 2020
Fr. Shajumon C	Socius to POSA
Fr. Siji Chacko	Director - Migration Facilitation Network and entrusting CDO with MFN

Appointments by Father Provincial

Name	From	To	Status	W.e.f.
Fr. Rajesh Dungdung	TRTC	TRTC	Treasurer	01-12-20
Fr. Santosh Minj	Kalijharan	Kalijharan	Minister & Treasurer	01-12-20
Fr. Somy Mathew Mannoor	XLRI, GJR	XLRI, GJR	Coordinator and Treasurer	01-12-20

The Provincial has appointed the following Teams:

1. VOCATION PROMOTION

AREA	CONTACT PERSONS
Kerala	Somy Mathew
Karnataka	Nelson Castelino
Tamilnadu	Arockia Das, Pravin Jose, Jubin Nath
Andhra	Arockia Das, Prabhakar Oddipalli
Odisha: Kandhamal	Antony Sanay Soreng, Mahesh Nayak
Odisha: Rourkela	Amit Lakra, Augustin Surin
Odisha: Sambalpur	Santosh Minj, Alfred Bodra
Jharkhand	Basil Sanga, Niral Deogam, Anil Dang, Neelam Kerketta, Amos Bage

2. JOURNEYING WITH THE YOUTH

AREA	COORDINATORS
Chaibasa	Neelam S. Kerketta, Nelson Castelino
Jamshedpur	Niral Deogam, Mukti Clarence.
Dhanbad	Amos Bage, Niranjan Minj
Rourkela / Gangpur	Santosh Minj, Augustine Surin
Kandhamal / BBSR	Antony Sanay Soreng, Victor Joseph

3. IGNATIAN YEAR 2021-2022

Contact Persons	Mukti Clarence, Dayanidhi Bisoi, Somy Mathew
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Provincial's Programme

01-02 December	Khalijaran Visitation
03 December	Tangrain school inauguration
04-05 December	Tangrain Visitation
07 December	GB at CSWC [11 am]
	GB at TRTC (3 pm)
	GB at Lupungutu (5 pm)
08 December	GB at LCE
09 December	Higher Education Commission Meeting
11-13 December	Kolkata Juniorate Visitation & First Vows
15 December	GB at Loyola Jamshedpur
16-21 December	DNS Visitation
23 December	Consult

NEWS FROM OUR HOUSES AND AROUND

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda

Amda and Basahatu, Fathers, Sisters and the faithful had gone to Khuntpani for pilgrimage on 31 October. After Rosary, Confession and Eucharistic celebration, they had their darshan of Khuntpani Mata. On 29 October, **Fr Nelson** had gone to TRTC to celebrate the death anniversary of Fr Mathew Areeparampil. A special prayer is being offered for **Fr Stan Swamy** and his companions on every Friday and Sunday. **Fr Nelson** and the sisters of Amda have taken an initiative to teach Catechism to the children of Janumbada

village. From 2-10 November, **Fr Alfred Bodra** from Kalijharan came and make his Annual Retreat peacefully in Claver Bhavan, Amda. **Fr Nelson** submitted the resolution to open a new account in Canara Bank, Chaibasa and thus closing down the account in Bank of India, Amda due to some inconvenience in transactions. From 13-14 November, a youth gathering was convened in TRTC. **Fr Nelson**, along with 10 Basahatu youth actively participated in this gathering. After due consultation with DFIT and the doctors, the 2nd

John Sumbrui

phase of RCS camp was held on 22-23 November and accordingly Dr Gaurav came and did the RCS of six patients and one toe amputation. Thanks to Sr Balamdina OSU from Angela Hospital, CKP who came for anaesthesia. We had a guest **Fr Kishore Lugun** from LPG on 22 November. On 24 November **Fr Nelson**, Sr Suchita and Sr Mickey attended a meeting on health at Jan Vikas Kalyan Kendra, Sundarnagar. **Fr Nelson** is also working on installing the Solar system for the CSWC and Nirmala Health Centre with the help of CHAI.

Basahatu

Parish News: Marriage preparatory classes were arranged in the parish hall and subsequently the six couples were given the sacrament of marriage at the end of October 2020.

On 31 October 2020, the whole of Basahatu parishioners went for a Pilgrimage to Khuntpani Shrine. There we had Rosary, Confessions and Holy Mass followed by refreshments for all.

1 November 2020 was a historical day for Basahatu Parish as the *Society of St. Vincent De Paul (SSVP)* was founded in our Parish. The president of the SSVP Central Council of Jamshedpur, Vice President, Treasurer and

the president of the SSVP Area Council of Jamshedpur were with us to help us set up SSVP. The four SSVP members of CKP Parish were also present for the day. The SSVP President donated the notebooks and other stationery items for 110 children of our parish and other SSVP officials from Jamshedpur and Chakradharpur donated some money to start the charitable activities for the poor of the parish area.

On All Souls' Day, Masses were offered in three villages of different areas. **Frs Benedict Minj** and **Nelson Castolino** helped the Parish Priest with these masses.

The Catechists and the youth

Joseph Surin

took part in the Ho Hymn Practice session at Divya Bharati Pastoral Centre, Chaibasa, conducted by Fr Edwin Coelho.

This year the Christ the King Procession was arranged inside the Basahatu campus itself due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We made a round of the school grounds and entered the parish hall for the solemn mass.

School News: Once again, **Fr James Samad**, the headmaster, submitted the school documents in Chaibasa DSE office for NOC/recognition of the school. This time surprisingly, the education department was quick in responding for the inspection of the School. On

12 November, a team from the education department came for the inspection. They verified the documents, registers and facilities of the school and were quite satisfied. However, they asked to fulfil some more requirements which have been complied with. We are quite hopeful that things will turn out to be better for the future of the school. **Fr Benedict Minj** provided them with delicious food before they began the inspection.

