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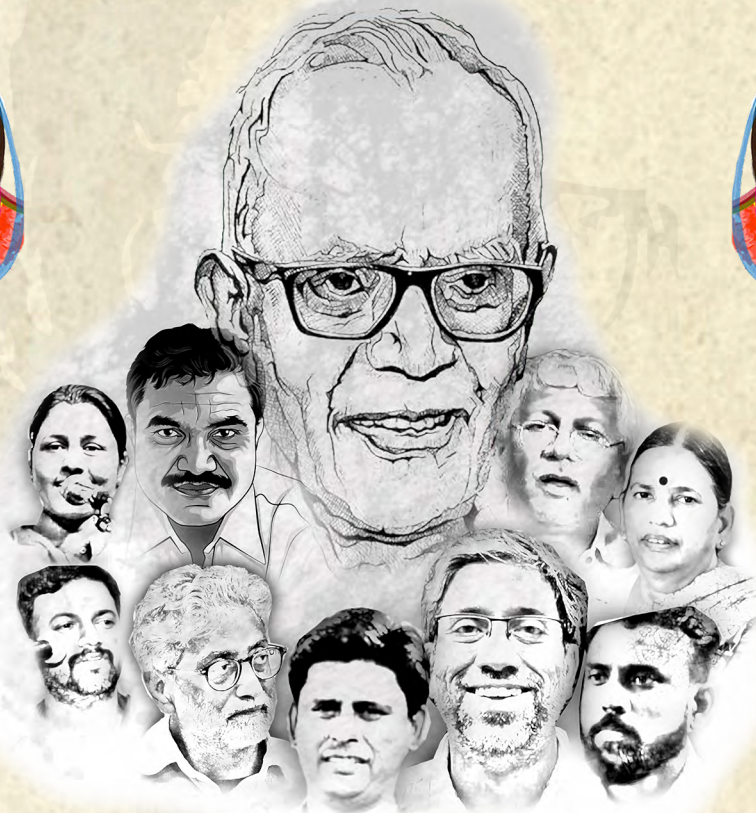
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## Stan Lourduswami, SJ (JAM)

*the man who fought for the rights of the adivasis*



Jamshedpur Jesuits  
**#StandWithStan**

strengthened by the tremendous support we have been receiving from Jesuits and friends all over India and abroad,  
we continue to pray for justice for Stan and the co-accused activists



## OFFICIAL

### Appointments by Fr. General

Fr. Agnelo Mascarenhas [GOA]	Provincial of Pune Province
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### Conference Appointments

[Between 30 Apr 2020 to 10 Oct 2020]

Fr General has appointed the following as Consultants to the President JCSA, & ex-officio convenors and chairs of their respective zones, w.e.f. 9 Jul 2020.

Fr Danis Ponniah (MDU)	South Zone
Fr Melvil Pereira (KHM)	North Zone
Fr Santosh Minj (HAZ)	Central Zone

Fr General has appointed

Fr W Keith Abranches (GUJ)	Rector, Collegio Internazionale del Gesu.
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### APPOINTMENTS BY POSA JDV Pune

Fr Ryan Rodrigues (KAR)	Appointed to JDV for M.Ph & Trial Teaching, w.e.f. 1 Jun 2020 residing at DNC.
Fr George Karuvelil (PAT)	Appointed to P.G. Block to continue Research work, w.e.f. 1 Jun 2020. Belongs to DNC community.
Fr Devara Jojibabu (AND)	Studies for M.Th in Spirituality at JDV Pune, w.e.f. Jun 2020; residing at DNC.
Fr Francis Gonsalves (GUJ)	Appointed to reside at JDV PG Block; continue as community member of PS, w.e.f. 3 Aug 2020.
Fr (Dr) Victor Sagayam SVD	Appointed as Lecturer, Missiology Department of Theology Faculty, JDV Pune, w.e.f. 1 Jul 2020.
Fr (Dr) A Gregory OMI	Appointed as Lecturer, Pastoral and Moral Department of Theology Faculty, JDV Pune, w.e.f. 1 Jun 2020.

### ISI-Delhi

Fr Paul D'Souza (GUJ)	Appointed as Acting Superior ISI-D, Jesuit Community, w.e.f. 1 Jun 2020
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### Conference

Fr Siji Chacko (PAT)	Appointed as Coordinator of Conference Secretaries w.e.f. 1 Jun 2020 & Appointed as GIAN Ecology in-charge in the capacity of the Director-CDO (CDD), w.e.f. 1 Oct 2020.
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## Studies for Conference Common Works

<b>Fr Sandeep Jagtap (PUN)</b>	MA in Pali at Pune University, residing at Loyola Pashan, Jun 2020.
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## Assistancy Committees

Leadership Program Team for SA	<b>Fr Joe Arun (Convenor)</b>
	<b>Fr Nelson D'Silva (Joint Convenor)</b>
	<b>Joye James (Member)</b>
	<b>Siji Chacko (Member)</b>

Gratitude for services rendered to Common Houses & Works of South Asia

Fr Joy Karayampuram (PAT) as Superior ISI-D (from May 2013).

