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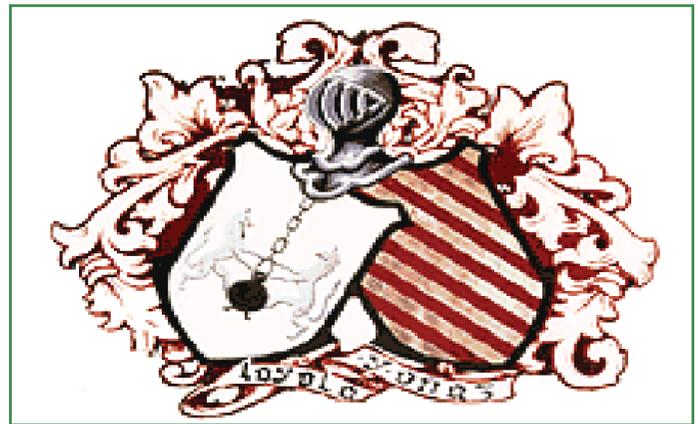
## *From the Provincial's Desk*

What does Ignatius have to say to us in the midst of a pandemic that leaves us worried and anxious? History tells us that Ignatius and his companions had encountered the plague during their life time. In his autobiography, Ignatius refers to the plague that spread in Paris during his student days. He visited a plague-stricken man, comforted him, caressing his arms which had the sores of the plague. When he returned, the hand which had caressed the patient began to hurt. Inigo panicked and thought that he had caught the disease. Then on an impulse, he forcefully thrust that hand into his mouth saying to himself: 'If the hand has it, let the mouth also have it'. He testifies that the panic disappeared. He directly confronted panic and fear. Today we are better informed about the disease and its prevention. Yet, a growing sense of fear and anxiety is visible all around. Fight the fear and anxiety within, Ignatius may be telling us.

We had announced a meeting of the Superiors and Coordinators of the commissions in August, but we shall postpone it till the situation improves. The commissions have completed their work on the Apostolic Planning process and the team is giving it final shape. The Province Protocol on the protection of minors and vulnerable adults has gone to the press and copies will soon reach your hands.

I wish you the blessings of Ignatius as we prepare for the Feast!

*E. P. Mathew, SJ*



*Fr Provincial & the curia team wish you all a Happy feast of St Ignatius!*

## APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL

**Fr Christie P. Maria Joseph (MDU):** Secretary for Higher Education

**Fr Jerome Cutinha:** Provincial of Jamshedpur

## APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Abraham Adappur:** Christ Hall Kozhikode

**Fr Adhul Ulloppillil:** Special Studies

**Fr Bastin Vattanky:** St Michael's Kannur

**Fr Binu Michael Kaduthalakunnel:** Loyola, Poovar

**Fr Devassy Paul Ponthempilly:** Acting Superior, Lumen, Kochi

**Fr EJ Thomas:** Christ Hall (ad tempus)

**Fr James Thottakath:** Christ Hall, Kozhikode

**Fr Jose Jacob Maruthukunnel:** Samanvaya, Kanjirapally (ad tempus)

**Fr Wilson Puthussery:** Acting Superior and Manager, Sarvodaya, Eachome

**Sch George Karupallyil:** Regency at Christ Hall, Kozhikode (changed)

**Sch Libin Puthukadath:** Regency at Loyola School, Mukundara (changed)

**Sch Vyshak Titus Purathur:** Regency at St Xavier's School, Moirang (KHM)

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Fr Lisbert D'Souza** is leaving the General Curia after nearly 16 years of service as Father General's Assistant for the South Asia Assistancy. Few Assistants, in the modern history of the Society, have held this type of responsibilities for so long. And very few had the opportunity to offer their advice to three different Superiors General. Welcome back, Fr Lisbert.



## ORDAINED DEACON

**Sch Rephin Kamal** got ordained as deacon on June 27th at Gesu Church, Rome by **CARD. Micheal Czerny S.J.** Dn Kamal writes: "With the grace of God all the members of Gesu community are safe and healthy



during the pandemic. The exams are over in the Gregorian University. All the exams were conducted online. The third years got an opportunity to interact with **Fr General** prior to the diaconate ordination and it was an enriching experience. We were ordained deacons by Rev. Card. Michael Czerny S.J. The whole function was well organised and went on all well despite of the limitations due to the pandemic. The third years are bidding goodbye to Gesu and the newcomers have started arriving for a new academic year." Congratulations, Kamal!