In the midst of covid-19 and lockdown situation, the school conducted exams for the students from 2-13 November. The mode of the exam was quite different. The guardians took questions and exam papers for their children from school and after writing at home, the answer sheets were returned to the school. The report cards will be given on 26-28 November. During this month teachers were called to school off and on for paper correction and preparation of the report cards. The teachers continue to take online classes for the students but most of them are deprived of it because they do not have smartphones. Village students and guardians ask –

when is school going to resume?

The Catechism classes have been started for the Catholic children of Basahatu Parish from this month. Every Saturday, more than 50 children come for it. Children from Government Schools seem to take more interest in it. **Sch James Deep Xalxo**, SRA Sisters and some teachers take care of the classes. Soon the catechists are going to join this mission to make it a collaborative effort.

Community: On 8 November, **Fr Joseph Surin** concelebrated the holy mass with Bishop Telesphore Bilung, SVD along with some Diocesan Priests, in Khuntpani, the historical place, where for the first time 28 people were baptized as Roman Catholics in the Chotanagpur Region on 8 November 1873. **Fr Joe Surin** attended the JEPASA Pastors' online Meeting on 9 November on "Post COVID Pastoral Concerns".

Fr Joe joined the Provincial along with the other parish priests in the inaugural Mass of the Youth Camp on 14 November. He also took a session for the youth on "Ignatian Spirituality".

Joe took 6 officials of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Conference Basahatu, for its 14th Annual General Meeting at Golmuri, Jamshedpur on 15 November.

On 25 November, after more than six months of break, the Amda and Basahatu Jesuits gathered for a Community Mass at St. Xavier's, Basahatu. It was a kind of spiritual reunion.

Distinguished Guests/Visitors: **Fr Alfred Bodra**, the Parish Priest of Kalijharan, Odisha, spent some time in Basahatu. **Fr Jerry Cutinha**, the Provincial, and **Fr Raphael Lakra**, from Loyola School Community, Jamshedpur, paid a short visit to us. **Fr Julian Ekka** spent a couple of days with us at Basahatu.

Action on Apostolic Priorities – UAP 3: As the fulfilment of the Action Plan on *Journeying with the Youth (UAP 3)*, namely; organizing/arranging youth camps, 10 youths (5 boys and five girls) from Basahatu Parish were sent for a Youth Camp jointly organized for 7 Jesuit Parishes at TRTC from 13-15 November.

Inigo Niwas

Inigo Niwas celebrated community days for three days 17-19 October. The theme for the celebration was IGNITE 2020, Play, Learn & Discover. There were varieties of fun games where everyone enjoyed a lot. On Pooja Holidays candidates and pre-novices had gone to Tepasai for their Triduum which was conducted by **Ranjit** and **Basil**. Inigo Niwas sincerely

thanks Tepasai community for their hospitality and generosity in taking care of our needs during these days of their spiritual journey.

After staying almost for four months in Inigo Niwas, on 24 November the six pre-novices went to Vivek Sadan the Hazaribag pre-novitiate in Daltonganj accompanied by **Ranjit**. There are 7 pre-novices. One is sick and will

Ranjit Roshan Minj

go to Vivek Sadan once he gets well. They will have rest of their pre-novitiate formation there. Candidates are busy in writing online college exam. It is fun to watch them google and write.

Lupungutu

School & Inter College: November was a quiet month and prolonged lockdown makes it even more so for the High School and Inter College. The two exams JAC Madhyama (Sanskrit) Exam and JAC 10th and

12th Compartment Exams were held in our school which brought some hustle and bustle of school life. Madhyama Exam was held from 28 October to 9 November whereas Compartment exam

Ranjit Roshan Minj

started on 9 November and ended on 13 November before Diwali. Online Second term exam for classes 9th to 12th is going on. It commenced on 23 November and will end on 27 November.

Pandabir

The months of October and November were full of festivals and activities in Pandabir Jesuit parish. **Fr Benedict** was fully engaged in the service of the faithful in their own villages. As the unlock process has allowed people to revisit the Church on Sundays for the eucharistic celebration, the faithful are regaining their spiritual needs through sacraments. This year village festival namely Jomnama porob and Hero porob were organized together with the Sarna brethren. It was well appreciated by both the groups of Sarna and Christian communities.

On 25 October 2020, **Frs James Samad, Polidor Kujur and Ignatius Dungdung** were present for the marriage blessings of 3 couples. The parishioners paid homage to **Fr Gregory D'Silva** on 1 November 2020. **Frs Ranjit Kindo, Rajesh Dungdung, Walter Kongari, Kishore Lugun** and

Basil Sanga joined us to pay final tribute to late **Fr Gregory D'Silva**. After the eucharistic celebration **Fr Sushil** was given a meaningful thanksgiving farewell by the parishioners and on 5 November 2020, the school staff together with few school kids gave a farewell to **Fr Sushil Balmuchu** and welcomed **Fr Neelam Kerketta** as the new headmaster of St. Paul



Miki School. The school teaching staff spent one day of orientation at TRTC on 10 November 2020. The resource persons for the orientation were **Fr Walter Kongari** and **Fr Ranjit Kindo**. **Fr Neelam Kerketta** and **Fr Benedict** guided

the staff to go through the process of orientation. It was helpful.

On 12 November 2020 five members of the educational department from Khuntpani Block came to investigate the school. They seemed happy to see the school facilities. We hope it gets through the process of getting recognition for the school. From 13 to 16 November, **Fr Neelam** was fully engaged in organizing the mega event of 'Jam Jesuit Parish Youth Convention' at TRTC. It was very well appreciated.

Now the Parishioners are gearing up for 'John Deeney Sunday' in remembrance of **Fr John Deeney's** centenary jubilee celebration, the pioneering Jesuit missionary of Kolhan as well as of St. Paul Miki mission from its root. We are looking forward to having an enriching event for the parish and its mission in Pandabir.

