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FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK

WOUNDS TO SCARS

Tuesday 20 May 2021 was made memorable for us in the Province by the formal inauguration of the Ignatian Year. The three speakers - all ecclesiastical dignitaries, the Mayor of Kochi and the Provincial of the Ursulines made us reflect on the significance of the Ignatian legacy. The wounded and consequently shortened leg of Ignatius became a catalyst for his conversion. Eyes to see everything in new light was the outcome, and he saw himself and his mission afresh. The long pilgrimage began, and still continues - through us.

Being wounded is part and parcel of being human. Rarely do we suffer from physical wounds unless some accidents or tragedies occur. But emotional wounds leave many people high and dry. There is no escape from pressures of work, strained relationships, unpleasant community life, and feelings of meaninglessness in religious life. These leave many people wounded and some continue to nurse the wounds. Physical wounds once healed become scars though plastic surgery is a way out. Scars would remind us of our wounds. The Risen Lord showed the disciples his scars as a sign of the wounds he had received. But these were healed wounds. When a wound is healed, the scar becomes a sign of life-giving memory. That is what Ignatius shows us too.

E.P. Mathew, SJ

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Irudaya Jothi (CCU): XIDE, Kailashahar, Tripura Mission

Fr Joe Mathew Kunnathoor: Acting Superior, Christ Hall, Malaparamba (Addl Charge), Manager Christ the King ALP School, Malaparamba (Addl Charge)

Fr John E.J. Manipadam: SICJ (Vidyaniketan), Thiruvananthapuram

Fr Jose Thachil: Assistant Bursar St. Xavier's College and Acting Minister of Jesuit House (Addl Charges)

Fr S.M. Thadeyoos: Assistant Parish Priest, West Hill (Addl charge)

Fr T.V. George (CCU): St Joseph's ICSE School, Kozhikode and Minister of the House

Fr Roy M Thottathil: Treasurer, Santhinilayam, Kumaranalloor

Fr Xavier Veliyakam: Prasanthi, Pachilakad

Warm Welcome to Kerala Province



Fr T.V. Geroge (CCU) Fr Irudaya Jothi (CCU)

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

June 20 – 22 : First Vows, Loyola, Aluva

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS !

Fr Sabu Palathanadil has been approved as a Research Guide by the University of Kerala. Congratulations!

FIRST VOWS 2021

The following second year novices have been approved for First Vows in the Society of Jesus: **Arukulasseril Abbey Jose, Padamattummal Rins Rappakutty and Praveen Babu**. They are scheduled to take their Vows on Monday, **21 June 2021**, in the chapel of Loyola, Aluva. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration, **presided over by Fr Provincial**, will begin at **11.00 am**. Please keep these young men in your prayers in a special way.

Rachans Lukose

APPROVAL OF THE APOSTOLIC PLAN 2020-25

Fr General, by a letter dated 06 May 2021, has granted his official approval to the Kerala Province Apostolic Plan (KPAP). Printed copies of the Plan will reach the hands of every member of the Province soon. The **Apostolic Monitoring Team** (AMT) comprising **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil** (Chair), **Binoy Pichalakkattu** and **George Thenadikulam** will facilitate the timely implementation of the Plan.

“WALKING WITH IGNATIUS”

In dialogue with Spanish journalist Darío Menor, **Fr Arturo Sosa**, Superior General, has produced a book, “Walking with Ignatius”, in which he offers reflections on his own life and vocation, and also talks about the current direction of the Society of Jesus. Read the article. The book was presented to journalists in the Aula of the General Curia on Tuesday 11 May.

