



### GENERAL APPOINTS

**Fr. Agnelo Mascarenhas (GOA)** Provincial of Pune Province.

### PROVINCIAL APPOINTS

**Fr. John Ariapilly** as Co-pastor at St. Xavier's, Jaipur with effect from Dec 7, 2020.

### Please Note

**Sch. Devadoss and Sch. Denis Kumar** have applied for Diaconate. Anyone who has information for a better understanding of Deva and Denis kindly inform Fr. Provincial by Nov 15, 2020.

### PROVINCIAL'S NOV PROGRAM

- 19-22 Visitation Nevta
- 23-26 Visitation C Scheme
- 27-29 Visitation Mahwa
- 30 Guwahati

### PROVINCIAL'S DEC PROGRAM

- 01 Blessing a new house in Assam
- 02 Visiting Jakhama
- 05 Back in Delhi

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Fr. Shekhar, Fr. Pradeep and Fr. Britto pronounced their Final Vows on Oct 18, 2020 at NRC Chapel in the presence of about 50 Delhi Jesuits.**

### SAHAYOG

**Fr. Tom Perumalil (PAT)** arrived here on Oct 3 and accompanied by **Fr. Arun Panackal** and **Fr. Tony Andrade**, left for Jhajjar on 5<sup>th</sup> and was installed by Provincial **Fr. Soosai Mani** as In-charge of Jesuit Community there on 8<sup>th</sup>. **Fr.**

**Tony Andrade** had arrived earlier on 4<sup>th</sup> and left for his destination, namely, DNC Pune, on 16<sup>th</sup>. **Fr. Mathew** directed the retreat of Frs. Britto, Pradeep and Shekhar from 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> prior to their Final Vows. Due to loss of appetite and persistent cough **Fr. P.T. Augustine** was admitted to HFH on 7<sup>th</sup>. Next day **Fr. T.K. John** was discharged from HFH but remained in the NRC quarantine ward for a while. **Fr. Tony Chelakat** continued to remain in the NRC quarantine ward even after the completion of the stipulated period to give company to **Fr. Mani Nedumattam** till the arrival of **Fr. T.K. John** on 8<sup>th</sup>. On 12<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Mani** was freed from the quarantine but preferred to remain there to console his fellow parishioner and school mate **Fr. T.K.** with his ever smiling presence. However **Mani** left for Jaipur on 16<sup>th</sup> along with **Fr. Augustine Perumalil** who came here for the consult and **Fr. T.K.** moved to his own room and joined the community. On 21<sup>st</sup> **Fr. P.T. Augustine** was discharged from the HFH. On the same day **Fr. Sebastian Jeera** returned from home. After eleven years **Fr. Tony C.** made a visit to Shahbad community which extended a warm welcome to him. After completing his massage by **PHI Mr. Bejoy**, **Tony** has all his limbs blessed with greater mobility and strength so much so that he is ready to take up not only *kurpi* but also spade and pickaxe! He returned to Jaipur on 30<sup>th</sup> along with Provincial **Fr. Soosai Mani** who went there to attend Management Committee Meeting of our Colleges. To escape from the bitter cold of Delhi in winter **Fr. Alex Chinna** left on 31<sup>st</sup> for St. Mary's School, Dindigul. His birthday was anticipated and celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> in the company of the campus Jesuits. On the feast of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Sahayog hosted an at home for our three musketeers – Brothers **Ittoop Pallipadan**, **John Purackal** and **Gyan Prakash**. Will their tribe increase!

*Mathew*

## ST. XAVIER'S, BHIWADI

**Community:** In the community all of us are enjoying good health by the grace of god. We attended an international webinar on 'Systems of Education Around the Globe - A Critical Appraisal', organized by St. Ignatius College of Education and St. Xavier's college (Autonomous), Palayamkottai. It helped us to get adequate knowledge about the education systems of other countries. The unjust implication and arrest of Fr. Stan Swamy has shaken not only Jesuits but also the people of our country who uphold justice and harmony. **Fr Glenn** brought greater awareness about this Jesuit with various activities in the community. We offered a special mass for him and we continue to remember him in our daily prayers. On Oct 8, **Fr Amalraj** joined a zoom session with Fr General along with vocation promoters of the universal Society which he treated as a blessing and grace.

**School:** In the school lots of academic activities took place in Oct like virtual Gandhi Jayanti celebration. The answer sheets of Half Yearly Exam were collected and evaluated in due time. All the parents were very cooperative to personally come and submit the answer sheets according to the allotted days and timing. On 16<sup>th</sup> our Coordinating Committee under the guidance of **Fr Sangeeth** organized a webinar on NEP 2020. Fr. John Ravi was the chief speaker of the session who made us understand the various facets of the new policy. He evoked many responses from all the participants.

**Parish:** We resumed the Sunday mass on Sundays but with a limited number of people observing all safety conditions. **Fr Sebastian** plans to carry out the parish activities in an organized way ensuring safe participation of the faithful.

**Maria Sadan:** All the candidates are busy attending online classes. Fr. Amalraj constantly help them in their academics as well as spiritual life. **Sch. Nitish** took a few classes on discipline and study methods. In order to give an exposure to our candidates we had a short visit to Dharuhera Parish with all precautions. We spent some time with Fr. Mathew in that safe environment. It was an inspiring moment to be with him and to see his mission over there.