TRTC

The month of November was graced filled time because there were many Jesuit guest priests and youth. The Kolhan Youth

Convention (KYC) "nayi soch nayi udaan" was held on 13 -15 November 2020 at TRTC. The youth from rural Jesuit Parishes

Rajesh Dungdung

(Kalijharain, Tundi, Rengra, Tepasai, Border, Basahutu and Lupungutu circle) of the Province attended this convention. There were 72

youth participants, 3 scholastics, 8 Jesuit parish priests and 1 SCN sister. The Young youth organizing committee headed by **Fr Neelam Sanjeev Kerketta**, supported and guided by **Frs Arun Walter Kongari** and **Ranjeet Kindo** was a grand success. The KYC was inaugurated by **Fr Jerry Cutinha**, the Provincial, by lighting the diyas on the Diwali evening with the message "*tamasoma jyotirgamaya*". The very core purpose of the convention was and is to enlighten the youth first and then they will enlighten others in their respective places and parishes. The very next day, Holy Eucharist was presided by **Fr Jerry** and the other co-parish priests of the different parishes. The Program was very informative,

innovative, affective, and goal-oriented. All the resource persons delivered their talk on think high and fly high and boosted and energized them by placing the scopes and possibilities to change their lives.

The FRA project activity of TRTC is going on. Through the help of village Munda and the Gram Sabha, the project is being shaped. The forest land is demarcated for community possession and patta. **Fr Ranjit** and the animators are putting their heart and soul to get it done. Therefore, they have to enter interior villages to conduct meetings to tell about this project. **Ranjeet** is very hopeful on this project to be a help for the tribals

of this land. Yuva Jumur is taking shape in the villages through village level meetings. Our animator is very much into it. Covid-19 Response initiated by **Fr Walter** is bearing some fruits. The village leaders are guided to motivate and educate people in the village for claiming the Government schemes and projects such as the Bidhwa pension, Bridha Pension, Biklang pension, etc are being initiated. Among the widows and physically challenged, ration packets were distributed through the help of the village leaders. Through Lok Manch, 360 needy families were given ration in different areas of Tantanagar and Chakradharpur.



DHANBAD AREA



DNS, Bhuli

Jesuit Community Bhuli: On 11 November, **Michael** celebrated his Birthday. The day began with the Eucharist celebrated by **Michael** and participated by **Sebastian** and **Pancras**. In the evening was the Birthday Dinner, well attended by the Dhanbad Zonal Jesuits, 19 in number. At the same event, we also welcomed **Fr Sushil Balmuchu** and **Fr Jerry Kujur** to the Dhanbad Zone and DNJ family. **Pancras** is out in Jamshedpur for a medical check-up. The visitors of the month are **Fr Gyan Prakash Kujur**, **Fr Pius** and the family members of **Fr Oscar Horo**.

De Nobili School, Bhuli: COVID-19 encouraged us to explore the

different possibilities of combating this situation. Online teaching and MCQ examination were a few of those different ways. However, the situation continuing for a long time made us rethink on our mode of examination because children were out of practice in writing exams. Therefore, we decided to experiment with the ONLINE subjective examination in the form of a unit test. Clear instructions on the new system of examination along with the portion and time table were sent to the children before the Deepawali and Chhat break to give them sufficient time for preparation. Teachers were assigned the task of setting

Anthony Pancras

question papers during the break. Proper planning and timely execution led to the completion of the task with perfection. De Nobili Schools' Director **Fr Michael Fernandes** celebrated his birthday on 11 November. The administrative staff of the school made arrangements for a mini celebration to express their immense gratitude and unfathomable love. In spite of a long break, November month was a month full of innovations and experiments, the results of which will unleash in the near future.

Koradih

Ms Shoumika Dutta got featured with the recitation of one of her poems 'Life's Melody in one of the radio shows of Philadelphia. As a part of the COVID19 Awareness Programme, teachers prepared short awareness videos which were posted in the WhatsApp groups of all the classes. In the videos, the students were urged to follow the above-said norms, in their day to day life, during this

COVID19 pandemic. The first and the second set of assignments for the second semester were given to the students of all the classes. They have been asked to submit the assignments on 26-28 November. Project work, Internal Assessment and Practical Work were assigned to the students of ICSE and ISC. The students were made to take the COVID pledge which promised that the students would take

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all the necessary precautions that prevent the spread of this deadly virus. The online classes remained suspended from 14-22 November owing to Diwali and Chatt Holidays. Teachers have registered themselves for the DIKSHA training course organized by NCERT. Admission forms have been floated since 23 November for all the classes.

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

Chaira

Fr Niral passed BEd exams in flying colours, with a distinction. BEO (Block Education officer) inspected the middle school in connection with the affiliation of the same. "Nishta" competition was conducted for the teachers to prove their commitment to digital classes during the Covid. Mindfulness (examination of conscience) exercise has been started every day for the teachers. Registration of the ninth-class students in JAC has been done. A youth convention was organized for catholic youth of the province in TRTC in which eighty participants were present. Fourteen priests

took an active part in it. **Niral** was one of the organizers. **Br Binod** had gone to Jamshedpur to clear one of his B.Ed. papers. Whitewashing and some maintenance works are being done in the boys' hostel. **Fr Walter** was here to get the online land tax receipt of the school land through one of his contacts with the block officials and also to install solar light and solar water heater in the convent. He is promised that rent receipt would be ready by 1 December. **Michael Tirkey** and **Tom Nelli** participated in a march organized by the village heads of thirty villages under Gudabandha block

Thomas Nelliakunnel

demanding "Sarna code" in the coming senses. A memorandum signed by each village was sent to the president of India through the B.D.O. **Michael** with the help of his staff has started surveying the youth of LSWS project area to motivate them for skill training. **Tom Nelli** took part in the All India Priests and Religious Lawyers' national convention through Zoom. **Fr Tom Nelli** along with **Fr Kuruvila** and **Br Amal** participated in JHAN convention of CBCI, CDPI and CRI in Ranchi. **Michael Tirkey's** birthday was celebrated in a grand way on 27 November.

