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APPOINTMENTS BY FATHER GENERAL

Fr Susai Raj, SJ (PAT)	Socius of the Provincial of Patna Province (Fr Susai assumed his duties on 11 January 2021).
Fr Francis Pudhicherry SJ (GUJ)	Rector of De Nobili College, Pune. (He will take charge on 25 March 2021)
Fr Nirmal Raj SJ (DUM)	Rector of Vidya Jyothi, Delhi

APPOINTMENTS BY PROVINCIAL

Name	From	To	Status	Wef
Fr Deepak Sanjay Ekka	Gomoh	Lupungutu	Plus Two – Coordinator	16-Feb-21
Fr C.G. Thomas	Lupungutu	Loyola, JSR	JYOTI Coord & Headmaster	22-Feb-21
Fr Amos Bage	Tundi	Namchi	B. Ed Studies	13-Feb-21
Dn Prabhakar Oddippalli	GJR, XLRI	Tundi	GDM & Treasurer	15-Feb-21
Fr Dayanidhi Bisoi	Loyola, JSR	XITE	Vice-Principal	01-Mar-21
Fr Manohar Kindo	Tertianship	Rutungia	Hostel in-charge & Teacher	17-Feb-21
Fr Romanus Jojo	Rengra	TRTC	Treasurer & Social Action	01-Feb-21
Fr Saleth Soosai	GJR, XLRI	TRTC	Sub-minister	20-Mar-21
Fr Benedict Minj	Basahatu	Pandabir	Headmaster, Paul Miki School	06-Apr-21
Fr Tony John	Tertianship	XUB	Ph.D Studies & ERC	15-Mar-21
Fr Bhincant Bhengra	Tertianship	DNS Bhuli	Teacher	03-Mar-21

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME IN MARCH 2021

01	Formation Commission Meeting
04 - 06	Visitation XITE, Gamharia
06 (05:30 pm)	GB, XITE, Gamharia
08 (05:30 pm)	GB, Loyola Jamshedpur
09	Province Education Policy Meeting
12-13	Social Commission Meeting
15 (05:30 pm)	GB, Loyola College of Education
16 (11:00 am)	GB, CSWC
16 (03:30 pm)	GB, TRTC
16 (05:30 pm)	GB, Xaviers Chaibasa
19 (05:00 pm)	Final Vows, Loyola Jamshedpur
20 (03:30 pm)	GB & Convocation, XUB
21 (03:30 pm)	GB, Loyola Education Society
21 (05:30 pm)	GB, Odisha Jesuit Society
25 (05:30 pm)	GB, De Nobili Jealgora
27 (09:00 am)	GB, JJS

INFORMATION

Fr Somy Mathew Mannoor SJ, Fr Alfred Bodra SJ, & Fr Romanus Tete SJ will pronounce their Final Vows on 19 March 2021 in Loyola School, Jamshedpur at 5.30 pm.

NEWS FROM OUR HOUSES AND AROUND

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda

John Sumbrui

With the generous help of CHAI, **Nelson** got the Solar system installed in CSWC hospital and Nirmala Health Centre on 2 February and it was inaugurated and blessed by **Fr John. Nelson** attended the YPF meet at Upasana, Mango from 5-7 February. On 9 February, he attended the meeting at TRTC. **Nelson** trying to get the help of local legislators to get

an Ambulance for CSWC. All the best **Nelson**. On 12 February, **Fr John** celebrated his Birthday in Amda. He was given a pleasant surprise visit by the Basahatu community, **CG** and **Basil** from LPG, **Fr Gyan, John Mundu, Francis Ezhakunnel** and **Maxi**. All of who came to share the joy with him. Dr Gourav was here in Amda 14 & 15 February. He did RCS on

seven patients and one Septic surgery. On 14 February, **Nelson** went to Basahatu to participate in the *John Deeney Centenary* year Eucharistic celebration followed by the Muna-Muni football match. In the evening he went to Rengra to celebrate the Birthday of **Br Paul Marla**. On 17 February, Ash Wednesday was celebrated in Amda where **Fr John** offered

the mass for the faithful. On 21 February, while playing basketball in LPG, **Nelson** had a Knee twist. With the help of **Fr Pius** and **K.M. Joseph**, he met the Orthopedic Dr

Saurav Chaudary. X-ray was done, and thankfully no bone injury was found. He is given a knee brace and will go for his next check-up after a week. **Fr John** has started

going for his daily walk which will certainly improve his health and wellbeing.

Basahatu

Joseph Surin

Parish

The beginning of the New Year 2021 proved to be rather an unlucky one for the Basahatu Parish as within a span of one month and sixteen days the Parish lost 4 of its parishioners, all them ladies, 3 old and one rather young. But "Good or bad who knows?". May their souls rest in Peace. On 14 February the Parish and School celebrated **Fr John Deeney Birth Centenary Sunday** in keeping with the **Fr John Deeney Birth Centenary Year** already inaugurated last year on 22 July 2020 in Divya Bharati, Chaibasa. Fr Walter Kongari was the main celebrant for the Holy Mass accompanied by 9 concelebrants, namely; Frs **Joseph Surin, Benedict Minj, James Samad, Nelson Castelino, Staney Furtado, Kishore Lugun, Romanus Jojo, Rajesh Ddungdung** and **Basil Sanga**. The Basahatu Catechist **Sonaram Hiburur**, who was with **Fr John Deeney** since 1995 even before **Fr Deeney** was appointed as the first parish priest of Basahatu in 1998, shared about him the rare memories. According to Sonaram: "Fr John Deeney was like a God for me." One of the parishioners also shared about **Fr John**. The *Ash Wednesday* masses were offered in the Parish and 2 mass centres.

School

Covid-19 keeps the students away from school, yet the **72nd Republic Day of India** was celebrated in St Xavier's Middle School, Basahatu. Some children, teachers, catechists and parishioners gathered on the school assembly court for the flag hoisting and to celebrate the day saying- *Hum sab Bharatwasi hain*. **Fr Joe**, the Secretary of the School and the chief guest of the day gave the Republic Day message. In his message, he highlighted the present situation of India and said that it is each one's duty to safeguard the constitution of our country.

The School Staff and the Parish Youth of St Xavier's Basahatu organized the **Fr John Deeney Memorial Munna-Munni Football Tournament** on the auspicious occasion of the Birth Centenary Jubilee of **Fr John Deeney**, the Founding Father of St Xavier's Basahatu Parish and School. In his memory, 16 boys' teams and 2 girls' team participated in it. **Fr Staney**, the Principal of St Xavier's Lupungutu and **Fr Joe Surin**, Superior of St Xavier's Basahatu kick-started the tournament. In the boys' group, the team from village Torsiduri and in the girls' group, the team from Sonro were the winners of the tournament. **Fr Walter Kongari**, Asst. PDD of the Province and

the chief guest of the day, in his message shared about the life and the role of **Fr Deeney** in Kolhan area and Basahatu in particular. The Souvenirs citing "**Kolhan - HO Bhasha ke Vidwan, Fr John Deeney, SJ**" were distributed among the parishioners and football tournament spectators. Jesuits from Lupungutu, TRTC and Tepasai were present on the occasion. Football teams from St Paul Miki, Bordor and St John's Tepasai also participated in the tournament. **Fr Bene Minj, Sch James Deep** and the team took care of the food department and the guests. Thanks to each one for making the day meaningful and successful.