*Nitish*



## ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR

**College:** On Oct 2, the Dept of English celebrated Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti and International Day of Non-violence through an online event 'Remembrances: A Lens to our Past'. The audience took the Swachhta Pledge which was led by Principal **Fr. Rex Angelo** as part of our responsibility to keep our environment hygienic and healthy. The Virtual Tour of Sabarmati Ashram was the highlight of the day. On the occasion of the 151<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Dept of Political Science, under the aegis of IQAC, organised a national webinar on "Gandhi and the Contemporary World: Identifying the Connect". The event was held on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Resource Person Dr. Radha Kumari outlined the relevance of Gandhi in the contemporary world and emphasized the need to emulate his principles in our lives. On 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Management Dept and E-Cell, organized a virtual lecture by an industry expert on "Analytics as a Market Differentiator." The topic was chosen to update management students on recent developments and trends in the corporate world. A national webinar on the topic "Skills for Future Career" was organized by the Dept of Management and E-Cell on 7<sup>th</sup>. Guest Speaker Dr. Upasana Singh focused on the emerging areas in the professional world and also on the emerging uncertainties of the corporate sector. The newly formed Eco-Friendly Club organized an Orientation Program on 8<sup>th</sup> through the virtual platform where students were guided about the benefits of becoming the members of the Club and were enlightened on the issues of Waste Management. This Club aims at sensitizing the students towards nature and safekeeping of the environment. Ms. Swati Singh Sambhyal, a specialist in Waste Management and member UN-HABITAT, shared her insights on waste management, challenges and the best practices adopted by various cities and states across India. On 9<sup>th</sup>, the Dept of Economics and Psychology organized an interactive session online to observe World Mental Health Day. With the theme 'Mental Health for All', the event was graced by Eminent Clinical Psychologist Ms. Pradnya Deshpande. The session invited students to submit their emotional problems anonymously and provided them a forum to discuss those problems with a mental health professional. More than 100 students submitted the issues faced by them anonymously; some of the common problems discussed in the session included anger management, generation gap,

relationship and family concerns, as well as issues of insecurity. The students and faculty of the Dept of Computer Science were introduced to behind-the-scene corporate culture during a webinar on 9<sup>th</sup>. A guest lecture on Cloud Collaboration Tools was also delivered by Mr. Vipin Jain, the Quality Assurance Head, Metacube. He introduced the students to different kinds of projects, their key clientele, and elaborated on the software used by such organizations. The College celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of Fr. Rex Angelo with a cake cutting ceremony on 12<sup>th</sup>. On 13<sup>th</sup>, the Research Project Committee organized an Orientation Program to open new frontiers towards research-based activities in the College in order to promote research among students. The program was initiated by Fr. Rex Angelo who motivated the students to engage themselves in meaningful and useful research in the present competitive world. To mark the International E-Waste Day, a webinar was organized by the Dept of Computer Science in collaboration with Eco Friendly Club and Swachhta Action Plan on 14<sup>th</sup>, and stressed the urgency and need for adopting environment friendly e-waste recycling practices in our College and the society. A competition was arranged to bring out innovative ideas of the youth through presentations and short videos that would help us recycle and reduce e-waste easily and more efficiently. Keynote Speaker Ms. Reena Singh, advocate, Supreme Court of India, informed us about the laws for managing e-waste that have been put in place by the Government of India. On 15<sup>th</sup>, the Dept of Management and E-cell organized an alumni interaction on 'International Education: Experiences and Engagement on a Foreign Land'. The speaker of the session was Mr. Devendra Singh of 2017 batch; his valuable insights and experiences helped students to clear doubts related to seeking admission and planning for future career opportunities in foreign universities. On 16<sup>th</sup>, the Innovation & Incubation Cell & E-cell organized an orientation to provide a learning platform for the budding entrepreneurs of the College. The cell organized a collaborative orientation program of Innovation & Incubation Cell & E-Cell of the Department of Business Administration. The event was open to all students of St Xavier's College, Jaipur. To focus on "Business Incubation and Entrepreneurship," an expert session was organized in which the speaker was Dr. Ranju Mehta, National Director, 'I create India'. On 16<sup>th</sup>, all the Staff and Management of the College came together to

organize a rally in front of the College in support of the immediate release of Fr. Stan Swamy. On the same day, the Dept of Economics and Psychology, in collaboration with Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics organized a webinar on "India's middle class - how many are they, who are they?" Resource Person Dr. Sandhya Krishnan of Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics, Mumbai emphasized on the rise of "new" Indian middle class. She shared her research on the middle class for the duration of 1999-00 to 2011-12. Inka 2020, the annual literary fest organized by the Dept of English, with the theme 'Phantasia: Infinity & Beyond' was held on 20<sup>th</sup>. On 19<sup>th</sup>, the inaugural session was held during which Head of the Dept Dr. Atiqa Kelsy elaborated on the theme and need of Inka 2020. It was followed by blessings by **Fr. Varkey, Fr. Sherry and Fr. Raymond**. Fr. Rex Angelo emphasized on the need for optimism and underlined the significance of literature in uniting people and blessed the students for their endeavour. The Dept of English, in collaboration with its social initiative partner – 'All About Happiness Foundation', coordinated a social drive titled "Syaahi" and visited the 'Hindu Anath Aashram' to share a meal with the poor children to celebrate the spirit of the fest. On 20<sup>th</sup> the major events of Inka '20 were held in which over 200 students contested in 5 events. The Author's Session was organized with Julian Peters, a comic-book artist and illustrator of Modern Poetry from Montreal, Canada. On 22<sup>nd</sup>, an interactive session was organized by the Dept of Commerce as an online Alumni Talk Show: Life with a bucket list. The guest speaker of the session was Mr. Rajat Dangayach of 2014 batch, Deputy Manager at HDFC. The participants went down the memory lane to share experiences laced with nostalgia on how St. Xavier's College groomed them in academics and also inculcated values that helped cement their successful careers.