Jesu Bhavan, Mango

There could be no better end to the long month of October than to have **Fr Jerry**, our Provincial, accompanied by his Socii, present, **Fr Gyan** and former, **Fr Jerome Sequeira** and others **Fr Dayanidhi**,

Br Benjamin Ekka and **Fr K. M. Joseph**, for the blessing of the Renovated Chapel for the Novices. Full credit goes to **Fr Ajit Soreng**, Socius and acting Minister who left no stone unturned to make this

Eric Cassel

occasion short and sweet and a day to remember.

Come November, our First Year Novices plunged into their Long Retreat under the watchful eye of Novice Master, **Fr James Kalapura**.

Fortunately or unfortunately, one of the six First Year Novices, **Kamal Kerketta**, hurt his right hand playing basketball. He went into the Long Retreat with his right arm in a sling and continues that way even as they near the end on 3 December. No pain, no strain but slightly physically challenged!

One good break for the Second Year Novices. They were able to do some ministry, 5 days a week, with the MC's at Nirmal Hriday, Sakchi and then took turns offering TLC to **Br Francis Tiru** while he was in and out of Mercy Hospital.

Fr James Bara, after being away from Jesu Bhawan for three months for treatment for his joint pains and other ailments in Divya Bharati and Basahatu, returned with the Provincial ten days ago. He's slowed down and we expect it will be a gradual re-entry to the work of Minister. In the meantime, **Fr Ajit** is kept on his toes and is ably supported by our 16 Scholastics who have been divided into three groups. They supervise the kitchen, the shopping, the manualia, the guests (with so many Brothers and Sisters coming in for their Retreat, be it 8 days or 30

Days - in Upasana). It's never a dull moment for **Fr Ajit** as he handles the Novices, the Accounts, Masses in Amar Jyoti and Sankosai, not to mention getting our Jesuit Cemetery ready for two funerals AND the work of Minister. He's the man for all seasons! Yes, he has a wonderful human touch with the Schols! He's happy and he keeps them happy in the job.

We were pleasantly surprised to receive a flying visit from LPG - **Frs Alex Misquith** (for a check-up by Dr. Singhal at the Eye Hospital) **C. G. Thomas** and **Sch Oliver**.

Jesu Bhavan, Upasana

The month was marked by the commemoration of all Departed souls of the Society of Jesus on 6 November. We participated in the Holy Eucharist at the Jesu Bhavan cemetery in remembrance of our departed Jesuit brothers of Jamshedpur Province. **Fr Pius** offered the holy Eucharist. He energized us with the great mission work of early Jesuits of our province and also he added, "*What*

we do for ourselves is buried with us and what we do for others remains forever." Then, soon after mass, **Fr Jerry**, our Provincial blessed the scholastics with his encouraging and supportive words.

Fr Somy, our PCF, guided the scholastics to have a specific *UAP planning for individual*, this reminded us "*the way of our proceedings*" and to be effective

Mukesh Xess

and elastic scholastics in the future mission.

And at last, it was a grinning from ear to ear moment for all scholastics as we finished our 2nd internal exam in virtual mode. Now we are getting ready to burn the midnight oil for the end semester. Last but not the least, the scholastics are full of the joys of spring at Upasana.

Jilling

The bane of lockdown continues to disorient our life and works. We spent much of the time in vegetable and flower garden, and maintenance-works. In an effort to make up the loss of classroom-instructions, the school-staff made telephonic contact with students and made WhatsApp groups for each class. Only about fifty per cent of students could

be engaged in regular WhatsApp based teaching and home-works.

The lockdown affected much the schedule of constructions of the Girls' hostel and the second floor of Jesuit residence. With gradual Un-lock, both projects are nearing completion. To solve the problem of power-cuts, we successfully got installed 65Kv electric transformer on our school campus

Sylvester Ekka

during the lockdown. **Fr George**, former Provincial, monitored and got installed 5Kv invertors with solar panels one each for the community and the school. Solar-water panels for hot water too have been installed for the community and hostel kitchen. The school-stage for morning assembly too got transformed during lockdown to make it safe and suitable for

programs.

On 15 November, the Digwadih community members came to Jilling for one-day-outing. We were overawed to have them on our campus during the lockdown. On 18 Nov, **Fr Praful** went to Purulia to give recollection to Bombino Sisters for their renewal on 19 November. On 20 November and 21 November, we were out of the house for on a community outing and visited Dighwadih,

Tundi, Bhuli and Gomoh. We are grateful to Dighwadih-Bhuli-Tundi communities for their warm welcome and hospitality in our honour. We halted at Tundi for the night and joined the members on the following morning in the celebration of the Eucharist and feast day of the SCN Sisters. We too visited Gomoh community but, unfortunately, the house was locked and so decided to return to Jilling. We had **Fr Michael** and

Fr Sebastian as special guests during this month.

On 21 November, Fr Alwyn from Samekit Jan Vikas Kendra, Jamshedpur dropped in with 100 packets of Study-kits for distribution to poor students of our school. The school is grateful to SJVK for the study kits.

LCE Telco



Sushil & Athonyraj P

School-community: On 24 November, **Sushil** called all the members of the teaching staff involved in online teaching for an emergency meeting. A three-member team – **Sushil, Gerry** and Alumnus Mr Talwar – took the opportunity and explained to them the present financial status of the school because of irregular, slow and non-payment of tuition fees of the children by a large number of parents, even after sending proper reminders. As a result, the administration is compelled to pay only 50% to the teachers as a monthly salary. After a reasonable interaction, consideration and understanding, they were

requested to communicate to the concerned parents and make the payment as desired by the administration to overcome this



Presentation to RBC, CRI and CDPI of JHAAN Region at SDC, Ranchi

hurdle.

College: Batch 2018-20 had taken their final practice teaching Exam on 3 November. With this, they are provisionally cleared their

academic stint with us and the final result was announced. Their juniors have taken their in-person first-semester exam from 6-10 November in their second year of the academic calendar. Indeed, it is a delayed exercise, as usual, under Kolhan University.

Tony conducted a four-day session for and with teachers in writing project proposal and presentation for this academic year. The students got their Diwali and Chhath break as usual (a relief from online classes).