## NEW NOVICES

Five fresh men have joined the Novitiate. They are: **Charis Xavier, Puthenpurackal**, (Vijayapuram diocese),

**David Mathew, Madathinakathe**, (Manathavady diocese), **Simson Sunny, Kayyoniyil**, (Pala diocese), **Danish Davis, Kunnampilly**, (Irinjalakuda diocese), **Thomas J Philip Vattamattathil** (Pala diocese).

## JEA ANNOUNCEMENT

a. JEA is organizing the annual general body meeting of Jesuits in school ministry on Saturday, 11 July, 2020

Mode of meeting - online Google Meet.

Time - 10 am-12pm.

b. Secondly, the first online orientation session on Jesuit Education and Legacy for our newly recruited staff will be conducted on 01 July 2020.

Time- 10 am

Resource Person- **Fr. Norbert Meneziz, SJ**

## HEALTH BULLETIN

Some of our seniors have been in and out of the hospital these days. **Fr James Thottakath** has been brought to Christ Hall since he was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. He is undergoing treatment at the MVR Cancer Centre, Kozhikode. **Fr O.P. Mathew** was admitted to the Nirmala hospital for a few weeks as he suffered from breathing difficulties. **Fr Paul Vadakel** also was in the ICU in Nirmala recently due to breathlessness. The community celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on June 30<sup>th</sup>. **Fr Abraham Adappur** keeps himself busy editing a book on "Shroud of Turin". Visitors to Christ Hall are restricted respecting the norms of reverse quarantine for the elders. Kindly keep them all in your prayers.

## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE

Christ Hall community celebrated **Fr Provincial's** birthday with great verve and exultation. **Fr Paul Vadakkel** who had been admitted to the ICU for a few days is back in the community. **Fr O P Mathew** is back home as well. Scholastics generously rendered their services at the hospital taking shifts. **Fr Jacob Kumminiyil, Schs Ajith** and **Steev** patiently endured the 28 days quarantine. Fr Kumminiyil has headed for Aluva to take up his new mission in the novitiate. **Fr James Thottakath** joined Christ Hall community on 3rd June. **Schs Jaison** and **Vysakh** conducted two workshops for the teachers of Christuraja ALPS; one on Online Teaching Platforms and the other on Communicative English. The community celebrated the 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday of Fr Paul Vadakkel on 30 June and prayed for his good health. Community is very happy to have

**Fr E J Thomas** who has joined the community *ad tempus*. The presence of the scholastics makes our community lively and vibrant. Schs Akho Charles and Daniel Khyriem, SICJ Juniors of Kohima Region, are with us for a month waiting for their travel pass and tickets.

*Cecil Shaji*

### ST JOSEPH'S, KOZHIKODE

**Sch Deslin Paulson Chelatt** has joined the community as the 7th member on 31st May. Seven being a biblical perfect number, his presence and performance will be highly beneficial for the smooth running of the house. He will teach in the Junior school and will assist in managing the house kitchen. Under his able supervision, our candidates will be able to perform better in their studies and allied activities. **Fr Deepak Edattu**, Director of our Pre-novitiate, spent a week with us with 5 prospective candidates to our Novitiate at Aluva.

Both the schools have seriously taken up online teaching especially for the senior students. Thus the omnipresence of the pandemic Covid-19 has opened up new educational possibilities and options for our students and teachers to become really tech-savvy. Thus digital learning has become a veritable substitute for the traditional regular classroom learning. Covid-19 restrictions and the inclement weather conditions have kept us indoors even during the summer holidays. Make hay while the sun shines. Some of us found this an opportune time to make the annual retreat.

*Joseph Edassery*

### SARVODAYA, EACHOME

On 1 June, Sr Jessy Paul CMC took charge as HM of the Sarvodaya School. **Fr Biju George** is appointed as Director of Works at the School. Under the meticulous supervision of **Fr Wilson** and Mr. V. D. Thomas, the Principal, the board examinations went on smoothly.