Fr Raj Irudaya (CEN) as ADF (from Jun 2014).

## Appointments by Father Provincial

Name	From	To	Status	W.e.f.
<b>Fr Anil Ajay Kerketta</b>	Chandankiyari	Chandankiyari	Coordinator	24 Oct 20
<b>Fr. Jerome Kujur</b>	LCE, Telco	Chandankiyari	Asst Hostel-in-charge, Spir. Ministry	09 Nov 20
<b>Fr. Saleth Soosai</b>	Chandankiyari	GJR, XLRI	Recuperation	25 Oct 20
<b>Fr. Romanus Tete</b>	Gomoh	GJR, XLRI	Medical Treatment	01 Oct 20
<b>Fr. Michael Fernandes</b>	DNS, Bhuli	DNS, Bhuli	Treasurer (additional)	29 Oct 20
<b>Fr. Antony Pancras</b>	DNS, Bhuli	DNS, Bhuli	Minister & Administrator (additional)	29 Oct 20
<b>Fr. Sushil Balmuchu</b>	Pandabir	DNS, Gomoh	Minister, Treasurer & Asst PP	09 Nov 20
<b>Fr. Sushil Ekka</b>	DNS, Gomoh	DNS, Gomoh	Parish Priest	07 Nov 20
<b>Fr. Neelam Sanjeev Kerketta</b>	Pandabir	Pandabir	Headmaster & Treasurer	07 Nov 20

## Provincial's Programme

08 November	Parish Priest Installation, Gomoh
14 November	Youth Convention, TRTC
16–19 November	Contact Visits to Odisha
20 November	GB at Loyola Education Society, Loyola School, Bhubaneswar
20 November	GB at Odisha Jesuit Society, Bhubaneswar
21 November	GB at XIMB
27 November	Consult
28 November	GB at XLRI

## New Email IDs

Fr Stanislaus D'Souza (POSA): [president@jcsacuria.org](mailto:president@jcsacuria.org)

Fr Keith Abranches (Socius): [socius@jcsacuria.org](mailto:socius@jcsacuria.org)



## NEWS FROM OUR HOUSES AND AROUND

### CHAIBASA AREA

#### Amda

In October, together with the faithful, every evening we gathered at the SRA Chapel and had rosary. On 3 October, **Francis Ezhakunnel** and **Mukti Clarence** came and on Sunday morning offered mass for the people. SRA Sisters had their recollection on 3 October given by **Nelson Castelino** and **John Sumbrui**. On 11 October, **Nelson** and Mr. Sagar went to Dhanbad to bring MCR sandals and some First-Aid requirements for the

patients. Mr. Baldeo Sumbrui, the elder brother of **John**, had a fall and now his health is deteriorating. On 15 October, **John, Nelson** and Sr. Seema had gone to Bhuta to see him; now **John** is keeping in touch with him. Having advised by **Joseph Surin**, **John** is going through a massage therapy for headache and giddiness in Basahatu offered by a person. Apart from CSWC works, **Nelson** is quite active in taking village

#### John Sumbrui

masses and youth programs. On 19 October, **Frs. Francis Bodra** and **James Bara** were with us. As the transport is slowly coming to normal, we see a gradual increase in the number of outpatients coming to CSWC, which is a good sign. Now in consultation with DFIT and keeping in mind the Covid-19 protocol, we have planned to conduct RCS camp for 8 patients on 23–24 of November.

#### Basahatu

**Parish News:** **Fr. Joe Surin** continued offering Masses in the remaining villages for *Jomnama Feast*, especially the upland paddy and fruits. **Frs. Benedict Minj** and **Nelson Castelino** helped him in two different villages. We had two youth meetings under the guidance of **Fr. Nelson**. After a long period of lockdown, on 11 October 2020, we opened the Parish Hall for Sunday masses maintaining the Covid19 protocols. To our pleasant surprise a big number of faithful turned up for it.

**School:** **Fr. James Samad** was quite busy arranging files to obtain permission for the opening of the School. Despite his recent trip home for the funeral service of his father who died on the night of 19 October 2020, he managed to submit the application in the education office on time.

**Community:** **Fr. Bene** helped picking up **Fr. James Samad's** sister, a MC nun from Kolkata, and reached her home for the funeral of Mr. Tintus Samad, James Samad's father. **Bene** and **Sch. James Xalxo** went to Simdega to reach Mr. Stephen, the hostel cook, for the funeral of his father. The community members had an hour of Adoration on 12 October and a Prayer Service on 23 October for the release of **Fr. Stan Swami**. **Joe Surin** took **Fr. Francis Ezhakunnel**, Principal XITE College, accompanied by a Professor and two staff of MNL Company, Jamshedpur to four villages with regard to a proposed developmental project. Hopefully, the project will come through in getting a nod from the Central Government.