The staff attended a webinar hosted by ERC on *Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP): Towards professionalism*. EPC I exam was conducted on 26



Session on *Stand With Stan*



Session on *Constitution Day*

November for the 2019-21 session.

Tony gave an hour session on NEP 2020: *THE PARADOX OF THE PARADIGM* for 60 attendees at the annual joint meeting of RBC, CRI and CDPI of JHAAN Region at SDC, Ranchi on 24 November. It was focused on “*what we need to know*” and “*what we need to do*”.

The college observed the *Indian Constitution Day* on 26 November at 11:30 AM. Mr Beni, Asst Prof, conducted the session. A video clip on Preamble to the

Constitution song by Shri Rajeev Sharma, a senior advocate, Jharkhand High Court, was played out. **Tony** addressed the students connecting it with the theme **Stand with Stan**.

Tony conducted a webinar for the faculty of Patna Central School, Patna on 27 November on a virtual platform with the title: “*Changing Role of Teachers in Digital Era*” for 50 participants. It was primarily centred on enhancing their digital competencies.

It was on 21 November, the heads of Six Minority Christian Colleges of Education (B.Ed) assembled at SXC, Ranchi to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together and undertake exchange programme in a spirit of Networking and Collaboration. **Tony** represented LCE, Ignatius for SXCE, Patna, Emmanuel for SXC, Ranchi, Jerome for SXCE, Ambikapur, Sr. Sheela for Ursuline B.Ed, Lohardaga and Mrs. Priyanka for Bethsada, Ranchi.

XITE, Gamharia

Community: The XITE community met on 6 November to chalk out a concrete action plan in line with UAPs, CAPs, and ZAPs. During their Diwali holidays, Scholastics **Bikant**, **Anuranjan** and **Alok** went for a home visit from 9-19 November. Their joy knew no bounds when they met their near and dear ones after a lapse of more than three years. **Fr Savari** made a visit to Bhubaneswar to renew his legal documents and was back on 14 November to celebrate his 51st birthday in the community. **Fr Kuruvilla** attended on 24 November the Regional CRI Conference in Ranchi.

School: Xavier students took part in Utkarsh 2020, an inter-school competition organised by Inner Wheels Club of Jamshedpur. Shubangi Jha won 2nd prize in Public Speaking, Shubhogeet Ghosh won 2nd prize in E-Poster, Prerana Pradhan won 1st prize in song and Shubhogeet Ghosh won 1st prize in

Documentary. Bikram Mandal was the winner of Comedy Show in the inter-school competition organised by Sacred Heart Convent School. Children’s day programme was organised by the junior school teachers on 13 November. Children could watch the programme online. Solo song, Zumba dance, Group dance, Skit, and COVID19 awareness programmes were some of the items of the programme. *Constitution Day* was observed in school on 26 November to highlight the importance of the Indian constitution. Xavier Alumni



Constitution Day in the School

Association had its meeting on 8 November. A blood donation camp will be organised by the Association in the month of January 2021. The first-term examination for Std XI was held from 5th November and the report card distribution will be on 12 December. Second term examination for K.G. to Std X will begin on 1 December. Application forms for admission to Std XI for session 2021-22 are issued from 23 November. A workshop for physics, Maths and Chemistry teachers of the senior section was conducted by Mr & Mrs Anthony Rodrigues on 5 November. The Indian Constitution day was celebrated in school on 26 November. It was on 26 November the new constitution was adopted by the Constituent Assembly. The colourful programme began by paying floral tributes to Dr B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian constitution. The students read out the Preamble of the Indian constitution and

Hilary Lobo

highlighted the basic elements of the Indian Constitution.

College: A Jharkhand Sthapana Diwas cum competition was conducted online on 7 November by the college. The faculty under the leadership of Dr Radha Mahili put their heads together to make the event a grand success. The long-pending KU examinations of the first semester of Commerce stream due to Covid-19 pandemic

commenced from 25 November whereas the BBA will have their

first-semester university exam from 28 November. The college is designated as one of the Examination Centres of the University.



Jharkhand Sthapana Diwas at College

Reporting of RAP, CAP and ZAP activities: Fr Mukti attended a youth Camp in TRTC in Chaibasa as a resource person from 13-14 November and was designated as a youth co-ordinator for Ignatian Year 2020-21.

ODISHA AREA

Kalinganagar

13 November was an eventful day, in Kalinganagar. On this day, the parent-teachers meeting was held in the school, mainly for the students of class nine. In the beginning, the teachers and the parents were exhorted by **Fr George Fernandes** and **Fr Jaison** respectively with regards to their Wards, their studies and about the problems the school is facing. They also instructed them about the precautionary measures they should follow during this pandemic. The students then met their concerned teachers along with their guardians.

Soon after this meeting, **Fr George Fernandes** and **Fr Pascal Burh** were formally welcomed in the school by the teachers, in the staff room with

a song and bouquets. After tea and snacks, there was a staff meeting, presided over by **Fr Jaison**, the principal. In the meeting, many things were discussed on school-related matters. First of all, there was an evaluation of the pros and cons of the online classes which continue even now. In this uncertain situation, it was decided that there should be remedial classes for the weak students of the school, that would be taken by the residential teachers of the school premises.

This year Children's Day was celebrated on 16 November due to the Diwali holiday that fell on 14 November. The teachers had prepared varieties of programs and staged them in their respective

places.

On 20 November, **Fr Jaison** went to Bhubaneswar to attend the LES governing body meeting. The next day, that is on 21 November, he came back along with **Fr Augustine Surin**, the former principal of Loyola School, Kalinganagar. **Fr Augustine** was here to renew his contact with his friends in and around Kalinganagar. The Residential teachers of our campus were really overjoyed and excited to see him. They were happy in such a way that they even threw a big banquet in honour of him. After spending his time joyfully with them and with us, **Fr Augustine** left for his place on the next evening.