*Rex*

**School:** There was a flurry of activities in October as the half-yearly exams were looming over. The registration of Classes 9-12 with CBSE continued even in October. The PA to the Principal had a tough time convincing the parents that the proposal of the numerologist who advised them to add one letter in the name of their ward to augur luck would not be easily accepted by the Board as the nomenclature wouldn't tally with the one with which they had registered earlier. The sesquicentenary birth anniversary of Gandhiji was



celebrated in a befitting fashion. Classes vied with one another in amplifying the Gandhian principles in a creative and effective manner. The sports department, meanwhile, had prepared various classes to participate in the Fit India Campaign by running with the motto "Running: The human body's most raw form of FREEDOM." Thus almost 1500 students participated in their own environs at various times in clocking collectively 2150 kms. As part of the Jan Andolan campaign on Covid-19, every student took a pledge to abide by Covid-appropriate behavior. 'Manodarpan,' celebration of Mental Health Week (Oct 4-10) included storytelling by teachers highlighting different components of mental wellbeing. Poster making and writing slogans by students to create awareness on mental wellbeing was also done. On the first day of the Vigilance Week (Oct 27) Integrity Pledge was taken and teachers were engaged in giving talks on Vigilant India, Prosperous India by emphasizing the pivotal point of honesty. Eat-Right Creativity Challenge, sponsored by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, was organised to promote healthy dietary habits among children. Accordingly, Classes 3-8 were given poster making and Classes 9-12 photography contest. October also is celebrated as the Cyber-Security-Awareness month to educate the public and to increase cyber resilience of the nation. From Classes 6-10 five best entries were sent for the INSPIRE-MANAK award by the Dept of Science and Technology to bring to the fore the innovative ideas of the students for the welfare of the public. In JEE and NEET our students came out with flying colours. In the NEET one secured 150th rank pan India amidst lakhs of contestants. The half-yearly exams were conducted by the 2nd week of Oct, which was followed by Pooja Holidays. Mrs. Pinky Singh, PRT, attained superannuation by the end of Oct after decades of yeoman service in Xavier's. The NCC achieved a hat trick as our NCC cadets are selected from Rajasthan for the past 3 years for the prestigious Republic Day parade at Rajpath, Delhi. Requests are pouring from the alumni to let them use the grounds & sports complex for exercise but the Principal has held the cards close to his chest.

*Sobin*

**Parish:** St. Xavier's Church remained closed till mid-Oct as seven of the Jesuits were tested positive for Covid-19 during Sept. Before the suspension of the services at the beginning of Sept, there were regular Masses on Sunday

mornings and evenings. About thirty to forty people used to attend the morning Mass but for the evening Mass the attendance was thin with only a handful attending it. After six weeks of total shutdown, the Church was reopened for public worship on Mission Sunday. Around 35 to 40 faithful participated in the Mass on the reopening day. Two marriages also were solemnized in the presence of a restricted number of relatives. Since all the public places like theatre, supermarket, mall, etc., were opened, there was a circular from the Bishop of Jaipur requesting the parish priests of the city parishes to restart Masses for the faithful on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening while keeping in mind the SOPs of Covid protocol. Accordingly, St. Xavier's Church had two Masses: one in English at 8.30 am and the other in Hindi at 10.00 am. As per the direction of the Local Ordinary, Oct 31 was celebrated as 'A Day of Thanksgiving marking the closing the Month of the Rosary with a 12-hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. People came in small groups to worship and thank the Almighty. It may take a while for the faithful to come back to normal collective worship after getting used to virtual Masses on mobile or on TV for the past many months. The main challenge before the parish priests in the months to come will be to reignite the thirst for the Divine through communal worship by way of participation and celebration of the sacraments as local Ecclesia.

*Varkey*

### ST. XAVIER'S, MAHWA

**School:** In October besides the regular online classes, cleaning of the campus and septic tank was done under the leadership of Administrator **Fr. Jose Kuriakose** and Principal **Fr. Jugal Kindo**. The offices and other important rooms were fumigated since our supporting staff have started reporting regularly. Oct 26 was a red letter day in the annals of St. Xavier's Mahwa; for on this day the School got affiliated to CBSE. We are grateful to God and to so many people especially Fr. Kishor (Jaipur Diocese), Mr. James Barrey, Mr. Elvino and Mr. Hemant (Behror). The relaxation given by the High Court helped the School to collect some fees but now it has been stalled. This is going to affect us further financially. St. Xavier's C-Scheme has generously donated a few cyclestands and a wheel barrow cart. Gratias! The Governing Body decided to

discontinue with the services of NISA Security Services and to employ another company for the security purpose. The scrutiny is on.