Jharkhand Government has permitted to start classes in schools. So School is getting ready with the recruitment of some new teachers for the school. On 18 February 2021, the prospective candidates who had applied for teaching in St Xavier's school, Basahatu were called for Demos and interviews. **Frs Polidor Kujur, Bene Minj, Joe Surin** and **James Samad** were on the Selection Board. **Fr Polidor** was on the board as an external. Out of 10 candidates, 3 were selected keeping in mind the need of the school.

The distribution of Forms for the new session 2021-22 is on but

very few takers have come so far. Looks like the parents are waiting for the school to open in the new session.

Community

Fr James Samad went for the Diaconate Ordination of his cousin brother in Jesu Jaher, Dudhani, Dumka. **Fr Joseph Surin (Joe)** was invited by his maternal uncle and journalist Thomas Sundi, along with the lawyer Fr Augustine Kullu and Fr Junas Bhengra to enlighten

the Sundi Clan of Supalsai and Sankosai villages on religious and social issues and also to offer the holy mass. **Fr Benedict Minj (Bene)** and **Sch James Deep Xalxo** went for a flying visit to Tepasai Parish on the Feast Day of St John Britto. **Sch James Deep** attended the **Scholastics' Recollection** at Upasana, Mango.

The Community had a couple of Budget Meetings and also on the pertinent points of the Report

on Superiors and Coordinators Meeting in January 2021.

Health Report

Fr Joe went to Rampurhaat, Alternative Therapy Centre, W.B., to consult **Fr M. J. Peter** regarding his Sciatica and throat problem. **Fr Peter** advised him to stay there for a month. Subsequently, **Joe** handed over the parish responsibilities to **Fr Bene** and landed in Rampurhaat on 25 February for the treatment.

Inigo Niwas

Basil Sanga

It is becoming tough these days to find labourers to work in the vineyard of God and **Fr Ranjit Roshan Minj** set out to Simdega for this challenging job on 3 & 4 February, to find some willing young prospects. On the other hand, a three-day meet was arranged for the young priests and one of the powerful messages or rather a reminder to a priest and a religious - *being able to love, i.e. the ability to love* – as a priest or a religious came up as a key phrase

in the Young Priests Forum. It's worth reflecting that years of formation should make each one capable of loving God, others and oneself too. **Frs Ranjit** and **Basil** went for this YPF meet which was held in Upasana, Mango from 5 to 7 February and they also spent a day with the Lord in recollection. In the absence of both, **Fr Woolsie** took care of the candidates. On 7 February, Candidates joined the local kalisiya for the picnic in Jharna Lupungutu. On 13

February, **Fr C. G. Thomas** offered the thanksgiving mass for the candidates. After the mass, the candidates sang a farewell song for him and wished him well for his future mission. **Fr Ranjit** was out for the CRI meeting in Patel Bagan on 13 and 14 February. The candidates had one day of recollection on 20-21 February guided by **Fr Sunil Xess**. First-year candidates are busy preparing for their second-semester exams.

Lupungutu

D Oliver

The entrance exam for class 7 was conducted on 7 February in the School. **Fr C.G Thomas** was given farewell and **Fr Sanjay Ekka** was welcomed in the Jesuit community as well as in the School on 16 February. A friendly basketball match was organized on 16 February on the occasion of the farewell and welcome in the evening, which was played among Hostel Boys, Candidates and Fathers, where the hostel

boys outshone everyone else. The farewell and welcoming function were not yet over; on 20 February evening, hostel boys and girls also thanked **Fr C G Thomas** for his service and welcomed **Fr Sanjay** for his mission here. From 1 March students of standard 8, 9 and 11 will start their classes offline as per the Government order.

LOVE IS A LEAP OF THE HEART; IT BRINGS US OUT OF OURSELVES AND CREATES BONDS OF SHARING AND COMMUNION.
- POPE FRANCIS

Message for Lent 2021

Pandabir

Neelam Sanjeev Kerketta

The journey of 'Walking with the Jesuit Parish Youth of Kolhan' continues. **Fr Neelam** arranged a day of picnic for the Jesuit Parish Youth of Kolhan on 23 January at *Lupungutu Jharna*. The Parish youth participated in three days of recollection at Divya Jyoti, Sundarnagar, while **Fr Neelam** conducted two days of Youth Seminar for the youth of St Teresa Parish, Jhinkpani.

On the occasion of the death anniversary of our beloved late **Fr John Deeney**, the school staff conducted the '*Fr John Deeney Memorial Football Tournament*' for the middle school children. **Fr Benedict Soreng** was happy to share a few *Murgas* and *Murgis* to encourage our children of Bordor and Pandabir. There were altogether nine teams for boys and two teams for girls. The prizes were the same for both groups.



St Paul Miki Day was celebrated on Sunday, 7 February. There were twenty-five Jesuits from different parts of our province to bless the occasion with their presence. The special long-distance guests were **Frs Mahesh Nayak** and **Santosh Minj** from Kalijharain, **Fr Amit Lakra** from Tangarain, **Fr Amos Bage** from Tundi and **Fr Sanjay Ekka** from Gomoh. The rest were from the local communities of Kolhan missions.

The last months of January and February were full of personal and community activities as well. In the first week of January, **Fr Benedict** went home to celebrate his silver Jubilee with his relatives in his own village Gojhariya. The Jubilee celebration ended on 18 February, the day of his ordination. **Fr Benedict Soreng** continues to count the blessings of the last twenty-five years of his priesthood.

TRTC

Rajesh Dungdung

On 4 February, **Fr Romanus Jojo**, the new treasurer of TRTC, arrived with full zeal and vigour. It was a homecoming, '*Ghar Wapsi*' experience for him. For a week, he observed the things and works meticulously and then he took over the charge of a Treasurer. On 5 February, the Social commission meeting was held in Loyola School, Jamshedpur. The social work co-coordinator presented the status of social work in the province and highlighted some issues for further discussion.

Provincial, **Fr Jerry**, responded to some of the issues regarding the existing infrastructure in different places and how to make the best use of this infrastructure. After the meeting, **Wally** went to Khunti for '*diri bid*' ceremony in honour of his late brother Fr Gaudentius Kongari. **Ranjeet** went to Ranchi, for the social work coordinators meeting. Thereafter, he went to Gumla to bless the marriage of his niece. Our YPF (Young Priests Forum) friends too added colour to our celebration. On 16 February, a

mega event, '*Jan Sunwai*,' a public hearing on pension-related issues was organized by Jharkhand Khadya Suraksha Sammittee, Chaibasa unit. In this event, many organizations, people of goodwill took part. Pension related cases, were brought from 13 out of 18 blocks in the district as well as the old and infirm people were brought and they enrolled their names in their respective blocks. TRTC and Mahila Kalyan Kendra co-workers, partners contributed with their time and energy to make

it a huge success. On 20 February, mushroom training was organized under the banner of **Chetna Manch**. Almost 20 people from different churches were trained in the production of mushroom for income generation as well as for life sustainability. The TRTC

director has visualized to organize many more such programs and trainings for livelihood. On 25 February, the Socio-Pastoral and the educational team of Kolhan came together and coined the name '**IMC**'—Inter-Ministry Collaboration. This group

brought out their vision, mission statement and objectives. This IMC group is very optimistic. Let us hope that this *Jod* becomes an example for other areas of work in the province. Keep it up IMC !!!