With the cold gradually setting in, our Warm clothes were rolled out for use. **Br Tony Stevens** had special guests in the form of Fr Provincial, **Jerry Cutinha** on 15 November evening followed by **Fr Greg Xaxa** who made his annual retreat from 20 November in Loyola Bhavan. **Fr Joe Kalathil** went to GJR, Jamshedpur on 22 November to make his Annual Retreat. On 26 November, along with **Fr Biranchi**, **Br Tony Stevens** joined **Fr Bipin** and **Sch Jubin** to celebrate the Feast of the Jesuit Scholastics' Patron, St. John Berchmans in HLC. Director **Bipin** made sure that it was a memorable occasion for all, especially **Sch Jubin**.

Fr Biranchi Soreng is back to the books in preparation for his PG Exams which have been

announced to start from February next year. He is doing his studies along with taking care of the Garden and Horticultural activities. The fruits of the labour are expected eagerly. On 9 November, he made a quick visit to Pajikeri to attend the Month's mind Mass and *Bhoji* ceremony of the beloved Head Catechist Phillip Boliarsingh whom the Lord called to Himself. **Biranchi** also successfully completed the TALLY certificate course last month and is now fully equipped to be a Treasurer. He continues his special Sunday Chaplaincy for the Holy Spirit sisters at Loyola Hospital.

George accompanied the Provincial and visited the Kandhamal communities to meet the Men and review the works.

It was great to meet our fellow brethren after seven months gap due to COVID-19 restrictions! He celebrated Diwali and Children's Day with the VRO rural village Tuition Centers in Keonjhar. The Schools are still to open in Odisha after which our VRO Children's Tuition Centers and Youth Skill Programs will start. OJS and LES GB Meeting took place on the 20 November followed by XUB GB Meet on 21 November. He left for Jamshedpur on 25 November night for the JJS GB and to attend the Province Consult. The Community began the Novena to St. Francis Xavier on 25 November as a spiritual preparation for the Feast of St. Francis Xavier on 3 December.

Loyola School, Bhubaneswar

Gilbert Menezes

As the State Administration declared that the schools would be closed till 31 December, the Principal, **Fr Victor** made plans for and conducted First Term examinations online for all the classes from 16 – 26 November. This year the Children's Day celebrations went online as the teachers and administrative team

wished and put up programmes for the children.

Odia School HM, **Fr Ajit** found a way out to bring teachers, students and parents to the school at different times, in order to evaluate the "WhatsApp" classes and the students' class/homework and assignments.

Fr George Thana's 83rd birthday was celebrated in the community with Provincial, **Fr Jerry** and the city Jesuits joining in to multiply **Thana's** joy 83-fold.

LES and OJS GBMs were held at the Jesuit residence on 20 November. Fr Provincial chaired both the meetings.

Rutungia

Romanus Kerketta

The school continues to remain closed. Subject teachers of IX and X had a meeting on 13 November and decided and planned to prepare video class presentations and send to the students through WhatsApp. Some Std-X day-

scholars come to school with their parents' permission for self-study and receive some lessons on selected subjects from **Fr Victor** and other teachers. Kandhamal Jesuits gathered at Rutungia on 13 November to celebrate

the birthday of **Sylverius**. At the vespers, all the Kandhamal Jesuits prayed for **Fr Stan** and other co-prisoners. **Fr Jerry**, the Provincial and **Fr George**, the delegate came for contact visit on 17 November and stayed overnight and on the

next day morning celebrated Holy Mass for the community and left for Tumudibandha and Pajikeri. Parish priest, **Romanus** continues to take care of the sheep inconspicuously. Christ the

King feast was celebrated without solemn procession this year in two places, one at Parish Church and another at the Kilukupa Mass centre. Nineteen children received first Holy Communion in Rutungia

Parish Church on 15 November and twenty-one children on 26 November at Kilukupa Mass centre after two weeks of preparation at each place.

Tumudibandha

Community: Fr **Gregory** practices the role of a doctor “where there is no doctor”. He prepares medicines out of herbs for illnesses like Sickle-cell, Epilepsy, BP, Jaundice, Malaria, etc. People who find no cure from the hospital for their sickness turn to him for help. By the way, doctors’ medicines do not work on themselves. **Gregory** himself was feeling uncomfortable with high BP, and so he along with **Anthres**, who too has BP problem had to rush to Loyola hospital, Bhubaneswar. They made another trip according to doctor’s advice on 25 October for the second round of check-up. We were blessed by the visit of the Provincial and the Delegate on 18 November. Both visited Pajikeri to see the progress of the construction of the new school building. The Provincial assessed the building work as well as water logging area in the campus and made concrete suggestions to the contractor and the Jesuits for further improvement of the place. Now **Greg** is making his annual retreat in Loyola Bhavan. **Blacius** went to Jamshedpur on 21



Greg's Herbal Medicine

November, for the accounts work with Anseth.

Farm: Paddy harvesting and threshing is over. **Gregory** will have to wait for some time for the Mandi to open where he can sell. The farm team is getting the field ready for vegetable cultivation.

OCI: It had a two-day workshop for the LM staffs on Participatory



LM Staff Workshop:
Participatory Training Module Development

Training Module and Material Development. All the 4 organisations have completed relief distribution to the vulnerable households in October, and training to Para-health workers in November. The “migrants” need assessment survey” was conducted. Besides 4 Lok Manch partners, 7 other NGOs from Sundergarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi, Chatarpur, Bargarh, Ambapua and Brahnigaon also participated in this survey in their own areas. The filled-in survey formats are sent to the centre of the central zone (Bagaicha) for data entry and analysis. As a part of our campaign six Community Leaders went to ITDA, Baliguda and met the PA with a demand letter that in villages where there are no drinking water facilities and electricity connectivity, ITDA should fulfil people’s demand. In a similar style, areas in Tumudibandha and Kotagarh Blocks where there are no mobile networks, they will demand installing mobile towers.