IGNATIAN YEAR TALK-4

“Rekindling a Culture of Vocation Promotion”: Implications for the Church Today by **Fr Mark Ravizza, SJ** (General Assistant for Formation, Rome)

Date: 16 June, 2021

Time: 6 pm

IGNATIAN YEAR TALK - 4

Kerala Jesuit Province

“Rekindling a Culture of Vocation Promotion”:
Implications for the Church Today

Welcome:
Fr E P Mathew, SJ
(Provincial, Kerala Jesuit Province)

Speaker:
Fr Mark A Ravizza, SJ
(General Assistant for Formation, Rome)

Moderator:
Fr Arjen Tete, SJ
(Formation Secretary of Conference of South Asia)

Prayer:
Scholastics

Organized by
Ignatian Year Team
and Vocation Promotion
Commission
(Kerala Province)

Wednesday
16 June 2021
at 6.00pm (IST)

Meeting ID: 883 2726 4007
Passcode : 868819

NATIONAL NEWS - FR STAN SWAMY UPDATED TILL MAY 29TH, 2021

Presently he is admitted to Holy Family Hospital, Bandra, Mumbai. Our continued prayers are needed for **Fr Stan** as he is affected by COVID. Many thanks for the tireless efforts of many of our Jesuits, collaborators and human rights defenders. Also thanks to those who have also been sending links, news, etc at different times. You will find these news in a scrolling form in the dedicated webpage for Stan: <https://standwithstan.jcsaweb.org>

Siji

RECONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

The Province Construction Committee is reconstituted with **Fr Devassy Paul** as Chair and **Frs Reji Kunnatheth, Saji Kadassamkunnel** and **Jose Pulinthanath** as members. We thank **Frs Joe Mathew** and **Peter Mulluparambil** for their services as chair and member of the Committee respectively.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

With the arrival of our engineer turned Jesuit, **Fr Joe Mathew**, as our superior and socius, the community has become fully hi-tec. We enjoy watching all the zoom gatherings of the province. Most of our senior members watch attentively the Ignatian year programs live. A new internet connection is installed in our common recreation room for this. **Frs P.T. Augustine** and **Adappur** were admitted to Nirmala hospital for a couple of days owing to some minor health complaints. **Fr Sooraj** has become our community member from April 23rd as he took charge of Christ the King church, Malaparamba as the parish priest. **Fr Thadeyoos** too has become our extended community member from June as he will take charge of West Hill parish as Assistant Parish Priest. Owing to Covid 19 restrictions, we had very few guests this summer. The absence of our vibrant scholastics was a real loss for the community. All of us keep good health because of the meticulous supervision of our loving Infirmarian, **Fr Thaiparambil** and all those who assist him. **Fr Raju**, the former parish priest, has proved to be an excellent cook on the birthday of **Fr Devasia**, the minister.

Devasia

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

Two Jesuits, **Fr George T V** and **Fr Pius Vachaparambil**, joined as new members of the community. **Sch Nibin Manual** also joined as the regent this year. We heartily welcome all three of them. We thank the service of **Fr Sooraj Dominic** for being the minister of the house for the last two years.

Both the Boy's school (SJBHSS) and the ICSE (SJJS) School are ready to welcome the online activities of the new academic year with ample preparations and planning. The admission process for students to UP and HS in the SJBHSS and SJJS have been completed successfully. The new LKG program was started in the ICSE School.

Ramlal Thomas

LOYOLA, ALUVA

The month of May began with the happy reunion of the Loyola Community. The first year novices who went to Poovar for their Mission Experiment and the second year novices who went to Attappadi for their Work Experiment returned to Loyola after successfully completing their experiments. We were privileged to have **Fr E.J. Thomas** for guiding us through a recollection that helped us integrate our experiences. We joined in prayer with fasting for the COVID affected world on 7th May as per the request of the CBCI. The Loyola community joined in the sufferings of our neighbours and extended a helping hand by distributing rice and other provisions to about 25 families. We celebrated the birthday of our beloved cook Kunjumon chetan. As the month of May is specially dedicated to Mother Mary we conducted a 10 day solemn Rosary. **Schs Francis Parakka** and **Savy George** were with us and had their annual retreat under the guidance of **Fr Jacob Kumminiyil**. We celebrated the inaugural day of Ignatian year with a solemn Mass and took part in the official inaugural meeting of the Province. The holidays of novices "Enjaami 2021" was inaugurated by **Frs Madukakuzhy, EJ Thomas** and **Rachans**. We celebrated the birthday of the community superior and Novice Master, **Fr Rachans** with a special Mass and candle light dinner. Fr Provincial and the new Socius visited us on the same day. After the holidays the novices moved to Santigram for their annual retreat.