DHANBAD AREA

DNS – Bhuli

Anthony Pancras

De Nobili Bhavan

Principals' meeting of the month was held at De Nobili Bhawan, on Tuesday, 10 February 2021. **Sebastian** and **Pancras** were not able to be present for unavoidable reasons. **Amiyo Chatterjee**, Vice Principal of DNS CMRI and **Naila Hassan**, Vice Principal of DNS Bhuli attended the meeting as Special Invitees. **Mr Arvind Srivastava**, the ERP service provider from Ejet systems gave a presentation on Edustacks synopsis and explained the various modules covered under it. The principals shared their insight and cleared some of the doubts on the matter of ERP software system being used by the schools. The Director conducted the Annual School Managing Committee Meetings of DNS Koradih, DNS Chandrapura, DNS CMRI and DNS Bhuli in February.

De Nobili Jesuit Community, Bhuli

Bhuli Jesuits joined Gomoh Jesuits on 4 February to celebrate the Feast of John De Britto, the Patron Saint of Gomoh mission. **Sebastian** was the main celebrant for Ash Wednesday



Staff Picnic on 06 Feb 2021

Eucharist; **Michael** and **Pancras** were co-celebrants. It was well participated by the Bhuli and Koradih faithful. Way of the cross, followed by the Eucharistic celebration every Friday is attended by a good number of Catholics. The community had its budget meeting on 16 February. A detailed meeting on the issues raised in the Superiors and coordinators meeting was held on 22 February and Digwadih community *memoriale* meeting was held on 25 February at Bhuli Jesuit Community. **Sebastian** was in Jamshedpur for his health care. **George Fernandes** and **Sushil Suman** made a visit to Bhuli for the marriage ceremony of the Koradih Principal's daughter. Dhanbad Jesuits' presence was well felt in the marriage celebrations. The family appreciates the Jesuits for their presence and blessings. **Alex A.** too visited Bhuli to submit his paper on Communication & Expository Writing.

De Nobili School, Bhuli

Online exams for L.K.G to class 9 and offline Pre-ICSE exams were conducted for class 10 from 15 February. Two exams were

scheduled in a day with the idea to wind up the exams on time and provide ample time to the teachers for corrections. The parents submitted the softcopies and hard copies of the answer scripts to the respective class teachers according to the instructions given by the school. After having almost one year of online classes, parents seem to have become conversant with the new system and were able to execute the task assigned to them without much hassle. Online workshops at the ICSE level have been scheduled

by the Council. One teacher per subject was registered for the same. Two out of ten, namely, English Language and Mathematics were completed in February itself. These workshops provided a brilliant platform for the teachers to voice their queries and clarify their doubts. Although we have slowly started taking steps toward returning to normalcy, the time when the classrooms and schoolyards will ring with the clamour of students remains a distant dream. The School Managing Committee

meeting was held on 25 February at Jesuits Residence Bhuli. The teachers took a day out from their monotonous daily schedule and we had a Staff Picnic on the school campus on Saturday, 6 February which re-kindled our friendship and camaraderie. Likewise, the support staff too took a day off on 13 February to have their picnic with a variety of games. The Jesuit presence was well felt and appreciated by all in both the picnics.

DNC Digwadih

Niranjan Minj

As the financial year 2020-21 comes to an end, the community came together to strategically plan out the budget for the coming financial year on 3 February. **Niranjan** presented the proposed budget for the year. The deliberation was very fruitful. Unfortunately, **Emile** had a cardiac attack the very next day of the budget meeting. He had to be rushed to Tata Hospital Jamadoba, Dhanbad. Later during the day, at about noon, at the doctors' advice at Tata Hospital, Jamadoba, **Emile** was taken to Jamshedpur for further treatment. He was treated at Meditrina Hospital for his blocked heart artery. A stent has been fixed. He was at Guidera Niwas, Jamshedpur for recuperation.

Thank God! He is back to the community hale and hearty. All the attached communities came together in Bhuli for reflection and deliberation on the memorial on 25 February.

The whole community attended the farewell programme for **Sanjay Ekka** in Gomoh and **Amos Bage** in Tundi on 15 February and 16 February respectively. They were given due credit for their contribution to the region.

Amal and **Oscar** are busy attending the managing committee meetings of all the Unit Schools this month. New admission for KG is over. There was less rush and pressure this year as compared to the previous years. **Amal** interacted with the parents of KG

students and their wards. Finally, the new students have been admitted into the school.

While the offline mock exam was conducted for Std 10 and 12 which started on 15 February, the students from other classes attended the exam online which started on 8 February. Exams for all got over by 26 February. Results will be declared sometime in the second week of March.

Niranjan has put his mind and soul into the FCRA work of De Nobili Jealgora. He is consulting and approaching different people for the work to be done. He, later, directed an annual retreat for the Bombina Sisters in Jamadoba as well.

Gomoh

James Tharaniyil

After taking up the responsibilities as Parish Priest, **Fr Sushil** was fully busy conducting marriage

classes, rectifying marriages and blessing of marriages. Some of the couples for marriage are

traditional Catholics but do not know prayers. For Ash Wednesday the church was overcrowded with

the faithful.

The Jesuits Community along with the Religious collaborators had gone for a Community Picnic to Hundru Water Fall at Ormanjhi. Again on 11 February 2021, the Staff of De Nobili School Gomoh went for a picnic at Maithan Dam and the Jesuits also joined them. The whole day was an enjoyable one with lots of merry-making, sumptuous meal, music and dance.

Now the whole Community along with **Fr Sushil Balmuchu** are busy with preparing the annual budget for the two Schools, Hostel, Parish and Jesuit Community.

Fr James and **Fr Sushil** travelled all the way to Sankhabhanga, Baripada, to participate in the triple celebrations – Jubilee of Fr Joe Antony and Br Francis Tiru, Inauguration of the Jesuit Residence and Hostel. We were amazed to see the total change of the campus.

De Britto School resumed the offline classes for Class X on 11 January 2021 as per the Government COVID-19 protocol—i.e wearing masks, measuring the temperature, keeping social distance, etc. The attendance was a hundred per cent as they were eager to attend the classes. The pre-Board examination for Class



Staff Picnic



Community Picnic



Farewell from Parish

X was conducted on 8 February 2021. The other Classes continue their classes online.

The students of De Nobili School are busy with writing their final examination online. **Fr James** and Sr. Cicy, the Vice-principal, are slogging it out to prepare teachers and the class routine for the new academic year. This year we have the additional burden of making both online and offline routines.

We submitted all the documents needed for the N.O.C for St John De Britto School and De Nobili School to the District Superintendent of Education. Now we expect the official inspection at any time. We are hopeful to get the N.O.C from the department. We request your prayers.

Frs Sushil Ekka and **Sushil Balmuchu** went to Ranchi to bless the marriages of their nieces and **Fr James** went to Ursula convent, Lohardaha, to attend his sister's golden Jubilee celebration.

The De Britto School and Jesuit community gave a farewell to **Fr Sanjay** on 15 February 2021. The parishioners and students were charged with emotion. Within a short span of time, he captured the hearts of many. We wished him all the success for his new ministry at Lupungutu.