All the SC/ST students attended the examination. Candidates wrote their examinations in schools near to their houses. Admission to the high school is almost complete with 207 admitted in the High School section. Last year we had only 100 new admissions and the strength of the school was 966. This year the admissions got doubled and the strength of the High School section rose to 1060. Of course Covid 19 had its own share. The marginalized families preferred Sarvodaya School to any other aided school in the locality. After handing over charge as HM, Fr Wilson went to Ernakulum to take care of his ailing father who had to undergo a major surgery.

The Community organized a send off party in honour of **Fr Bastin Vattanky** on 20th June. During the function the community extended a warm welcome to **Fr Wilson Mulakkal** and **Sch Anjo Alappat**. On 26 June, **Frs E J Thomas** and **Wilson Puthussery** received their new appointment orders. The same evening, the community organized a beautiful prayer session followed by a farewell dinner in honour of Fr. E J Thomas recalling his timely services in Sarvodaya as its Superior and Manager for the last two years. Jesuits from Pachilakkad including **Fr Wilson Mulackal**, the new coordinator, joined us. During the Holy Eucharist the next morning, Fr Wilson Puthussery took charge as the new Superior and Manager of Sarvodaya. Some staff members were present in the morning to bid goodbye to Fr E J Thomas before he left for Christ Hall, Calicut on 27 June.

*Wilson Puthussery*

### S.M. FARM, PARIYARAM

The Community is quite happy with its shared responsibilities. New plants and trees are being planted in the farm thus enriching its heritage. Samskriti is actively contributing its share to the promotion of an agricultural revival in the neighbourhood. Nirmala ITI has given a new look to its website "www.nirmalaiti.org". You are welcome to feel the difference. Online classes are going on actively in the ITI. Sahajeevanam is getting ready to welcome students once the lockdown period gets over. The new cave is almost ready with new features, and it is expected to attract thousands of students in the near future.

*Manesh*

### LOYOLA NOVITIATE, ALUVA

The first half of June was a period of intense spiritual preparation for all novices. They made their retreat staying at Sameeksha, Kalady. The Vows-Retreat of



the second years' was guided by **Fr Xavier Tharamel** and the first years' annual retreat was guided by **Fr Shin Kallungal**. Five young men reached Loyola and started their First Probation under the guidance of **Fr Jacob Madakakuzhy**. The three second year novices pronounced their First Vows on June 21 during the solemn Mass presided over by **Fr Mathew Elanjipuram**, our Provincial. They are **Adolf Johnson, Narikuzha Poly Martin, and Thattaparambil Tomson Tom**. **Fr Rachans** supervised the function despite the difficulties due to COVID-19, and quite many Jesuit companions were present for the occasion. The next day, **Fr Provincial** conferred the *Ministries of Lector & Acolyte* on our five second year novices, **Abbey, Praveen, Rins, Rinto and Sebin**. They received the cassock too on the same day. The 'new juniors' left for home visit after their vows. Fr Provincial spent two more days with us to complete the visitation. Thank you, dear Fr Provincial, for your inspiring presence. We are eagerly waiting for the official entry of the first year novices into the community after their probation on 3rd July. **Fr Jacob Kumminiyl**, the new Socius, has joined our community; we gladly welcome him.

*Rinto & Rins*

### **SAMEEKSHA/ATMAMITRA, KALADY**

Our community has become young, vibrant and large when six 'theologians' joined us in the beginning of June. The novices from Loyola, Aluva, made their annual retreat here under the guidance of **Frs Xavier Tharamel and Shin Kallungal**. Sameeksha community participated in the vows-day celebrations at Loyola, Aluva. **Frs Jose Jacob and Ranjit** were with us for a week, and we celebrated the birthday of Fr Ranjit too.

Atmamitra is having great acceptance even in the online mode, and it enables 'unreached' people to reach us. NLP sessions in the online mode (2 batches daily during weekdays and 2 batches during weekends),

Parenting (1 batch daily and 1 batch during weekends), Trainers' Training (1 batch during weekends) and Gaminar (1 batch during weekends) are on offer in the IV batch of our online programme. **Fr Toby** got an opportunity to give the inaugural session of the special lockdown Friday sessions given by Self Masters' International based at Abu Dhabi which caters to the pravasi population. He also addressed the priests of the Ernakulam Archdiocese in their on-going formation programme. Atmamitra is also collaborating with Re-Mind Centre for Life Guidance and Training, Kerala, and Crystal Garden Academy, Chennai in giving various online programs for parents. The Revamp 2020 programme, the online version of our programme for teenagers, which was led by Atmamitra (**Frs Toby and Immanuel**) and supported by our various friends and well-wishers, was a big success.