HHS - Para Health Training at Dagesiguda



HHS - Distribution of Blankets to the poor

As usual, so many meetings, webinars, conferences and leadership talks were organized on online mode. The maintenance staff in both the campuses are busy in beautifying the gardens with planting trees, seasonal flower plants, crotons, etc. A couple of statutory meetings were held before the board of governors had met on online mode. The VC, **Tony Uvari** was on his heel to sort out some of the age-old pending land issues of the institute with the Government of Odisha. **Arock** was busy in getting the half-yearly audited report to present before the board of governors. The Provincial, **Jerry** was with us to attend the board of governors

meeting. **Augustine Ezha** is busy with the contractors to get the roads in the campus widened for securing fire clearance certificate from the government. **S. Tony** resumed his office duty after testing COVID 19 negative.

Abe celebrated his 70th birthday with the city Jesuits with Eucharistic celebration followed by fun and gaiety. What was special this time was a scintillating dance by **Jesurajan** and **Joshy** during dinner. **George Fernandes** and **Pascal Burh** had come all the way from Kalinganagar for some work and joined the celebration.

Benjamin gave one-day recollection to Padanpur Seminarists at the

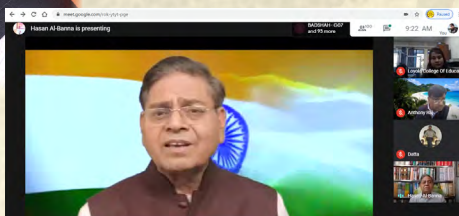
request of **Jerome Kerketta**. **Kiran** is working hard to submit his PhD thesis by the end of December 2020. **Vivian** and **Don Prem** feel relaxed after their midterm exams. **Alwyn** has gone to Kerala for his treatment in Amala Hospital. **Joshy** accompanied **Alwyn** to reach him safe and sound. **Abe** and **Arock** are visiting the physiotherapist to strengthen their knees and shoulders. **Augustine Vatta**, **Jesurajan** and **Joshy** visited the parish graveyard on All Souls' Day to pay homage to **Robert Sequiera**. **George Fernandes**, **Pascal Burh**, **Jaison**, **George Anthony**, **Alex A**, **Jubin** and **Bipin** visited us on various occasions.



SPECIAL MISSION



ERC hosted a virtual meet to observe the Constitution Day on 26 November – where Shri. Rajeev Sharma, a senior advocate, Hon'able High court of Jharkhand – was the resource person. It was an invitation to all the heads of schools of our Jesuit schools, their faculty and students. His song on the Preamble to the constitution is the biggest contribution and one



can find it in High court website – was played out to evoke the patriotic spirit of the constitution. He has addressed the attendees, numbering 100+ with great enthusiasm and fervour. On this occasion, **Tony** gave his reflection on living the spirit and spirituality of the constitution. He cautioned the danger that is challenging the very letter and spirit of the Preamble to the Constitution.





Tangrain School Building Inauguration

Amit Lakra



Dreams becoming reality! Years ago, the people of Tangrain dreamt 'Tangrain and together with nearby mandlies' as an independent parish to cater the needs of the local faithful; and that was fulfilled on 03 December 2010 with the establishment of a new Tangrain parish (carved from Hamirpur Parish) under Rourkela Diocese and the parish was handed over to the Jesuits of Jamshedpur province. In fact, it was a ghar wapsi of Jesuits as some people in Tangrain would say, as Jesuits left Gangpur Mission in the late 1940s entrusting the mission to SVDs. Since the establishment of the Tangrain Parish, the people of Tangrain have witnessed the services of the Jesuits.

Exactly after a decade, Tangrain mission achieved another milestone on 3 December 2020 as they inaugurated the new school building with three stories (thirty classrooms). With this, the Jesuits of Jamshedpur made another dream of Tangrain people—a reality. As Bishop Kishor Kumar

Kujur of Rourkela diocese said in his welcome address that dwindling of the Odia medium schools in the diocese particularly in Tangrain was as a big concern. Hence Tangrain was in a great need of a school that could impart



quality education for the local Adivasis.

Indeed, the day was great and joyous for Jamshedpur Jesuits. There were 24 Jesuits present from all over the province for the

inauguration. Their presence was much appreciated by all. **Fr Jerry Cutinha**, the provincial cut the ribbon and inaugurated the new school building, and Bishop Kishor Kumar Kujur blessed the building. Bishop was extremely positive and was very grateful to the Jesuits for their generosity and contribution to the whole of Gangpur mission from its beginnings up to now. He wished them well for Tangrain mission.

Shortly afterwards, Bishop Kishor Kumar Kujur, **Fr Jerry Cutinha** and Sr. Anupama Toppo, the provincial of FC sisters, inaugurated the new Convent building. Sr. Anupama was very grateful for the generosity of the Jesuits who built the Convent. She promised that sisters would arrive before Christmas 2020 to collaborate in the mission in

Tangrain. Due to lockdown restrictions, only about a hundred people were invited for the event. The people were overjoyed to see the huge school building ready for their children and their dreams becoming a reality.



नयी सोच - नयी उड़ान



मसीही प्रेम में संघठित एवं समर्पित जीवन की ओर

In February 2020, a preliminary meeting was called at TRTC by the 83 years young Jesuit, **Fr Walter Kongari**. He played an important role in gathering the young Jesuit priests and gave a boost for organizing a youth convention

for the rural Jesuit parishes. A committee of Jesuits was formed to chalk out plans/programmes to implement on the call of the UAP: Walking with The Youth. Its members were **Fr Ranjit Kindo, Fr Walter Kongari, Fr Nelson**

Castelino, Fr Niral Deogam, Fr Amos Bage, Fr Neelam Kerketta, and **Fr Kishore Lugun**. It was decided to form a Core Committee of four youth from each parish under the animation of a Jesuit in each of the 8 Jesuit Rural Parishes

and have the youth convention in the month of May. But due to the pandemic, it was postponed to July, then to August and then to October. Each time the pandemic tried to dampen our spirit. But the spirit was never weak.