Koradih

Anthony Pancras

De Nobili Koradih had its Annual School Managing Committee Meeting on 4 February. It was attended by Oscar, Michael, Amal, Pancras, Principal and Vice-Principal. Offline doubt clearing

classes and special classes for Std X and XII were conducted throughout the month. The admission process for the new candidates started on 8 February. The second-semester exams for

all the classes started on 13 February. The students were instructed that it is mandatory for them to answer the exams to get promoted to the next class. The question papers were made

available on the school official website as well as they were posted in the Whatsapp groups. A circular regarding 'Awareness on Cyber Safety and Security' was floated among the students through Whatsapp. Answer scripts of classes LKG to class 8 were received on 22 February. Pre-ISC practical exams and VIVA



will be conducted on 27 February. PT exams for all the classes were conducted online. The event of the month was the marriage celebration of Dr Tanya Banerjee, the daughter of Ms Tanushree Banerjee our Principal on 21 February. It was well attended by all the members of the De Nobili family Koradih.

St Xavier's Tundi

David Kullu

The month of February brought some life to the campus. Few students are back in school. **Fr JP**, the headmaster, was busy organizing parents-guardian meeting every weekend separately for each class.

On 14 February **Sch David** went to Sankhabhanga to join the Triple celebration along with **Fr Amaladoss** and **Fr Francis**. It was a day of blessing to witness a tremendous change in the campus with a new residence and Hostel building. On the same

day, **Dn Prabhakar** joined our community just after a day of his diaconate ordination.

On 16 February, a few Dhanbad Jesuits gathered to wish **Fr Amos** as he moves to Namchi for his studies and to welcome Dn Prabhakar. It was a sudden call for **Amos** to join Loyola College, Namchi for his B.Ed studies.

People came in a big number to attend mass on Ash Wednesday. **Fr Sushil** was busy saying mass at different mass stations and visiting families of the faithful.

On 21 February, Novice **Sanjit Jojo** and **Rahul Rafael Honhaga**, joined our community to experience life at Tundi Mission. They have been sent to Karmagoda, one of the mass stations to experience life with the villagers. Each novice needs to have such experiences during the time of formation.

On 22 January, from our parish, Sr. Shalini OLP and catechist Mr Bipin joined 3 days Catechist's Annual Retreat, at Jyoti Ashram Sundernagar, Jamshedpur.

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

Chaira

Thomas Nelliakunnel

Fr Niral made several trips to the Jamshedpur D.E.O office and the Ranchi JAC office concerning the school recognition of both middle and high schools. He is very patient and persevering in this matter. Finally, the land rent is paid for all the plots of land in Chaira online. For one plot it took a long time because of technical problems. Credit goes to **Fr Walter**

and **Niral** for the success. Offline classes are going on for the tenth class students. But the classes are held in small batches following the Covid protocol. **Fr Walter** has arranged for coaching classes for the sponsored children in Chaira. There are about forty of them. **Fr Walter** regularly visits the students in Chaira. The boys' hostel has a new look after the

painting and repair. As it was decided during the superiors and coordinators meeting, posters depicting our solidarity with **Fr Stan** and other human rights activists are hung in Chaira and Rerua: in Chaira at the gate and in Rerua on the residence. With regard to social work, **Michael** is still busy through his supervisor with a survey of the youth who

are willing to do skill training. **Tom** had gone to Ranchi along with **Ranjit Kindo** to attend a meeting.

Michael and some of the social commission members attended a two-day seminar on liberation

theology in "Jharna" Ranchi in which about thirty-five persons including sisters were present.

Guidera Jesuit Residence

George Cheradayil

Our community celebrated the diamond jubilee of **Br Francis Tiru**. **Fr Walter Kongari** was the main celebrant for the jubilee mass. He in his inspiring homily narrated the various wonderful and successful missionary work **Tiru** did as a Brother. During the mass, **Tiru** shared his experiences of his active apostolic ministry among the different tribes like the HOs, Santhals and Mundas. He mentioned that he always felt happy, loved, and cared for as a brother. We had a special community prayer service also for **Tiru** with a PowerPoint presentation about his life and mission in the Society.

Congratulations to **Sch Prabhakar** who was ordained as a deacon by **Archbishop Felix Toppo, SJ**. It was held in Ranchi Cathedral. **Frs Provincial, Somy Mathew, John Mundu** and **Sch Anjum** attended the Diaconate Ordination. **Prabhakar** was ordained deacon together with five other scholastics from Central Zone provinces. **Prabhakar** is assigned to Tundi parish the next day for diaconate ministry. We wish **Prabhakar** a very fulfilling ministry in the Tundi parish. After the Diaconate ordination and Mass, **Fr Somy Mathew** went to "Mater Dei", Goa, to give a course in Ignatian spirituality to sisters from different congregations. It was highly appreciated by all.

Fr Gyanprakash, our socius,

organised a special celebration for the birthday of **Fr Jerry Cutinha** with the curia staff. **Fr Christie** also joined us for the celebration.

Alwyn Rodrigues spent a few days here after his *Ayurveda* treatment in Amala Hospital run by CMI fathers in Trichur, Kerala. He looks very handsome, happy and cheerful. He is able to walk without any support now. Keep it up, **Alwyn!** **Fr Emile Coelho** was with us taking rest after his angioplasty. Emile as usual was happy and cheerful. He entertained us with his jokes, funny stories and limericks of **Abe fame!!!** **RomanusTete** was admitted to Mercy hospital with a high fever. He is back in the house and looks good, cheerful and happy. **Fr Felix Tellis** looks all cheerful and **Fr KC** maintains his health by his regular exercise, and **Fr Eddie** keeps everyone in good humour.

Br Tiru and **Frs Gyan** and **Saleth** went to Sankhabhanga, Odisha, for the sacerdotal silver Jubilee of **Fr Joseph Anthony** and the blessing of the Jesuit Residence and the newly built boys' hostel. **Fr Joseph Antony** was the main celebrant. He gave a very moving homily talking about his 25 years of priestly ministry in different places. Congratulations dear **Joe!!** After the mass, **Jerry Cutinha** blessed the Jesuit residence and **George Fernandes** blessed the hostel. The jubilee mass and

the blessing ceremony were very impressive and inspiring. After the function, **Jerry** proceeded to Kandhamal hills to visit our Jesuits working in our schools and mission stations.

Fr Paul Fernandes, our Province Development Director, has opened a new website called Kindnesscity. Kindnesscity.org is an initiative of Jamshedpur Jesuits using technology as a means for fundraising for various projects of the province for the poor and needy. If you want to be a member and part of this venture, please visit the site by logging on to www.kindnesscity.org and click on the membership icon. We value your membership and contribution immensely. Kindnesscity is a network of members to promote kindness in our world today and reach out to the poor and needy enabling them to have dignity, life and education. Please visit the site and be an active member of this network.

Fr George Fernandes from Kalinga Nagar dropped in on his way to Dhanbad, and as usual, he used this occasion to get a free haircut!!!