*Nikhil George*

### **AKJM SCHOOL AND SAMANVAYA, KANJIRAPPALLY**

The arrival of three new Jesuits, **Fr Jose Kadankavil, Schs Nibin and Savy** was a refreshing experience for the community. We were happy to welcome **Fr George Sebastian** who was away giving retreats and other programmes in North India. After successfully completing his 14 days of quarantine he too joined the community with enthusiasm. **Fr K C Thomas'** golden jubilee of ordination also adds much joy to the community. We had community faith-sharing and reflection in the light of **Fr Provincial's** Circular. By God's grace all the community members are in good health and cheer.

The new academic year of AKJM began with an assembly of all the staff members on 1st June, 2020. **Fr Stephen Chundanthadam**, the school manager, inaugurated the day and gave a timely message. Our students participated in the inaugural function online. Dressed in school uniform they received blessings from their parents and lit a candle at home. The video of the inaugural ceremony and a short message of each class teacher were sent to the students through what's app. Teachers were given training to use Zoom and Moodle Apps. **Fr Salvin**, Principal, gave a detailed picture of the online activities of the school during the lockdown period. His words encouraged the teachers to contact the students and visit their houses. The regular classes in zoom are conducted from morning 7 to evening 8.30. The students are also allowed to watch the educational channel, Victor's. Parents shared that their students participate in the classes very actively and they are

able to follow the classes. We conducted the monthly test through Moodle App in the last week of June. The month of June concluded with an enchanting feeling; our school achieved cent percent result in the SSLC exam. Out of 127 students who appeared for the exam, 23 students got full A+ and 22 students, 9A+.

*Savy George and Varkeychan*

## LOYOLA, SREEKARIYAM

Loyola campus has been quiet and serene during this Covid-19 period. We hear a variety of birds chirping and fluttering all over the campus. Loyola campus is the abode of a small band of stray dogs and the community is generous enough to feed them occasionally. Online teaching seems to be effective both in the school and the college.

**Frs Jose Kadankavil, Devassy Paul and James Thottakath** were on transfer and **Frs P.T. Joseph and Reji Kunnatheth** joined the community. Fr Jose Kadankavil left for Samanvaya, Kanjirappally. Fr Polson has moved to Lumen, Kochi. Fr Thottakath is undergoing



special treatment and care at Christ Hall, Calicut. The Community is ever grateful to all the three of them for what they had been to our community and the mission here. Fr P.T. Joseph is fully active in the School as its principal co-ordinating the online teaching, multiplying the divisions, processing the admissions and planning for the further development of the School. The School started a new Commerce section for ISC. Artificial Intelligence course is being offered to students of classes 5, 6, 7 and 8 in collaboration with UST Global.

The academic year of the College began in June and the classes are being conducted in the online mode. The second semester PG examinations were over by June and the fourth semester exams are due on 1st July. At present a workshop on Research Methodology is going on for the Research Scholars.

Fr Reji took charge as the parish priest of Cheruvickal and is ever ready to supervise constructions on the campus. Loyola campus looks greener and attractive with the new vegetable gardens and plantain trees all around the Jesuit Residence. We appreciate **Fr Jose Pulinthanath** for his initiative in making the house self-sufficient with vegetables. **Sch Saji** of Andhra who was held up in Kollam due to Covid-19 restrictions was with us for more than a month. He left for Hyderabad along with the other Juniors from Vidyaniketan.

*Sunny Kunnappallil*

## AADI, ATTAPPADI

World Environment Day this year was very special for AADI as we began planting over 800 tree saplings in our Eco-Centre which has been protected by electric fence. The forest department of Attappady was happy to provide trees free of cost. **Fr P.S. Antony** together with Fr Mathew Aerthayil and a few staff members inaugurated the planting. **Fr Binu Michael**, in-charge of the Eco-Centre, has been working vigorously during the past few months to make the Eco-Centre green and attractive for students coming for nature exposure. AADI arranged sponsors for an L.E.D television set in a tribal girls' hostel at Attappady and a mobile phone for a tribal M.B.B.S girl student, thanks to the initiative of Fr Antony. After the lockdown was relaxed, Fr Antony began celebrating Mass in the parish church of Nellipathy with strict observance of the government regulations.