Charis & Rina

LUMEN-JYOTHIS, KOCHI

The Newman Association had its monthly discussion on "Challenges to Democracy in India." Fr Dr. Joy Ayiniadan, Vicar General of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese, presented the topic. Justice Cyriac Joseph, Smt Lida Jacob and Adv Rajendran Nair expressed their views during the discussion. Prof Dr P.K. Suresh, (HoD, Department of Physics, University of Hyderabad) was the speaker for the LIPI Science Forum. He did a presentation on "Beyond the Fantastic Four" with reference to Muons in the Standard model of Cosmology.

Under the aegis of Snehasena, an online Art Workshop has been initiated by **Fr Sheise**, and the response has been overwhelming. The noted Children's author, Sippy Pallipuram (Kerala Sahithya Academy & Kendra Sahithya Academy Award winner) inaugurated the meet. Our Provincial, **Fr E.P. Mathew**, delivered the keynote address.

Devassy

SAMEEKSHA/ATMAMITRA, KALADY

The community took part in the Ignatian Year inaugural event held on 20th May. In the *Dharmasameeksha* dialogue series **Fr Toby Joseph** gave a very insightful talk on how the "covid crisis affects the teenagers." He made a very keen analysis of the problem and proposed valuable remedies to parents and teachers. This online-programme was attended by over 150 people. Due to the lockdown the community members have been confined to the house, but all were kept busy with desk bound work: **Schs Lijo** and **Stevenson** are preparing for the final exams while the others are engaged in counselling, writing and publication. **Frs Provincial** and **Joe Mathew** visited us and it was an energy booster in the midst of lockdown days. On the 4th death anniversary of **Bro Mampilly** (23rd May), we had an online meet of his family members, where each one shared the fond memories of the good Brother. **Fr Sebastian Painadath** gave an online meditation organised by the East Asian Pastoral Institute, Manila. **Fr Xavier Tharamel** attended a research conference, on "India's Intangible Heritage," organised by the Global Forum for Young Philosophers. **Fr Dolichan Kollarath** stayed with us for two weeks before returning to Pune. **Fr Wilson Puthuserry** came

to Sameeksha to do his annual retreat. **Sch Savy** joined the Sameeksha community on 7th May.

Xavier Tharamel

AKJM & SAMANVAYA, KANJIRAPPALLY

Schs Nikhil and **Rosan** joined Samanaya community after their Pre-Ordination Programme at Shembaganur. **Fr Salvin** bid farewell to AKJM School after six years of commendable service. **Fr Augustine** assumed charge as the new Principal. **Fr Varkeychan** guided a one-week retreat of Salesian sisters. Online classes are in full swing for Std 10 and 12. **Fr Jose Jacob, Schs Rosan, Nikhil** and **Fr Linto** teamed up to conduct a ten-day English language skills program for the AKJM teaching staff. **Fr Wilson** has joined the community after his annual retreat. We arranged an online zonal gathering in which Fr Provincial shared his Covid concerns and the need for precautions. The Centre for Ignatian Spirituality organized a webinar in memory of **Fr John Vattanky** which was well attended.

Antu and Linto

SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

Santhinilayam community welcomed **Fr Mathew Pullatu** and **Fr Roy Thottam** into the Community with a Eucharistic Celebration and a meal. Fr Roy assumed charge as *Thanmaya Director* and house treasurer. He shared with the community his plans to rejuvenate the centre. Fr Pullatu, leaving all his pets back in Edathuva, is trying to adjust to the new place and its dynamics. **Fr Pulickal** was busy editing the new book of **Fr Salvin**. The Counselling Center continues to offer online counselling to its clients. Frs Provincial and new Socius made a flying visit to the community on their way to Calicut. We were indeed happy to receive them!