**Community:** On 21<sup>st</sup> late in the evening, Fr. Jugal received news that his oldest brother-in-law was very serious. So Jugal went home on 22<sup>nd</sup> to be with his sister and family and also to meet his ailing aged mother. After experiencing the bumper crop of mustard last year it was decided to cultivate the same in the plot that is not used for any purpose. We have also planted a lot of vegetables. **Sch. Sasi** keeps himself busy with his online classes and assignments. On 26<sup>th</sup> we had an unusual visitor in the person of IG Biju G. Jose (Surveillance) who Spent some time with us and moved on to Karauli. Our cook Mr. Joseph who was quarantined within the campus has resumed his duty.

*Ruben*

### ST. XAVIER'S, NEVTA

**Community:** Fr. Tony Andrade after spending three months and a week with us moved on to Delhi and then to Pune. Fr. Jeba completed his final year exam successfully on Oct 7. On 8<sup>th</sup> we had a combined community meeting wherein, in the context of Corona conundrum, everyone shared how each one is firmly growing in faith by expressing solidarity with the humanity. Fr. Jeba made a short visit to home to be with aged father. Fr. Ravi and his team went to Mahwa to help out regarding CBSE affiliation. Fr. Jijimon and Sch. Sangam participated actively in the final vows program in Delhi. On 13<sup>th</sup> Fr. Arok gave a short session for the co-workers to motivate them in their spirit of commitment and discipline. They were also encouraged to be active through games and sports during their lunch breaks. On 28<sup>th</sup>, the entire community took part in the birthday celebration of Fr. Augustine at C-Scheme. Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani who came to attend the combined Managing Committee Meeting of the two colleges on 31<sup>st</sup> joined the community in the afternoon in Leopard Safari and stayed overnight at Nevta. In spite of the corona pandemic all are keeping busy and doing their work faithfully. At the same time, everyone is healthy and fit in the community; thanks be to God.

**School:** The month of Oct began with a setback for all the Private Schools in Rajasthan. The single bench order which allowed the collection of 70% school fees was challenged by a group of parents and the order was subsequently stayed

by the division bench of the High Court w.e.f. Oct 1. Hence, the schools continue to reel under financial constraints. To add to our woes, the State Govt issued another order dated 28/10/2020 which has brought in more miseries to the schools. We have decided to challenge this order in the High Court. The half yearly exams for all classes commenced on 28<sup>th</sup>. The school got the Minority Certificate from the Minority Commission, Govt of Rajasthan on 22<sup>nd</sup>. The uncertainty over the reopening of schools continues. If the State Govt permits, we hope to re-open the classes for senior students on Nov 17 after the Diwali vacation.

**College:** In Oct also the same pattern of rotational counselling duty was carried on. One teacher from each department was assigned with allotted duties. This month proved to be a more fruitful month; the number of admissions which was 127 till Sept end rose to a total of 160. Online classes are going on quite effectively. To increase the fee payment and to give a small financial incentive to the students/parents in the context of corona pandemic, we have announced Rs. 10,000 fee reduction. As a result, more and more students are availing this facility and there is a steady increase in fee payment. The MOPAC (Digital Library Link) was shared with the staff which is an ERP Library Portal. As the merger is in process Ms. Loveleen Mathur, librarian has been working with the librarian at HFR Campus since May 2020 and records the books available at both the campuses. On 28<sup>th</sup>, the viva for BBA Part 3 students was conducted successfully. All but two were present for the same and it was well coordinated and carried out by the respective staff members. On 28<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Augustine Perumalil's birthday was celebrated in a simple manner in the presence of a few students and staff members in the campus. As the time is nearing for merging the two colleges, the shifting and merger committee met for the first time after corona to discuss about the process and future course of action. In continuation with the same process the Managing Committee of the both the Colleges met and further discussed and sought suggestions to strengthen the process in the coming months. The meeting was held on 31<sup>st</sup> at Nevta, chaired by Povincial Fr. Soosai Mani.

*Nevta Community*

### ST. XAVIER'S, RAJ NIWAS MARG

**School:** This year too we celebrated Gandhi Jayanti in a fitting manner, though online. The

Prep students pasted bangles to represent Gandhiji's spectacles. They also pasted cotton on the charkha and on the strings. The teachers talked to them about the importance of cleanliness. The junior school students organized a special online assembly on this occasion. A pre-recorded video was prepared by Class 7 A, B and C and it was shared with the other classes. The senior school students too organized a special assembly in each class. Songs, speeches and video presentations were put up in honour of the Mahatma. On Oct 1, the Hindi Srijan Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Alka Rosario conducted a series of activities for Classes 8, 9 and 10. These included wonderful stories from mythology, comic poems and even dance presentations on various themes. Former Hindi teachers were invited as special guests for the event. In lieu of the fast evolving technology, a webinar on Artificial Intelligence was organized for all teachers on 3rd. Mr. Vishal Bhasin, CEO of Wiz Computing Academy, from the US was the resource person. On 10<sup>th</sup> the students of Psychology celebrated the World Mental Health Day by organizing a beautiful program called 'Antarmann', apprising students about the importance of mental health and adopting a sensitive approach to mental health issues. This was done under the leadership of Mrs. Shubhra Khurana, our psychology teacher. The first ever online Interschool Pedro Arrupe Memorial Declamation Contest was held on 13<sup>th</sup>. Nine Schools participated and eighteen brilliant young minds deliberated on the topic 'The proper use of Science is not to Conquer Nature but to Live in it.' In order to educate students about the ongoing pandemic, an Art Competition was organized for the students of Classes 2, 3 and 5 from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> while students of Classes 4, 6 and 7 conducted special assemblies in their respective classes to educate each other about Covid-19 pandemic between 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. On 16<sup>th</sup> a Career Counselling session was held by Prof. Ravi Bansal for the Economics students of Classes 11 and 12. Prof. Ravi Bansal is an alumnus of 1979 batch. This month's Effulgence activity for Classes 2 to 7 was English Recitation. Topics were allotted class wise. Many students actively participated in the competition and the results will be announced soon. The Junior School English Department conducted one of its major online competitions – Interclass Spell Bee from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> for Classes 2-4. Similarly, the Hindi Department conducted Hindi Quiz on 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for Classes 7 and 6 respectively. A