Jesu Bhavan – Mango

Eric Cassel

Out on Hospital Experience

Escorted by Novice Master, **Fr James Kalapura**, six Second Year Novices travelled on 19 February by the Steel City Express to Howrah for their month-long-Hospital Experience with the MC Christian Brothers. Two of the novices, **Anit** and **Ashish**, got off at Kharagpur, the others – **Anmol**, **Deepen**, **Sunil** and **Roshan** – proceeded to Howrah where they were met by the Christian Brothers and taken to their respective Centres. On 22 February, two First Year Novices, **Sanjit** and **Rahul**, accompanied by Regent **David Kullu**, proceeded to Tundi by bus for their month-long Village Experience.

The Main Chapel at Jesu Bhawan is getting a facelift with much-needed repairs being carried out on the windows of the chapel. The facelift will also encompass a fresh coat of paint and, hopefully, a wall to wall carpet.

Fr James Bara is making his way back, slowly but surely, to playing the role of the Minister. He now flashes a *crore-pati* smile after Dr Warren worked on his dentures. **Fr Ajit** continues to extend valuable assistance with issues that **Fr James** finds difficult to handle.

It was a pleasant surprise to see **Fr Emile Coelho** back in JB after a long time. He was able to meet several of the Schols whom he had come across in his earlier stint at JB. He planned to stay for a month so that Dr Warren could attend to his dental problems. However, that plan has been put



Scholastics' Photo-time



Arun's Tender Coconut Treat



The Garden Speeches

on the back burner as it was too close to his recent heart surgery.

Accompanied by Fr Ajit, recently ordained **Deacon Prabhakar Oddipalli**, paid us a surprise visit at lunch and treated the JB Community to Butter Scotch ice cream to celebrate the occasion.

Upasana

Fr Joe Njara is hooked on Online Retreats. There was an online 8-day retreat for SJA Sisters from 28 January. For a change of taste, he conducted an Online Seminar on Mid Life Crisis from 24 to 28 February. For a change in tempo, he went Online on Spiritual Direction followed by one based on the 19th Annotation for a group of laypersons at the Jesuit Retreat House in Glasgow, England. 54 days in all – that started from 17 February and is scheduled for Saturdays.

Upasana once again turned out to be a hot spot for the 14 Scholastics already based here with online classes since the lockdown, three Scholastics based in XITE with a singleton in Loyola Niwas and 13 Regents—as far as away as Bhubaneswar and as close as Loyola College of Education, Telco—for their Monthly Recollection. **Fr Mukti Clarence** guided them through the weekend on the theme of “**To See All Things New in Christ**” which entails carrying a tool kit

Humility
Efficacy
Resilience
Optimism

To assist him for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Senior Fathers

based in JB—**Frs Eric Cassel** and **James Bara**, and **Joe Njara** in Upasana—were available. Allow the pictures accompanying this write up to do the talking.

Two Scholastics—our two firebrand basketball players **Mukesh Xess** and **Tez Kumar Kullu**—left for Ahmedabad to continue their offline College studies disrupted by the Covid lockdown.

Just when we thought the coconut season was over, **Sch Arun Prasath** made one more grand

attempt of climbing up some 5 coconut trees in his inimitable style. He chopped down all the tender coconuts, some 150 plus, providing the community with a drink that was so refreshing and with slices of tender coconut that melted in one's mouth!

Jilling Speech Contest

The Novices—both First and Second Years—attempted to put into words—their own words—what touched them most over the past months. We had them deliver their pieces in Jesu Bhawan garden under a clear blue sky. It

was videotaped. The recording was given to our three Scholastics studying Theology—**Cajetan A, Sanjivan Tirkey** and **Cyprian Soreng** to pick out the best 3 in each year based on written content, delivery that included intonation, eye contact, gestures, and conviction. For a first of its kind in a long time, it was mind-blowing. Among the First Years, the top three were **Kamal Kerketta, Akhilesh Palhe** and **Rohit Nag** and, from the Second Years: **Roshan Kerketta, Deepen Kerketta** and **Ashish Tete**.

Jilling

Sylvester Ekka

At last, the schools re-opened in West Bengal for 9th and 10th standard only from 12 February. The Department of Education has issued '*Covid-19 General Guidelines on Reopening of Schools*' for compliance. So, before reopening, the school campus and all the classrooms were cleaned well and sanitized. It has been, since then, a daily ritual to follow certain protocols like wearing masks, keeping

physical distance, using sanitiser at regular intervals during school hour. It is a harrowing experience for students and teachers as well for none of them follow any of these rules outside school hours, neither in their locality nor in public places. With hostels, being closed, half of the students are not able to attend classes. There is, however, a short class-note sent daily by the teachers through WhatsApp for all students from

LKG to 10th standard.

The community had a marathon four-hour budget meeting on 21 February. We are clueless about the return of students in the school and hostel yet counted heads for the sake of budget with hope for a good time to return. The boundary wall for the girls' hostel is completed. The blessing of Jesuit residence and Girls' hostel is in the offing.

Loyola School –JSR

Dayanidhi Bisoi

With 'Online' and 'offline' becoming the lingua franca of the current time, the Senior School Tenth and Twelfth standard students sat for offline exams for the first time after a gap of nine months. As it was the admission time, **Fr Pius Fernandes** went through the strenuous tasks of LKG admissions and interviews of the parents and students.

The Hindi School tenth standard students have been attending regular classes. They joined the Staff for a picnic at Dimna Lake. There was a change of guards in Hindi School and JYOTI. The Hindi School Staff and students organized a short farewell and welcome program for **Fr Dayanidhi** and **Fr C.G.Thomas** respectively. **Fr Dayanidhi** handed over the rein

of JYOTI in front of Moderators of 19 Schools in a short program held in Joseph's Hall. We wish all the best to **Fr C.G.Thomas**.

Fr K.M. Joseph organized a novena to Infant Jesus followed by the celebration of Parish Feast on 14 February. Bishop Telesphore Bilung, SVD came to the Parish for a pastoral visit. A large number

of parishioners attended the Holy Eucharist Celebration in Fasy

Auditorium. **Br Benjamin Ekka** had a successful cataract operation

and he has begun to feel normal within a few days.

XITE Gamharia

Hilary Lobo

Community

Fr Savari was admitted to Mercy Hospital on 1 February with severe pain in the stomach. He is hale and hearty now after his successful treatment by the renowned Urologist Dr Harpreet. On 9 February, a community meeting was held to discuss the community budget and SOPs for the college hostel.

Fr Mukti attended the Young Priests Meet at Jesus Bhavan, Mango from 5–7 February. Further, he made himself available willingly to conduct the scholastics' recollection on 20 – 21 February at Jesu Bhawan. With the right earnestness and determination, **Fr Mukti** re-launched the Spoken English Classes at XTC from 1 February 2021. As of now, there are 30 students divided into two batches who are undergoing vigorous spoken English Classes. **Fr Kuru**, the CRI President, convened the Diocesan Annual CRI Meeting on 13–14 February at Catholic Charities, Sundernagar.

On 14 February, **Frs Savari, Francis** and **Br Amal** represented the community at the triple celebration of **Br Francis Tiru's** Diamond Jubilee in the Society, the Silver Jubilee of the priesthood of **Fr Joe Anthony** and the inauguration of Jesuit Residence and Boys Hostel, in Baripada.

On 23 February, the community bid a touching farewell to Scholastics **Anuranjan, Bikant** and **Alok** who left XITE after 8 months stay



due to the Covid19 pandemic for Ahmadabad to continue their college studies. In their leave-taking, they expressed that they were made to feel welcome and hospitable, a part of the community and not just guests, comfortable and supportive, adjustable and caring. Their friendly presence, in turn, brought a new synergy by their generous contribution to the liturgy in the community and XITE Mass Centre, availability to school and college programmes, housekeeping and general cleanliness. It was indeed a blessing to have them with us.