Jithin

ST XAVIER'S, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

St Xavier's Jesuit house turned out to be a corona asylum during the month of May 2021. **Frs Agustin, Xavier, Rabin** and **Br Jacob** were hospitalized and **Frs Dominic, Shibu, Biju, Midhun** and **Manesh** were in home quarantine. All are Covid negative by now. Br Jacob is suffering from post-covid difficulties. Manesh has cough and flu, but all the others are better. We are very grateful to **Fr Pious Vachaparambil, Fr Jose Mathew** and **Fr Jose Thachil**. They have taken great care of us throughout the month. Fr Pious Vacha

left for St. Joseph's Calicut on 27th May after six years of dedicated service.

Manesh

AADI, ATTAPPADI

Lok Manch national level evaluation of one NGO partner at Attappady was held online. Leaders from all four NGOs including AADI together with the national and state leaders participated. Relief materials given by the diocese of Sultanpet were distributed to 30 families in the Parish under the direction of **Fr P.S. Antony**. As JESA Coordinator, Fr P.S. Antony organised a meeting of the JESA Core Team and another of JESA members with UAP team. **Fr Mathew Aerthayil** and P.S. Antony participated in the Jesuit Kozhikode zonal meeting convened by **Fr Joe Mathew**. AADI organised three national level webinars: on the 'relevance of Dr. Ambedkar in the current scenario' in collaboration with Lok Manch, Marian College, Kuttikanam and Sahyajyothi College, Kumaly, in which over 300 people participated; on the 'second wave of Covid-19 - means to tackle psycho-social impact' in association with Lok Manch and Central University, Kasargod, in which about 1000 people including YouTube participants registered; and on 'Cancer prevention, Covid-19, and healthy life style' in collaboration with Lok Manch and Sanjeevani Life Beyond Cancer, Mumbai, on 31st May, the World No Tobacco Day, in which about 100 people participated. Fr P.S. Antony attended the online 3-day national JESA meeting of the Province Coordinators on the national apostolic planning. AADI library with a collection of 1500 books is ready for use now. Fr Mathew Aerthayil with AADI staff did a wonderful work of organising the library.

Mathew Aerthayil

SANTIGRAM, KALAMASERRY

Santigram has been unusually quiet these months. In spite of the triple lockdown, **Fr Saji** kept going out, at great risk to himself, and buying things in order to provide for us. Fish in the two fish tanks is being looked after well by Saji. If you are lucky, at the next visit, you might be able to enjoy even a farm-grown Tilapia. **Fr M. J. Thomas** is busy making the place more green and more colourful. Within the little space that we have, he has managed to grow papayas for our use. One person stayed on for more than two weeks for personal

counselling with **Fr Ephrem**. And right now, Fr Ephrem is guiding a diocesan priest who has come for a month. One sister from Bangalore is with us making an 8-day retreat, under Ephrem's guidance.

Ephrem Thomas

LOYOLA, POOVAR

In the month of May there were no academic activities in Loyola College of Commerce. For about a week, heavy rains and strong wind were experienced in southern coastal areas of Trivandrum district. The PDD of our Province contributed Rs 3 lakhs for the distribution of food kits to 300 families who were badly affected by Corona and a wave of cyclone. The beneficiaries were the deserving people in and around Poovar and a few families of Pozhiyoor where sea erosion left many people homeless. In the last week of May Fr Provincial and **Fr Joe Mathew**, our new Socius, along with **Fr Polson** and **Fr Reji** visited Loyola and spent a few hours with us.

Binu Kaduthalakkunel

LOYOLA SADAN, MUKUNDARA

Loyola School Mukundara bid an emotional farewell to **Fr Joseph Kallepallil** who had steered the school commendably well for the past four years. The school secured greater heights under his leadership in various areas such as infrastructural development, administrative efficiency, and academic excellence. Characteristically he has left his imprints in all possible areas of infrastructural development: smart classrooms, media room, assembly hall, green energy projects, and an additional floor to the existing building, to name a few. He began the construction of a new playground too for the school. He deserves commendation for dexterously working out a feasible salary scale and drawing up efficacious service rules, improving relationship between parents and staff and for far-sighted developmental initiatives. Loyola Mukundara will be ever grateful to him for all his efforts to mould it as a truly Jesuit institution of excellence. We wish God's abundant blessings upon him and his new mission. We also take this opportunity to thank **Sch Libin Mathew** for being an excellent team player during his regency at Loyola Mukundara. Despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, he was able to play a significant role in inspiring the students. We wish him every success in his new mission.