student of Class 4 and another of Class 5 participated in the Bro. Aloysius Interschool English Recitation Competition organized by Mount St. Mary's School. The results are awaited. Witnessing the success of the Online Chess Tournament conducted for Classes 6 and 7, the same was conducted for Class 5 as well. Soon the final rounds will also take place. From 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> the XELS Activities for Classes 8 to 12 were conducted. For Classes 8-11 the Literary Fest included myriad activities from poetry recitation to vocabulary exercises and picture reading. For Class 12, Personality Contest was conducted. Several students of the Junior school exercising their artistic and literary talents produce items for publication every month in the e-magazine Expressions. Inspired by Principal, **Fr. T.J. Jose**, several teachers have contributed to the Scholarship Fund for the education of 5 deserving students. DOXA members (both Indian and Indo-American) are continuing to support the education of the economically disadvantaged.

**Community: Frs. Joe Manna and George Mla, along with Fr. Joe Kochupura** went to Shahbad for retreat in preparation for the celebration of their Diamond Jubilee as Jesuits. The birthday of **Fr. Anil Minj** was held at St. Xavier's with good participation of Jesuits including some also from Shahbad. The members of the "Plus 80 Club" continue to keep well, except for an occasional loud cough from two or three. **Br. John**, while very busy with many items of supervision of maintenance and repair work, also finds some time to promote organic growth of several vegetables.

*Tom*

### **ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD**

**School:** The 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on Oct 2 was commemorated in a very special manner. All the class teachers took pains to create awareness among the students about the simple living yet high thinking of Mahatma Gandhi. Teachers, students and parents were encouraged to register themselves for the 'Orientation Course on Non-Violent Communication' organized by CBSE. Students were motivated to take part in the quiz on Mahatma Gandhi using Discover Gandhi Portal or mobile app. To sensitize the students to adopt safer and eco-friendly measures to celebrate Diwali and other festivals in a way other than by burning firecrackers, an anti-firecracker campaign was taken up with students of all classes.



Students were motivated to 'Say No to Crackers' and were encouraged to light candles and earthen lamps instead. The counselling department organized an online seminar on the topic "How To Be Great Achievers" from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> for Classes 6-8. It was a proud moment for the school as the students brought laurels and won accolades for themselves in the interschool competition held at Tulips International School on 10<sup>th</sup>. Hazel Jhamnani of Class 10 secured the 1<sup>st</sup> position in self-composed poetry competition while Shruti Chaudhary and Zenith Anand of Class 12 secured the First Runner-up in English Debate Competition. Meril Titus of Class 11 participated in the All India Inter School Don Bosco Bible Quiz 2020 and won the 5<sup>th</sup> Consolation Prize. An interschool quiz organized by Times Group saw many students from Class 11-B and 12-B participating in the first round; three students reached the second round. The half-yearly exams were conducted online for Classes 6-7 from Sept 17 to Sept 30 and for Classes 9-12 from Oct 15 to Oct 29. A feedback on the exams was taken from the teachers to improve the process of conducting exams in the future.

**Junior School:** This month PTM was conducted for Prep to Class 5. Parents were happy and satisfied. The class teachers conducted a short assembly on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi. Online activities like English Speech, Recitation, Storytelling, Solo Singing, Mask Making, Diya & Candle Making, Maths Quiz, Solo Dance, Paper Tearing and Pasting were conducted on different dates for different classes. The half yearly exams were conducted successfully using the online platform.

*Britto*

**Parish:** We re-started the parish activities on Oct 4 with Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani as the main celebrant. Since parish priest Fr. Scaria was admitted in the hospital we did not have mass on 18<sup>th</sup>. Online catechism classes are going on well. Many of our children participated in inter parish bible quiz competition. Though only three children won prizes at the diocesan level our children have done well in the bible quiz. A few families in the parish are affected by covid-19. All the parishioners pray for them. Children, seniors and families in the containment areas continue with on line masses these days.