School

The Staff Club organised a get-together for all members on 6 February 2021. They spent the day displaying their hidden talents on stage. They had a sumptuous lunch after the entertainment programme. The Xavier Alumni Association, Gamharia organised a blood donation camp on 30 January and collected 35 units



of blood. The Alumni and the moderator of XAAG were very active in organising the camp. The Pre-Board examination for std X was held offline mode from 8 February and the final examination for KG to Std IX was held online from 8 February. N.C.C cadets had a special class to prepare them for the A certificate examination and the examination was held on 26 February. Three teachers attended the online training programme organised by the Council.

College

On 6 February, some of the students and faculty attended the 28th JRD Tata Oration on Business Ethics '*China the Emerging Superpower: The Ethical Underpinnings*'. The resource person for the oration was Fr (Dr) Stephan Rothlin SJ, a Swiss Jesuit who has been working in China for the last 22 years. The input session was well appreciated.

On 17 February, the local SDM and along with District Education Officer (DEO) inspected the College as per the direction of the MHRD.

On 21 February, the College organised an Alumni steering committee meeting towards the formation of the alumni association. Once again, Mr Rajiv Talwar joined the meeting as the resource person. On the same day, **Fr Francis** attended the East Singhbhum Basketball competition as a guest of honour.

ODISHA AREA

Kalinganagar

Pascal Burh

From 2 to 4 February, **Fr George Fernandes** and **Fr Pascal Burh** were on the tour of Kandhmal mission centres. Starting from Minjaponka, their last visit was in Pajikeri. All these days, they stayed in the Tumudibandha community and enjoyed their hospitality and companionship for two days. **Fr George Fernandes** visited all these places, as a Revisor and **Fr Pascal Burh** accompanied him to see them all as a maiden visitor. **Fr George Anthony**, the mission superior also was with them as a guardian angel. **Fr Pascal Burh** exclaimed, "For me, it was an opportunity to see all these mission areas for the first time and was really a great and awesome experience, and at the same time an eye-opener too."

On 12 February, there was a meeting held in the school hall, mainly for the people of Gobarghati colony, our close neighbours, aka DP (displaced people), since they have been housed by TATA STEEL, Kalinganagar. Two representatives from TATA STEEL Kalinganagar too were present

in this meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to convince and encourage the people of this colony to send their children to our school for their studies because TATA STEEL Kalinganagar is ready to provide all sorts of facilities for them. All three of us along with two teaching staffs from our school addressed them telling them about our mission and vision. **Fr Pascal** briefed them in 'Ho' because most of them belong to the Ho community.

On 14 February, all of us went to Baripada, Sankhabhanga, to witness the jubilee celebration of **Br Francis Tiru** (platinum jubilee) and **Joe Anthony**, 25 years as a priest. It was also the day of the inaugurations of the hostel building and the blessing of the Jesuit residence and the grotto. On the same day, after the programs, **Fr Charlie Pereira** from Tangrain and **Br Damian Jojo SVD** came to Kalinganagar to be our special guests. We were very happy to have them in our community. Their stay was extended to 15 February because of the nation-wide band.

On 16 February they left for their respective places.

On 19 February, the 2nd parents' meeting was held in the school hall with the same purpose, namely, to enlighten them all about our mission and works here in Kalinganagar. This time a lot of sharing and interactions took place in the meeting, related to the problems of their children, studies and the conveyances. On 20 February, **Fr George Fernandes** and **Fr Jaison** were on move again and went to Jamshedpur. From there, **Fr George Fernandes** was on the road again and went to Dhanbad to attend the marriage ceremony of the daughter of Mrs Tanushree Banerjee, the Principal of DNS Koradih. **Fr Jaison** was there to consult the doctor for his continued eye problem. On 23 February, they both came back here bringing along with them varieties of flower plants. In their absence, **Fr Pascal Burh** was holding the fort all alone and guarding the house.

Loyola Bhavan – Bhubaneswar

George Anthony

Our Minister and Treasurer, **Biranchi Soreng**, finally began his PG Economics Exam and is buried in books seriously studying besides welcoming guests cheerfully. He took special care of the sick Jesuits who spent time

recuperating in Loyola Bhavan. The Community members gathered on the 12 February, for the Community meeting and seriously deliberated on the Memoriale and the Budget which was presented by Biranchi.

HLC Programmes have begun with the necessary permission for which **Sch Jubin** had to make many trips to the Bhubaneswar–Cuttack Police Commissionerate and finally succeeded. Flyers in the newspapers are already in

circulation. We wish **Bipin** and **Jubin** all the best for the future programmes in HLC.

Fr Joe Kalathil carries on his Mission in empowering the poor in Puri. His online Lecture last month on Building Peace and Reconciliation had a good response, building new contacts. Special thanks to Digital Jesuits (**Jubin**) partnering with XUB.

With **Gerald Ravi** making a surprise visit to Loyola Bhavan when he accompanied **Alwyn** to XUB, Bhubaneswar from

Jamshedpur, **Br Tony Stevens** found his gift of speech and was seen in good humour and cheer during **Gerry's** brief stay. We welcome more visits from **Gerry!!!** Our Clean House Library bears testimony to **Tony's** silent hard work. All are welcome to explore the treasures of the knowledge hidden in the books.

George accompanied the Revisor and Fr Provincial during their visit to Kandhamal Jesuit Communities wherein on 18 February, Fr Siji Chacko, SJ, Director-CDO, JCSA addressed the 15 Jesuits gathered

in OCI, Tumdibandha on the Role and function of CDPO Office and the Migrant Ministry (MAIN). Special thanks to **Fr Tony Uvari**, V.C, XUB and **Fr Joshy** who took care of all the logistics of stay and travel of Siji and his Assistant, Ms Surabhi on their maiden visit to Bhubaneswar and Kandhamal. **George** managed to round off all the VRO engagements especially with the 71 Ex-Trainees securing their USHA Intl Sewing and Design Diplomas in North and South Odisha which they received after a year gap, thanks to COVID Pandemic!

Loyola School – Bhubaneswar

Gilbert Menezes

February is the month of birthdays in the community. The Principal, **Fr Victor** gave a call to all the staff members to come and join us for "Hi-tea" on 8 February for a combined celebration of the birthdays of **Frs Gilbert, Alex and Victor**.

The school began Pre-board ICSC and ISC exams on 17 February. This time the X and XII students came to school to write the exams. Similarly, the students of

IX and XI came to school to write their annual exams which started on 22 February. All the other classes' students wrote their annual exams online starting on the same date.

After receiving the green signal the Odia School started classes for Class X on 11 January and for Class IX on 8 February. The State Education Department announced the mock board exams for Class X starting from 25 – 28 February.

On 14 February the community members went to Baripada to join their extended community members in celebrating the jubilees of **Br Francis Tiru** and **Fr Joe Anthony** as well as for the inauguration of the new boy's hostel and Jesuit residence buildings. **Fr Alex** went to Kolkata on 24 February for the revisor's work of the Calcutta Province.