K J Thomas

SEND-OFF TO FR BABY CHALIL BY JESA

JESA, along with Lok Manch Kerala, organised a virtual send-off meeting for **Fr Baby Chalil** on 30th May 2021. About 50 people consisting of JESA members and Lok Manch partners from all over Kerala participated. **Fr M.K. George**, the Regional Assistant, inaugurated the meet. **Fr E.P. Mathew**, our Provincial, gave the presidential address and **Fr Tony Dias. S.J.**, national JESA Coordinator, gave the felicitation speech. Representatives of Lok Manch partners and of JESA members felicitated him. All highlighted the unique contribution Fr Baby gave to TUDI and the Adivasis of Wayanad. Fr Baby in his reply speech thanked one and all for their support and encouragement.

P.S. Antony

MANIPUR MISSION

Sch Vysakh was given an emotionally packed farewell from St Xavier's community, Moirang. During his regency he was appointed as the warden of the hostel, administrator/minister of the Jesuit House and as a part-time teacher of the school. Vysakh carried out all these responsibilities and innumerable other tasks with great love, with a sense of dedication and



commitment. Everyone in the campus loved him and appreciated him as a joyful giver. He showed creativity in liturgical functions; he was spontaneous in his relationships; good at keyboard and guitar; a master driver, ever ready; a friendly, disciplined warden; an experienced buyer familiar with the various markets; well versed with hardware and software, taking care of the computer lab; a good Prefect of the Pre-novices; a good cook and a loving guide of the kitchen girls; a helpful brother to the children and elders of the campus; a kind, supportive and loving brother to the Sisters of the campus and an affectionate Jesuit companion: Vysakh was all these. We miss you Vysakh. Thank you. Be blessed ever. God be with YOU!

Syriac Panji.

IGNATIAN YEAR

The Ignatian Year inauguration in the Kerala Province was held online at 6.30 pm on 20th of May. **Fr Salvin Augustine** extended an affectionate welcome to the guests and **Fr Roy Alex** effectively compered the programme. **Fr E. P. Mathew**, Provincial, delivered the presidential address by reminding and reiterating the words of Henri Nouwen: “our hearts are stronger than our wounds.” Cardinal Mar Baselios Cleemis, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malankara Church, officially inaugurated the Ignatian Year. In his inaugural speech, Cardinal Cleemis invited the Jesuits to serve the Kingdom of God beyond the borders of Catholic Church without overlooking the needs of the Church. **Bishop Varghese Chakkalackal** highlighted the significant contributions of the Jesuit missionaries to the Calicut diocese and pointed out that Bishop Patroni’s period in office as its golden age. **Mar Jose Porunnedam**, bishop of Manathavady, indicated that the Jesuits should defend the Catholic faith by bringing to their ministries an intellectual character as in the former times. Adv. M. Anil Kumar, Mayor of Kochi, spoke of the significant role of Christian educational institutions in India in shaping the citizens. **Fr Stanislaus D’Souza, SJ**, POSA, pointed out that though at Pamplona Ignatius’ “earthly dreams were shattered by a canon-ball, it made him more fit for a deeper reality, the reality of the Spirit to see things differently.” Fr Geo Thekkiniyath, CLC Kerala State Promoter and Sr. Veena Panamkatt, UMI, Provincial of Ursuline Congregation spoke on the occasion felicitating the Jesuits. **Fr Benny Chiramel** energetically and beautifully sang the Jesuit Anthem which marked the conclusion of event. **Fr Xavier Tharamel**, the Ignatian Year coordinator, proposed the vote of thanks.