*Scaria*

**Community:** On Oct 2 we celebrated the birthday of **Br. Gyan** with a few Jesuit companions from Sahayog, Raj Niwas Marg and Jahangirpuri and sisters from the neighbourhood. Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani made visitation of the community on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. On 8<sup>th</sup> Br. Gyan accompanied Fr. Provincial to witness the installation of Fr. Tom Perumalil as the priest-in-charge of the Jesuit community in Jhajjar. On 10<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Scaria** went to HFH to consult his doctor who advised him to undergo an operation to remove his gallbladder. He was admitted to the hospital on 13<sup>th</sup> and underwent surgery on 15<sup>th</sup> and was discharged on 17<sup>th</sup>. He is grateful to Br. Gyan and the community in a special way for their love and concern. **Fr. John Ari** joined the community on 17<sup>th</sup>. On 21<sup>st</sup> **Fr. Britto** was felicitated by the community after his final profession. Frs. Mlakuzhy, Manna and Kochu came here for their jubilee retreat on 25<sup>th</sup>. On 26<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Joy John** made a visit to St. Xavier's to consult the PHI Mr. Bejoy. Fr. John Ari had his first round of check-ups and consultation with doctor in Jivodya Hospital on 27<sup>th</sup>. After getting all the necessary tests done **Fr. George Peter** went to HFH to consult his doctor on 29<sup>th</sup>. On 30<sup>th</sup> Fr. John Ari had his second round of check-ups in Jivodya Hospital. After a fruitful retreat Frs. Mlakuzhy, Manna and Kochu left Shahbad On 31<sup>st</sup> afternoon.

*Scaria*

## XLRI JHAJJAR CAMPUS

The Jesuit Community got a new priest-in-charge in the person of **Fr. Thomas Perumalil** (PAT) in place of Fr. John Ariapilly. Fr. Thomas Perumalil was installed as the priest in-charge of the Jesuit community on Oct 5 by Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani in the presence of all the members in the campus. **Fr. John Ari** was given a grand farewell on 16<sup>th</sup> and next day he was reached to St. Xavier's Shahbad for rest and recuperation before taking up his new assignment. Fr. Joe Kochupura and Joe Vilakkunnel dropped in on 24<sup>th</sup> on their way to Delhi. At XLRI online classes are going on and **Fr. George** is busy getting things ready for the summer placement and **Fr. Amal** has got all the permissions needed for the construction of the staff quarters. The construction and beautification of the campus is in progress under the supervision of **Fr. Jinesh**.

*Tom Peru*



## ALMORA

On Oct 5 **Fr. Pradeep** and **Fr. Joseph** distributed rations to 48 families in Dasaon, Barecheena, and Bhehta villages. On 6<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Rakesh** and Fr. Joseph went along with IMS fathers to drop Fr. Pradeep in Delhi for his final vows retreat. On 8<sup>th</sup> Fr. Rakesh and Fr. Joseph distributed to 44 families bags of flour, sugar, dal, tea and oil in Naini, Poonakot and Salla villages. On 10<sup>th</sup> Rakesh gave a talk and heard confessions in Canossa Convent, Ranikhet. On 14<sup>th</sup> Fr. Joseph and Fr. Rakesh bought some seeds from Hawalbagh Vivekanand Agriculture Research Institute and managed to dig Gaijol land for cultivation. On 15<sup>th</sup> Fr. Rakesh and Fr. Joseph left early morning for Delhi to attend the final vows function and journeyed back to Almora on 17<sup>th</sup> early morning. Fr. Anil, Sr. Prabha and Sr. Agatha, Ursulines were here in Almora to spend some fruitful time in the Hills. Fr. Raymond, Fr. Sobin, Fr. Joshy and Fr. Dominic spent a week of holidays in Almora. On 18<sup>th</sup> we had a triple celebration - Fr. Pradeep's Birthday and Final Vows and Felicitation of our New Priest Fr. Joseph. Nearby Fathers were with us for the celebration. On 19<sup>th</sup> Fr. Rakesh and Fr. Pradeep were with JE Mr. Pramod to deposit the estimated amount of 2.60 lakhs for shifting of electric poles. On 20<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Fr. Joshy's 8<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary. On 21<sup>st</sup> Fr. Rakesh and Fr. Joseph went to Kathgodam to reach Fr. Anil, Sr. Prabha and Sr. Agatha. Meanwhile they got Bolero's front wheel bearing repaired. On 27<sup>th</sup> Fr. Pradeep went to Jalna along with Fr. Joseph for monthly meeting and reports. On 28<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Joseph in a very simple way. On 29<sup>th</sup> Fr. Pradeep went to Basauli for monthly meeting and reports. On 30<sup>th</sup> we did shram dan in Gaijol, cleaning the campus and watering the plants. On 31<sup>st</sup> Fr. Rakesh went to Danya Dhoola Devi for monthly meeting and for collecting monthly planning from the animators. That day Fr. Pradeep was busy with JE to finalize the pole shifting. while Fr. Joseph, **Sch. Manish**, **Sch. Cyril** and other staff helped out in watering the plants and planting seeds. We have added 55 more chicks in the scheme of income generation for migrant workers who lost their jobs. Hope to see them growing in coming days.

*Rakesh*

## ROPAR

**Parish:** On Oct 2 Parish Priest **Fr. Thomas** had a Parish Council meeting. After deliberating on the

safety protocols regarding corona it was decided to resume the parish activities from Oct 4. During his visitation Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani celebrated a Sunday Mass in our parish. At present the parishioners are coming in good numbers for the Sunday Eucharist. Of late there has also been a minor increase in the number of lay faithful in our parish. Our new priests are getting attuned to singing liturgical services in Hindi. The parish is planning a solemn welcome ceremony for our new priests on Nov 1.