Minjaponka

Isidore Minj

The arrival of the Lenten Season has made the faith-life of our faithful more alive and active. Covid19 Pandemic has made us find new ways of doing pastoral activities in the parish. Following the covid guidelines, we had two feast day celebrations: one, the conversion of St Paul on 25 January, and the other, Our Lady of

Pahadima on 5 February. The feast of the conversion of St Paul is a feast for three villages (Horoguda, Panguda and Budaripi), but many people from the nearby villages came. And the feast of Our Lady of Pahadima (Our lady of Lourdes) is a feast for five villages (Pahadima, Burunguda, Bhaliponk, Katerpaj and Kutama), but people from

other villages of the parish and also from nearby parishes came. We were graced by two important visitors to our community. The first was the Revisor, **Fr George Fernandes**, accompanied by **George Antony**, the Delegate, on 2 February. And the second was our Provincial, **Jerry Cutinha**, who was accompanied by

Fr Manohar Kindo and **Fr George Antony**, the Delegate, on 15 February. Fr Provincial came for

the annual visitation. We also had the first Kandhamal Jesuits meet of the year, on 18 February

at Tumudibandha, addressed by Fr Siji, the CDO and **Fr Jerry**, the Provincial.

Rutungia

Romanus Kerketta

Classes for IX and X have reopened and rigorous regular classes are going on with Covid-19 SOP. Everyday class activity update is submitted to the Block Education Office. Mr Jose from Bhubaneswar came on 12 February and installed three street solar lights, thanks to XUB. **Frs Arockia** and **Joshy** along with two professors and two students came on 14 February. They conducted a motivational program for the students on 15 February and provided some study materials. We thank XCI (Xavier Council of Innovation). School also held a PTA meeting on 15 February to inform the parents about the activities in the school and get their suggestions for betterment. **Manohar Kindo** was welcomed and introduced as the new hostel in-charge on 19 February in the hostel study hall in a sweet and short felicitation program.

On Ash Wednesday, Holy Mass was



celebrated at two places, Kilukupa and Rutungia. Holy childhood was celebrated at two places, one at Killukupa on 13 February and another at Rutungia on 20 February. More than 100 children took part in the celebration and got inspired by one another and

surely by Jesus. *Chetna* class was held at Kanjumaha Mandali on 24 February after a long gap due to lockdown and on the same day, five mothers took part in a leadership program at Pastoral Center, K. Nuagam organized by the Diocesan Women Commission. Mothers who participated in the program were enlightened and empowered about women's right, role and responsibilities in society and the Church.

Fr Jerry, the Provincial, came to Rutungia on 16 February for visitation accompanied by the delegate **Fr George** and our new community member **Manohar Kindo**. Revisor **George Fernandes** and the delegate **George Anthony** had visited the Mission on 2 February as a preparation for the Provincial's visit. All the community members attended the all Kandhamal Jesuits meeting at Tumudibandha on 18 February where the input was given by CDO, Fr Siji.

Sankhabhanga

Akhilesh Kumar

Always it takes time to bring out the best and finally we have got the best residence, hostel building, multipurpose hall and grotto on our campus. Now the campus is elevated to a new height. We had a triple celebration on 14 February: inauguration of new community building, hostel building, primary



section, multipurpose hall and installation of Grotto.

As it is said life is a long journey of jubilee, we celebrated the jubilee of two of our twinkling stars, **Br Francis Tirru** (Diamond Jubilee) and **Fr Joseph Anthony** (Silver Jubilee). On this occasion we had

many esteemed guests, family members of **Br Francis** and **Fr Joe** and many religious from near and far. All those who visited felt it was worth visiting.

The day began with the Holy Eucharistic celebration followed by the inauguration and blessing of all the buildings by the present and former Provincials and installation



of the Grotto by Fr Isaac, the Administrator of Balasore Diocese. We had a cultural program where we honoured our Jubilarians, esteemed guests, architect, Br Damian SVD and contractor, Mr Rajesh. All the teaching and non-teaching staff and the children staying in the hostel participated and made the day memorable.

Tangrain

Amit Lakra

26 January, **Fr Amit** went to Kalijharan to preside over (as the chief guest) for the Foundation Day Celebration, and he came back the following day. Later, on 13 February, **Fr Charlie** went to Baripada for the inauguration of the Hostel building and Jesuit Residence. He was happy to hear the impressive sharing of **Br Francis Tiru**. The event seems to have meticulously planned and executed. After the program, **Fr Charlie** was supposed to be back home on 15 February but due to *Bharat Band* on that day he came back on 16 February.

16 February 2021 was an important day for the Tangrain mission as the *Daughters of the Cross* Sisters venture into the mission in collaboration with the Jesuits. The Sisters were given a grand welcome by the parishioners with traditional dance and music, all the way from Loyola Chauk. Along with the three pioneers, 11 sisters from St Joseph's Convent Hamirpur came to reach them and



wish them well for their service to the Tangrain mission. The three will render their service to three apostolates: one for pastoral, one for school and one as a nurse.

The next day 17 February was Ash Wednesday – the beginning of the holy season of Lent. We had 9 masses in villages and *mandlies* throughout the parish. We also had three evening masses in three different places so that more people could participate as they begin the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving – Lent.

On 23 February **Fr Charlie** went to Kalijharan at the request of **Fr Jerry**, the provincial, to study the progress and situation of the school building construction. On the same day, **Fr Amit** went to *Community Welfare Society (CWS) Hospital* to donate blood to one of our parishioners. He also keeps himself occupied in visiting people in the villages especially youth to gain their confidence that they are an integral part of

the parish and parish needs them.

Fr Augustine occupies himself with the schoolwork. From February, he has called the teachers to the school and keeps them busy with things like orientation, preparing the syllabus and making strategies for how to

go about helping students even though the school is unopened since the beginning of the lockdown. He frequently visits Block Office to get permission for the opening of the school.

Fr Cyril was extremely busy finalizing the accounts of the

parish and the community as the fiscal year comes to an end in March. He is preparing to go to Bhubaneswar (on 25 February) to meet **Fr George Anthony**, the superior of the house (Loyola Bhavan BBSR) as this news is being written.

Tumudibandha

Blacius Ekka

Community

Fr George Fernandes the Revisor for Odisha along with **Fr George Anthony**, the delegate were in both Pajikeri and Tumudibandha on 2 and 3 February respectively.

The budget meetings, together with the dependent community were held on 13 and 16 February. On the first day, the members discussed the major needs where an extraordinary budget would be required. On 16 February complete budgets were shared by the treasures and after discussing various budget heads the final draft was agreed upon by the community members.

18-19 February was set for the Visitation of the Provincial. The Odisha Delegate, **Fr George Anthony** accompanied the Provincial during this visitation. Since the Provincial gave time for two days, we had enough time for the manifestation of conscience as well as sharing on various issues related to community life and its mission. As it is said that the Visitation is a time of Grace, and by his unique approach, the Provincial put his best effort for the grace to happen. The community members could experience that. Thank you **Fr Provincial!** We will



CLs Training at Ora



ToT for Lok Manch staff at OCI Campus



Fr Siji addressing Kandhamal Jesuits



Fr Siji meeting Kandhamal Jesuits

give our best to implement your recommendations.