*Mathew Aerthayil*

## LOYOLA, MUKUNDARA

The month of June began with the arrival of a new community member **Sch Libin Mathew**. Loyola School began the academic year with the initiation of online classes. A new fire and safety equipment had been installed in the school as per the direction of the department of fire and rescue. **Fr P.T Joseph**, the new Principal of Loyola School, Sreekariyam, along with **Frs Sunny Kunnappallil (Rector), Polson and Sabu** visited our community sharing the happiness of being companions in the Lord.

*Libin Mathew*

## SNEHARAM, ANJENGO

Covid-19 has thrown in many challenges and opportunities to the communities in and around Anchuthengu. Our community leaders, staff and volunteers have generously responded through awareness building in all the Lok Manch pockets. Fr Benny has been attending all the important meetings of the 'Jagratha Samiti'. Meanwhile, under Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL), Sneharam has been running three courses, namely, Global English Learning (GEL), Peace Leader (PL) and Learning Facilitator (LF) as part of our commitment to



higher education at the margins. After making up for the lost classes through a crash course, 10 GEL students appeared for the end of level exam, and eight of them will start their new level along with new recruits in July. Seventeen students joined PL and LF courses, and sixteen of them completed the first two months.

Another golden opportunity has come our way; Xavier University Bhubaneswar (XUB) and JWL jointly offer a Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Development (BA SD) to communities at the margins. Now Sneharam has been offered 10 seats for eligible applicants for this online BA SD Course. Among 30 courses in this programme, 5 courses are accredited by the Swedish Newman Institute (NI), contributing 3.75 credits each, 3 courses are accredited by Hekima College, Kenya and the earned credits are transferred to XUB. Covid-19 restrictions have affected our recruitment process.

We suspect the beginning of 'community-spread' of Covid-19 in the neighbouring villages. More expatriates from Kerala are returning home and are looking for safe places. We have been requested to provide two rooms and a hall for quarantine purpose, ensuring other spaces free for our classes and training programmes. It is also providential that in Anchuthengu, Sneharam could offer Holy Mass right from the beginning of the Covid-19 restrictions following the government guidelines. We are grateful to Loyola College Community for its generous support to our community leaders through

a relief programme giving out grocery kits worth Rs.1000/- and cash of Rs.500/- each to 215 deserving families. Special thanks to Fr Dominic and Midhun for their visit and enquires regarding our higher education programmes.

*Benny C*

## TRIPURA MISSION

In the Kailashahar Mission, **Fr James Morais** is fastidiously getting a temporary residence for the Sisters of Ancey and another one to house the Jesuits. As soon as we have our own land we will have the second Jesuit residence in Tripura Mission. A multipurpose hall is completed at Jamtali for the Nursery school, Remedial education, NIOS programme and for other social service programmes.



The first Jesuit residence of the Tripura Jesuit Mission was solemnly blessed and inaugurated by **Bishop Lumen Monteiro** on 23 June 2020. This simple but comfortable house is built on the campus of St Mary's School, Christ Hill, Jampuijala. After a brief welcome programme by **Fr Babu Paul**, Bishop Lumen officiated the blessing ceremony of the Jesuit House, the Chapel and the quarters of the Rev Sisters. The festive Holy Mass that followed was attended by the Vincentian Sisters of Baijalbari, whose dynamic presence also added to the solemnity and festivity of the day. Earlier, two Vincentian Sisters had joined our mission at Jampuijala. The celebrations of the day were concluded with a delicious and cordial open air agape prepared by the Rev Sisters. A team comprising Jesuits, Sisters and

teachers visits village after village, gather the children and conduct 3 hours of lockdown- special outreach sessions which are well appreciated by everyone. Such days turn out to be festive days for the whole village.