The fourth training programme for the Kerala State CLC was held on 12th May which was blessed by **Bishop Alex Vadakkumthala**, bishop of Kannur, and reminded of the four centuries of the CLC heritage. **Fr Sheise Porunnakottu** delivered the main talk titled “For the Greater Glory of God: Characteristics of a Cheerful Giver” which was well appreciated by the participants. The next training event is scheduled for 8th May which will be blessed by **Mar Joseph Pamplany**, Auxiliary

Bishop of Tellicherry.

The talk “Political Significance of the Spiritual Exercise” delivered by **Fr James Hanvey, SJ**, Secretary for Promotion of Faith, Rome, was thought provoking. **Fr Prince Clarence** and team initiated the Ignatian Year 19th Annotation Retreat programme for which 1500 participants have signed up and more than forty Jesuits from all over the world are giving personal guidance to the retreatants.

Ignatian Year Team

OURS IN MEDIA

Fr Mathew Aerthayil, ‘Tribals in Kerala’ in ‘Adi Lok’, a Gujarati monthly published by the Jesuits of Gujarat Province, May 2021.

Fr Midhun J. Francis, “Mysticism: A Way for Christian-Muslim Dialogue”, in *Jnanadeepa: Pune Journal of Religious Studies*, 25/3 (July 2021), 155-180.

Fr Sebastian Painadath, *Einschwingen in das Göttliche, 100 Meditationen* (Vibrate into the Divine), published by Vier-Türme-Verlag, Münsterschwarzach, Germany, 2021, pp. 240.

Fr Thomas Karimundackal “Gospel Imperatives of Discipleship,” *Indian Journal of Spirituality*, Vol. XXXIV, No.1 January - March 2021, 5-24.

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Cyril Rajesh Tigga, SJ (MAP), 84/62

on 05.05.2021 at Ambikapur

Fr Ramesh Tribhuvan SJ (PUN) [49/25]

on 06.05.2021 at Ahmednagar

Fr Jerome Gonsalves SJ (PUN), 71/51

on 07.05.2021 in Pune.

Fr Anil Dayal Kujur (HAZ), 60/35

on 10.05.2021 at Ambikapur

Fr Antony Raj Perinbam (MDU), 76/57

on 10.05.2021 at Madurai.

Fr Ambrose D’Souza (KAR), 66/39

on 12.05.2021 at Mangaluru.

Fr Francis Kurien (HAZ), 68/51

on 13.05.2021 at Koderma

Br Jeganathan Ambrose (MDU), 72/53

on 17.05.2021 at Dindigul

Fr Anthony Cruze Arul (GUJ), 57/35

on 19.05.2021



Fr Rajarathinam Rathinam (CEN), 62/41

on 24.05.2021 at Tiruchirappallil

Fr Jeyaraj Maria (MDU), 86/67

on 29.05.2021 at Dindigul

Fr Lawrence Maria Gabriel (MDU), 81/56

on 29.05.2021 at Dindigul

Fr Ignatius Gyan Hembrom (HAZ), 51/28

on 01.06.2021 at Ranchi

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE

01 Deslin Paulson Chelatt

03 Sabu Palathanadil

07 Thomas Kappiarumalayil

09 Binoy Pichalakkattu

10 Rins Rappakutty Padamattummam

11 Joye James Karimathil

14 Dominic Madathaniyil

14 Mathew Kuzhickattumyalil

16 Anjo Alappat Palathingal

18 Wilson Puthussery

19 Mathew Elanjipuram

24 Vibin Padayadan

25 John Manipadam

26 Ranjit George Irattil

27 George Thenadikulam

30 Christy J Peter Arasarkadavil

JULY

04 Manesh Jerald Thottathuvilakom

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

JUNE

01 (1998) Vigilio Magagnotti

08 (2015) Jesno Francis Kandamkeril

12 (1961) George Ayathaparambil

12 (2008) Joseph Vathaloor

13 (1993) Charles Studerus

13 (2012) Jacob Pulikodan

14 (1999) Joseph Parakkan

15 (1996) George Kuzhivelly

18 (2000) Paul Lenthaparambil

20 (1976) Benjamin Biscia

29 (1973) John Chettupuzha

30 (2015) Paul Palatty



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