The second half on 18 February a meeting of Kandhamal Jesuits with Fr Siji, from CDO, Delhi in the presence of Fr Provincial & the Delegate was held. As it was his first visit to Kandhamal, Fr Siji wanted to listen to us more. Some of us shared the pertinent problems of the area like livelihood and survival, and how, using the facilities of Sahavikas for the whole of Kandhamal/Odisha programmes could be designed. We express our heartfelt thanks to Fr Siji for his painstaking trip and his morale-boosting support.

Fr Joshy, who accompanied Fr Siji on 18 February from Bhubaneswar to Kandhamal also, soon after the meeting, accompanied him back to Bhubaneswar.

Socio-pastoral

The Social Commission members of the Province had gathered in Loyola School, Jamshedpur on 5 February. **Blacius** with some Jesuit Pastors from Kandhamal also participated, as a process to have socio-pastoral collaboration in the ministry in the near future. Sahavikas was deliberated as to how the place could be utilized. The Provincial in his response,

showing us the vision statement formulated in 2014, and the strategies, delved into present gaps and re-envisioning if possible, taking into consideration the existing glitches. He emphasized the need for inter-ministerial cooperation and collaboration.

Blacius attended a programme on 6-7 February in Jharna, Ranchi on "*Liberation Theology: Rereading for Our Times*". A mixture of young and veteran Jesuits from Central Zone, and some others who have been inspired by social workers, participated. With some inputs by Fr P.R. John, the Principal of Vidya Jyoti, Delhi there were interactive sessions. The focus was on how we contextualize liberation theology to our times and places.

OCI

OCI conducted ToT for the staff on 20 February. The resource



CDO team with Kandhamal Jesuits

person Mr Jaison taking the topic "Fundamental Rights" for conducting the programme, dealt efficiently with techniques on how to draw attention from the village level participants in meetings/trainings. He shared with the group that knowledge on the subject matter given and the style/techniques of presentation both are important for driving home your point into the mind of the participants. The participatory training turned out to be joyful learning with full of enthusiasm for staff as the resource person presented some eye-opener examples, songs,

games and groups discussions and presentations.

OCI also conducted a training for the Community Leaders on "Safe Drinking Water" on 24 of February, an issue very relevant to the rural communities, especially during the coming summer season. During the training, a simple survey on the status of drinking water in rural Panchayats of Subarnagiri, Ora, Madguda and Sartul was presented. In the end, the CLs prepared an action plan that includes preparing an application and a team of selected CLs to meet the responsible agencies which are implementing the rural drinking water programme. They will press for their demand of providing safe drinking water facilities, before summer, where there are no drinking water resources.

XIMB

Arockia & Benjamin

On the official front, **Tony Uvari**, VC had frequented the secretariat to get the name of XUB to be changed into XIM University. The cabinet has given its green signal but waiting for the assembly to give its nod. After assiduous attempts, the fire department has given clearance for some of our buildings on the new campus. Clearance for other buildings is expected soon. Congrats **Tony Uvari** for your effort and pursuance! The university is grateful to two professors from St Xavier's College, Kolkata for mentoring us for the NAAC accreditation process. They spent two days at XUB helping

us in preparing the necessary documents.

We lost **Prof Dipak Mishra**, who had contracted COVID 19 in May 2020. Though he recovered from COVID 19 but due to other complications, he could not survive. A special prayer service was conducted for the repose of the souls of Prof. Dipak Mishra and Mr Santosh Pradhan who had died in September 2020 due to COVID 19.

SAMPARK an outreach program was organized by Xavier University and Xavier Council of Innovation for the 9th and 10th students of Rutungia and Pajikeri schools.

The students and the teachers expressed that they benefited a lot from the input sessions and were grateful for the gifts they received as part of the program. **Arock** and **Joshy** were part of the program along with two students, a professor and a nodal officer.

The Students Executive Council (SEC) has elected its new team members for the academic year 2021-22. The first-year students were briefed on the dos and don'ts by the Admin team of **Vatta** and **Arock**. The students are back on the campus, classes are going full swing and the students seem to be happy to be back.

We had an enjoyable community picnic after a long time on the first Sunday of the month in a water park near Puri. Some of us represented the jubilee celebration at Sankhabhanga. We celebrated **Arock's** birthday on 6 February. **Augustine Ezha** hosted a grand dinner for the city Jesuits on his birthday on 15 February. The community came together to discuss the community budget for the FY 2021-22. **Tony**

S had to rush home to render a helping hand to his father who is suffering from COVID19. **Tony's** sister, brother-in-law, nephew and brother-in-law's parents, who are also suffering from COVID 19, have been hospitalized. Please keep them in your prayers.

Abe attended Board meetings of XIME and the Convocation of XLRI. He also participated in the meeting of the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees of the Asian

Institute of Management, Manila. **Raj** and **Vatta** went for a pastoral visit to Kendrapara. **Kiran** came back after spending a few weeks in his Province collecting data for his thesis. He hopes to submit his thesis soon.

As usual, we had entertained some guests in our community. **George Fernandes, Pascal, Blacius Ekka, Tony John, Siji** (CDO, JCSA) and **George Anthony** were the guests in Xavier Residence.

FORMATION HOUSES

Loyola Sadan, Lucknow

Sujit Minz

The month of February was a blessing for us to experience different situations. In this month we were quite relaxed. Ample opportunities were provided to exercise our creative minds in writings, artworks and programs. Preparations are in progress to stage different events every month. On 7 February Fr William D'Souza was hospitalized due to a lung infection. He was in I.C.U.

for a few days. On 16 February he was discharged and now he is recuperating well. On Ash Wednesday we had a solemn mass presided over by Fr Christopher Kandulna, the Master. Nearby religious communities joined us for the ceremony. On that day we had a day of recollection based on "the reality of death." It was a fruitful time for us to look into our fallen nature and to resolve to

amend our lives. Fr Nicholas, the Socius had gone to Delhi for the budget meeting. The community was visited by many Jesuits namely Frs Joseph Sebastian, Rajesh Bhaju and Edward Dungdung (Patna PCF); their presence enhanced our lives in various ways. A few of the novices were happy to donate blood for the needy.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

ACROSS THE BRIDGE

05 February	Mr Dennis Fernandes, Uncle of Fr Vinod Fernandes SJ	
17 February	Fr Vasco de Rego, SJ	(GOA 96/75)
20 February	Fr Anthony Doongdung, SJ	(RAN 87/63)
22 February	Fr John Vattanky, SJ	(KER 89/70)
27 February	Bishop Linus Gomes, SJ	(CAL 99/78)
28 February	Fr Oscar Rozario, SJ	(BOM 78/63)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

11-03-2019	Fr Emmanuel J. Parappuram
13-03-1986	Fr Leon A. Foster
13-03-2017	Fr Joseph Currie
26-03-2005	Fr Bernard C. O'Leary
28-03-1998	Fr William Moran

BIRTHDAYS OF MARCH

5	Swethan T
7	Rockey Mallick
10	Pascal Dhanwar
12	Paul Julian Ekka
13	A. Pawan Toppo
18	Anthony Stevens

18	Cyril Tigga
26	Biranchi Soreng
28	Bernard Bodra
28	Sujit Minz
29	Jerome Kerketta
30	Alexander Misquith



**THE POPE'S
PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

**MARCH
2021**



Sacrament of Reconciliation



**Pope's Worldwide
Prayer Network**



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