**School:** We conducted the first term exams online for our students. After these exams both the teachers and students had a few days of break. In the meantime the teachers finalised the results and report cards. The birthdays of **Fr. Leo** and **Sch. Ashwin** were celebrated in the school with the teaching and non-teaching staff on 14<sup>th</sup>. A couple of days later Fr. Provincial came for visitation. He addressed us all and interacted with both teaching and non-teaching staff separately. On this occasion the school community felicitated both Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani and the newly professed Jesuit **Fr. Shekhar**. The paper work regarding our land is going on.

**Community:** In the first week of Oct Fr. Thomas was away in Amloh directing the retreat of diocesan priests. The birthday of Fr. Leo and Sch. Ashwin was celebrated in our Morinda House. We are glad to have yet another Professed Father in the person of Fr. Shekhar. As part of his visitation Fr. Provincial took time to visit all our collaborators, especially both the communities of CHF Sisters. Besides this all the Jesuits joined him to visit our lands in Mohali, Kharar, Morinda and Anandpur Sahib.

*Ashwin*

## KHARAR/MORINDA/GSSSC ROPAR

On Oct 2 **Fr. Viren** and **Fr. Leo** participated in the parish council meeting to decide on restarting liturgical services in the Ropar Church. We had the first Eucharistic service after the unlock down on 4<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Leo stayed on in Ropar for almost a week in the absence of **Fr. Thomas** and **Fr. Shekhar** to celebrate Eucharist for the Gurunagar CHF Sisters. On 14<sup>th</sup> Fr. Leo and **Sch. Ashwin** celebrated their birthday in the school and in the evening we had the Eucharist followed by dinner at Morinda House. On 15<sup>th</sup> Fr. Viren along with driver Mr. Prakash went to Delhi for the final vows of Frs. Shekar, Pradeep and Britto and returned



the following day with Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani. On 19<sup>th</sup> Fr. Provincial paid a visit to Mohali, Kharar and Morinda followed by dinner at Morinda. The next day Fr. Soosai Mani addressed us in common and listened to our emergency needs in the Punjab Mission. We planted some vegetables in Kharar on 26<sup>th</sup>. In spite of his busy schedule of online classes, **Sch. Praveen** renders his service to the community according to need. One long stage play and some nukkads were presented in villages as part of de-addiction sensitization program. Gradually we have begun to visit the villages along with animators and most probably we may resume our activities soon in Kharar in collaboration with the Salesian Fathers.

*Leo*

### SHANTI SADAN, ALLAHABAD

We celebrated the birthday **Jack Kerketta** on Oct 2. In the middle of this month we had some water scarcity due to power cut for two days. On 10<sup>th</sup> seven Nazareth Sisters left Shanti Sadan after finishing their retreat. On 11<sup>th</sup> our parishioners joined us for the Eucharistic celebration after many months of lockdown. With strict precautionary measures the faithful are welcomed to the church for the Sunday Eucharist. On 16<sup>th</sup> we had monthly recollection and confession led by **Fr. Pius**. On the same day **Sch. Sanjay Marandi** left the community for his next stage of formation after completing his studies in Allahabad University. As part of the preparation for upcoming winter our warm clothes saw bright day light after their yearlong solitary confinement in the boxes. All the pre-novices are trying our best to improve our language skills. At present one of our companions **Vishwajeet** is down with dengue and is recuperating. Since the month of Oct is dedicated to Our lady of the Rosary, the pre-novitiate community sought the intercession of Mother Mary by praying the rosary regularly. This special devotion to the Rosary concluded with a special prayer combined with a candle light procession on 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Jack Kerketta*

### DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

*Tony Andrade* writes: Glad to inform you that I reached Pune safely on Oct 16. All went well. Happy that I could spend a few days at Sahayog and meet our fellow Jesuits in the campus before leaving for Pune. Since I am familiar with De Nobili College, as I did my Theology here and

later visiting this place as PCF, it was easy for me to settle down here. We miss the students. They are having online classes and first semester is already over. Nov 1<sup>st</sup> week second semester will begin. All the staff members are here and busy with their online classes and evaluation. Since the students are not here, I have some time for online Spiritual Direction and Counselling which keeps me occupied. We had some good rains which has cooled down the place.

### ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE, SITAGARH

Fr. Sandeep Lakra (MAP) who taught us English in the absence of Fr. Dean went back to his Province on Oct 3. We are grateful to him for his generous service. We had our First Semester Exams from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. The next day was a day-off for relaxation. We went on a cycle outing. **Fr. Packiam** and **Fr. Vincent** completed their Long Retreat on 5<sup>th</sup>. Tertians are now engaged in preparations for preaching ministry and giving special classes to second year novices. On 12<sup>th</sup> we took part in the demonstration in Hazaribag town against the arrest of Fr. Stan Swamy. Many people including religious, NGOs, and laymen took part in it. We had a four-day course on "Ecological Awareness" from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Saju Bastian (HAZ), Fr. Anthony Herbert (HAZ), and Fr. Philemon Tirkey (HAZ) were the resource persons. The house has awakened us to be 'advocates of Environmental Justice' for our Common Home.