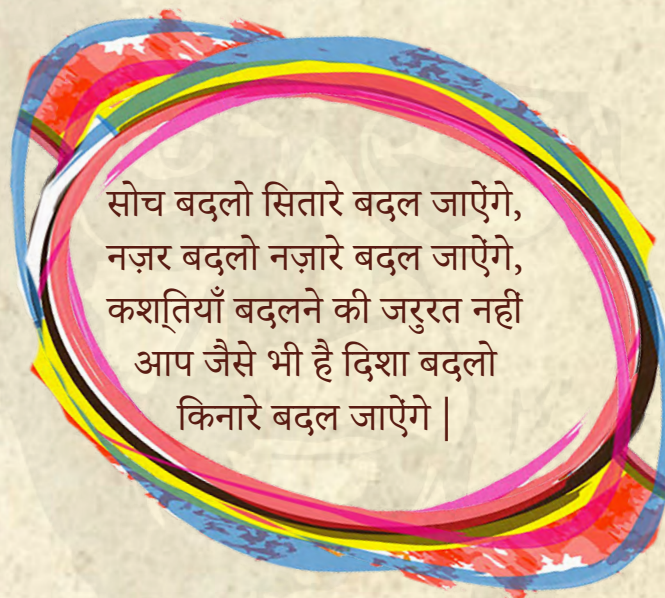
The Core Committee was called for a meeting on Oct. 2, 2020. Listening to the youth present then, we experienced that the youth was longing to have the convention with more vigour and zeal. The Core Committee planned out meticulously for the upcoming mega event and put zealous effort to call for meetings at the parish

Circle, comprising of 36 girls and 34 boys, took an active part in the Convention. The youth were very much enthusiastic and were eager to take part in this youth convention. We are very sorry that Tangrain decided to be absent.

On 14 November, we began the Youth Convention with the Inaugural mass presided by **Fr Jerry Cutinha**. A very encouraging and inspirational manifestation was the presence of 13 Priests, all the Jesuit Parish Priests and others concelebrating the Eucharist. **Fr Jerry** stressed on how the youth need to get motivated and how the

Kindo, Mr Manki Deogam. They motivated the youth on the importance of youth in today's scenario and how a youth boy or girl can sacrifice oneself for the good of the other. The day ended with a Cultural Evening. Each parish youth came out with the traditional dance which led us to have a glimpse of Santhali, Sambalpuri and Ho culture.

On 16 November, the youth went back to their respective parishes with new zeal and charism and to be always united and stand as strong Pillars of the Church. It was the seed that was sown in the youth



level and form Core Committee. In each parish comprising of ten youth representatives. These would attend the Convention and be the animators in their parishes and share the same with the other youth of their parishes, all the youth in the parishes.

Finally, the JJPYC came to happen on 13-16 November, 2020. Ten youth from our 7 Rural Jesuit parishes: St. Xavier's, Tundi; St. Ignatius, Kalijharan; St. Ignatius, Rengra; St. John's, Tepasai; St. Xavier's, Basahatu; St. Paul Miki, Bendor; and St. Xavier's Lupungutu

youth should bring out the best that is within themselves.

The day revolved with the theme '*Masih Prem men Sangatith Yuva*'. We thank the resource persons of the day **Fr Joseph Surin**, **Fr Mukti Clarence**, Mr Birender Kujur and **Fr Anil Dang** who by their personal experiences and inspiring sessions helped the youth to focus on the day's theme: Jesuit spirituality based on life and mission.

On 15 November, the theme was '*Masih Prem men Samarpit Yuva*'. The resource persons were **Fr Michael Deogam**, **Fr Ranjeet**

of our parishes to be fruitful and to grow ahead bearing the maximum fruits.

Thanks to all the Parish Priests who made the dream come true by sending the youth and young energetic priests for "Walking with the Youth" in their respective parishes.

Special thanks to the Youngest and very energetic Jesuit, **Fr Walter** for his dream, support and encouragement.

We have dispersed. Yes, but vouch to meet again.

Birthdays in December

01	Peter Martin
02	A Amalraj
	Staney Furtado
05	Anthony Bara
	Richard Vivian
06	Samuel Sanjay Bodra
	Jaya Prakash D'Souza
10	Deepen Kerketta
	Alok Toppo
11	James Samad
13	A Alexander
15	Pius Fernandes
	Augustine Surin
	Valerian Mendonca
16	Blacius Ekka
	Michael Thanaraj
17	Nelson Castelino
18	Sanjit Jojo
20	Sushil Suman Kerketta
21	Shantinandan Mundu
	Renny Abraham
22	Francis Perumalil
	Sanket Kumar
25	Niranjan Minj
27	Sushil Jojo
28	Kishore Lugun
31	James Tharaniyil

Death Anniversaries of December

02	Boniface Kujur
04	Herbert J Covely
08	Oscar Rodericks
09	Richard J Neu
12	Michael Saldanha
13	Richard lane-Smith
19	Timothy Kiro
20	John B Murray
27	Paul Hembrom
30	John J Blandin

Pope's Intentions Dec 2020



For a Life of Prayer
We pray that our personal
relationship with Jesus Christ be
nourished by the Word of God
and a life of Prayer
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
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Across the Bridge

03 November	Br. Jeyaraj Annaviar, S.J.	(MDU 78/57),	Dindigul, Madurai
09 November	Fr Gonzalez Valles Carlos, S.J.	(ESP 95/79),	Madrid, Spain
16 November	Fr Rudolph Fernandez, S.J.	(BOM 86/69),	Nashik, Bombay
16 November	Fr Lourdu Susai Irudayaraj, S.J.	(DUM 74/53),	Dudhani, Dumka
17 November	Fr Cipriano Mendía Echániz, S.J.	(ESP 89/71),	Spain
17 November	Br. Lawrence Richard Saldanha, S.J.	(HAZ 83/58),	Sitagarha, Hazaribag
22 November	Fr S. Paul Lourdusamy, S.J.	(PAT) 65/43	
22 November	Sr Mary Bernadin, M. C.	(78)	aunt of Fr Fabian Bhuiyan, S.J