*Syriac Panjickaran*

## LOYOLA JESUIT COMMUNITY, SAN FRANCISCO

As the Covid-19 pandemic has been rising at an exponential rate in the United States, our community now remains not spared from being infected. One of our community members is tested positive for the virus. Fr George Williams, who has been working for years as chaplain for the men on death row at San Quentin State Prison of California, became infected last week. Above 700 inmates are reported positive (still the numbers are rising) in the prison which accommodates as many as 3,776 condemned persons, more than 700 being on the death row. Fr George had been going for his ministry from a residence away from the community foreseeing a possibility of being contacted with the virus, and he has only mild symptoms and is now isolated following the USF protocol. One of our theology professors and a lover of India, who was instrumental in getting Tony de Mello's works published by the Double Day, Dan Kendall (83), passed away last month. His mortal remains were cremated and we had a very moving funeral ceremony in our community which was globally attended by a large number of his students and admirers. The murder of George Floyd has made huge waves of protest and responses across the US and the Jesuit University and the community also responded by issuing statements assuring their official solidarity with the protesting groups. Since the pandemic defines even our religious life differently, our community members found new ways of doing their personal retreats. Along with three others I went to a large house in a ranch owned by the family of a community member located about 140 miles from San Francisco. Due to the continued uncertainty, our classes for the coming fall semester have been declared mostly in the online mode.

*Vincent Pereppadan*

## OURS IN MEDIA

**Fr A. Adappur, *Aus Ernst wurde Arnos: Johan Ernst Hanxleden – Missioner und Sprachgenie*, Übersetzung: 2020.**

**Fr Xavier Tharamel, "Comparative Trend in Interreligious Approach" in *Salaam*, Vol. 41, No.2. (April 2020), pp. 108-113.**

## Fr Thomas Karimundackal,

1. <https://www.ecojesuit.com/laudato-si-pope-francis-vision-for-our-common-home-and-humanity/13495/>
2. "Chosen and Unchosen: Implications of 'Election' in the Hebrew Bible," in: *Jeevadhara* Vol. L/297 (2020), 9-27.

## GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

**Fr S.A. Alphonse (AND), 69/51**  
on 10.06.2020 at Alwal.

**Fr S.M. Xavier Irudayaraj (MDU),**  
79/61 on 16.06.2020 at Dindigul.

**Fr Marcus Murmu (DUM), 63/38**  
on 20.06.2020 at Dumka, Jharkhand.

Mr Pious Panjickaran (65), youngest brother of **Fr Syriac Panjickaran, SJ**, on 03.06.2020 at Muthalamada, Palakkad.

Mr Jacob Panjickaran(89), eldest brother of **Fr Syriac Panjickaran, SJ**, on 11.06.2020 at Chertala,



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JULY

- 03 John Vattanky
- 04 Manesh Thottathuvilakom
- 04 Rinto S Olickal
- 07 Sunny Jose Puthenpurayil
- 09 Thomas Vattakunnel
- 16 Sunny Padinjarevarikattu
- 21 Sharath Nellinilkumthadathil
- 23 Antony P S
- 24 Shibu Malekunnel
- 24 Jose Pittappillil
- 25 Albin Paul Namattathil
- 25 Mathew Aerthayil
- 26 Francis Paracka
- 27 Ivin Tomy Thottappallil
- 27 George Karuppallyil
- 28 Salvin Kachirayil
- 28 Stephen Chundanthadam



### AUGUST

- 01 Mathew Kaniyamparambil
- 03 Joseph Thakadiyel
- 03 Joseph Jose Kadankavil

## IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

### JULY

03 (2007) Joseph Mekat  
 03 (2015) Abraham Mannamkary  
 08 (1982) Antony Ponvelil  
 14 (1971) William Lonardi  
 14 (1996) John Paliathil  
 16 (2008) Stephen Chethipuzha  
 26 (1984) Joseph Pallithanam  
 26 (2005) Lazarus Edattel  
 27 (2011) Philip Panjikanan  
 28 (1978) Paul Kunnunkal  
 31 (2016) Ambrose Parappuram



## SSLC RESULTS 2020

Name of the institution	Appeared	Passed	A+	%
St. Joseph's BHSS, Kozhikode	288	286	64	99.31
St. Michael's AHSS, Kannur	149	149	43	100
Sarvodaya HSS, Eachome	94	91	10	96.80
AKJM HSS, Kanjirapally	127	127	23	100

## Pope's Intentions July 2020



**For Our Families**  
 We Pray That Today's Families  
 May Be Accompanied  
 With Love, Respect & Guidance  
**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**  
 Mumbai INDIA

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