*Anthony*

### LOYOLA SADAN, LUCKNOW

In Sept, God bestowed upon us lots of blessings. The new mission in Kaiserganj was begun with laying of the foundation on Sept 2 by the Patna Jesuits. **Fr. Christopher** & **Fr. Nicholas** went there to be part of the ceremony. A lot of repair work was done in and around the house. The novitiate chapel is being given a new look through renovation. One of the class rooms is temporarily turned into chapel. Fr. Christopher conducted a test based on the Autobiography of St. Ignatius and the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus. The result brought smiles in various measures on the faces of Novices. Along with Teachers' Day we commemorated the feast of St. Theresa of Calcutta. It was a day to manifest our gratitude to our formators. On the same day we watched a movie on the life of St. Mother Theresa. On 8<sup>th</sup> we devoutly celebrated the feast of Nativity of Our Lady. We were entrusted with new portfolios on 20<sup>th</sup> and all are doing their responsibilities

efficiently. Our joys were doubled by the birthday celebrations of **Brs. Ajay & Edwin** and **Frs. Vimal Kishore & William D'Souza**. We thanked the Lord for their life and vocation to the Society of Jesus. A small cultural evening was organised to express our love, joy and gratitude to Frs. Vimal and William on 28th. A couple of Patna Jesuits visited us; their presence inspired and encouraged us. We were blessed with good showers.

*Jeremy & Edwin*

The new novice master, Fr. Christopher, has embarked on the journey of forming young novices. He generously spends his time and energy to be with the novices. Through a short cultural program, we expressed our feeling of deep gratitude to Fr. Vimal who selflessly gave himself for eight long years in forming many young Jesuits. We enjoyed his classes on Spiritual Exercises, Scripture and languages which indeed helped us in our growth and understanding. On Oct 3, second year novice **Abragam** left the novitiate. We bade adieu to him and wished him a bright future. On 4<sup>th</sup> Fr. Donald Miranda, Provincial of Patna and Br. Joseph Ullattil paid a short visit to the community. On 7<sup>th</sup> commemorating the feast of our Lady of Rosary, we dedicated our prayers for the corona victims. On 11<sup>th</sup> Fr. Vimal went for treatment to Shanti Niketan, Lucknow and returned home on 23<sup>rd</sup>. During this month, the charity classes helped the 2<sup>nd</sup> year novices to be in touch with their true reality. The birthdays of **Angels, Shailendra & Ankesh** were celebrated with joy. We thanked God for their gift of life to the Society. On 26<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> year novices began their Long Retreat and the 2<sup>nd</sup> years are involved in various works both inside and outside the residence. We are prepared to keep ourselves warm as the winter has set in already.

*Ajay*

### **SANJIVAN NIWAS, PATNA**

On Oct 2 our boys took part in the cycle rally along with St. Xavier's College students on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi. Fr. Superior and **Sch. Gnana** joined the boys and cycled around fifty kms creating awareness among people about the Gandhian values of love, freedom, ahimsa, cleanliness and right way of living. On 7<sup>th</sup> we gave a farewell program to three outgoing B.Ed. students. On 15<sup>th</sup> one candidate left and now the total number is 20. All candidates are doing well in their studies and there is a gradual growth in all aspects of life. On 24<sup>th</sup> our boys went on a picnic to river Ganges and St. Xavier School, Gandhi

Maidan. It was a joyful day for all of us. On 29<sup>th</sup> our boys had a competition on dialogue and fluent conversation in English conducted by Fr. Superior. Once a week Sch. Ashish and Jeevan teach tabala and harmonium to our boys. On 30<sup>th</sup> we had our monthly recollection and confession given by Fr. Andrew James and Fr.Siji. On the same day we had faith sharing. On 31<sup>st</sup> we had a grand celebration for the feast of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez. That day we welcomed the new community member Fr. Josey Mathias who is the new director of Prabhat Prakashan and had common birthday celebration. Candidates showed their talents through a small cultural program. This month we had a few Jesuit and non-Jesuit guests.

*Aman & Setu*

### *Announcements*

Novice Rosario, Abragam J. left Novitiate on 4/10/2020.

**Fr. Raymond Cherubim's id: raysjpatna@gmail.com**

**Fr. Mani Nedumattam's Mob: 7665512651**

**Please Pray for**

Fr. Jugal's brother-in-law who is seriously sick.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
02 A, Chinnapparaj	04 M, Britto
03 Peter, George	09 G. Manimala
07 S, Jebamalai	11 P, Sherry
10 Maliakal, Jijimon	20 K, Jose Philip
19 Joe Vilakkunnel	21 P.T. Augustine
30 K, Job	23 Ignatius, Xavier
	25 K, Christopher

### **In the Embrace of the Father**

**Fr. Louis Francken** (RAN 82/63) on Oct 5.

**Fr. Paul Vadakel** (KER, 91/71) on Oct 8.

**Fr. Wilson Arockiasamy** (MDU 56/36) on Oct 17.

**Fr. Joachim Dungdung** (RAN 73/48) on Oct 19.

**Fr. Gregory D'Silva, SJ** (JAM 56/37) on Oct 25.

Fr. Jose Vattakuzhy's cousin brother, Mr. Inasu, 78, on Oct 6.

Fr. Joseph Kurapati's paternal uncle Mr. Asirodam Kurapati on Oct 7.

Fr. Job's younger brother Jose, 71, on Oct 24.

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