#### Joseph Surin

**Guests-Visitors:** Our Jesuit Community was host to **Fr. Somy Mannoor** and **Sch. Anjum Lomga** who came for a half-day meeting with **Sch. James**, the Superior and the community members. **Fr. Panneerselvam** and the Tepasai sisters visited our house on the way back home from Tundi. **Fr. Francis Bodra** from Digwahdih stayed here for a couple of days for the massage treatment on his paining frozen arms. **Fr. James Bara** has pitched his tent in Basahatu for his Annual Retreat after having a few massage sessions for the problem in the foot. **Fr. Romanus Jojo**, **Fr. Sushil Balmuchu** and **Fr. Anil Dang** also visited us.





## DHANBAD AREA



### DNS Digwadih

**School:** **Amal** is making sure that this unusual academic year continues with online classes, self-evaluations, assignments, study contents... and other efforts made by the school, will meet the expected requirements of the year. Our school men are slogging day-in and day-out, perhaps more than the normal school days, to meet the ordinances of the state and central Government with regard to prevailing pandemic. After the first Semester Exam, paper correction and online classes kept the staff busy. Pooja holidays began from 22 October and then online classes resumed from 27 October. Meantime, maintenance, repair and whitewashing of the senior block is undertaken.

**Community:** We had a prayer meeting with teachers, coworkers

and their children on 12 October for the release of **Fr. Stan Swami**. **Oscar** shared some information on **Stan** and the whole gathering prayed to the almighty for the intervention in his release. The community also came together to reflect on the encyclical of Pope Francis – Fratelli Tutti – on 15 October. A succinct and clear summary was presented by **Emile** followed by sharing, reflection and clarification which was very enriching.

On 22 October, DNS Community hosted the Jesuits of Dhanbad to bid an emotional farewell to **Saleth**. A Special Prayer was conducted appreciating the qualities of **Saleth**. Each one briefly spoke about what **Saleth** is most appreciated for. In return, **Saleth** narrated his experiences in Gomoh that “no one

### Niranjan Minj

had a good word for the children of the leprosy patients”. With **Saleth’s** coming things changed. Today his greatest joy is that the boys are well placed in life and their gratitude is matchless.

The frozen shoulder of **Francis** still continues... the treatment he had in Ranchi seems to be ineffective. Hence, he went to the famous physician in Chaibasa on 16 October. **Niranjan** went to Jamshedpur with accounts related work, and **Anil Ajay** joined him to get his luggage from Chaira. From 17–25 October, **Niranjan** was out at Lohardaga to guide 8 days retreat to Ursuline Sisters. **Julian Ekka, Anil Dang, Ignatius Dungdug, Paneer** and a few OLP sisters from Tepasai blessed us with their visit in this month.

### Gomoh

October commenced with online exams for the classes from LKG to Std. VI. A lot of eagerness was visible among the parents and students in the participation for the online exams for the first time in their life. The teachers are extremely happy with the enthusiasm shown by the children and parents, especially of the LKG group. The LKG and UKG had three classes a day with full attendance. The results were given to students from 5 to 10 October by calling them class wise on different dates after fulfilling all the formalities of COVID-19. **Fr. James Tharaniyil** was busy meeting and counseling the parents and giving out the

progress report cards of the students. We had two days of very enriching seminar of NEP conducted by our own staff. The School had applied for the NOC from the government but the progress has been very slow. The mutation of the land is in progress.

**Fr. Romanus** had developed some pain in the abdomen since last year, and has been on treatment since then. In October, he was taken to Jamshedpur and then to St. John’s Medical College Hospital, Bangalore where he had a battery of tests and started Radio cum chemotherapy with good results. We request your prayers for his speedy recovery. Gomoh

### James Tharaniyil

parish resumed Sunday service from 11 October, after **Fr. Sushil** sanitized the Church and fulfilled all the protocols. A good number of parishioners came for the service.

St. John De Britto Hindi Medium School is trying their best to have online classes for the higher sections. Sr. Kripa, along with **Fr. Sanjay**, is trying her best to convince more and more students to attend the online classes but many of the students from the village have no smart phones. As a result, the attendance is poor. The JAC Board registration for class IX is in progress now, having around 75 students to register.





## Chaira

Gandhi Jyanti was celebrated very meaningfully in Chaira School by the staff under the guidance of Sr. Praphulla Panna, in the absence of **Fr. Niral Deogam**. A quiz on the life and activities of Mahatma Gandhi was conducted and his values were highlighted in the program.

## Thomas Nelliakunnel

**Fr. Niral** was out to appear for his B.Ed exams and to make his annual retreat. In the aftermath of the arrest of **Fr. Stan**, we took part in two rallies organized in solidarity with **Stan** and others who are falsely accused. The first one was in Mudatara local market close

to Rerua, and the second one was at Dhalbhumgarh-Narsinghar Sunday market in which many villagers and social workers participated. On 21 October, we had **Fr. Gyan Kujur** and **Benji Ekka** for lunch on their way back from Kalinganagar.

## LCE Telco

**School-community:** In solidarity with the cause of **Fr. Stan Swami**, and with the awareness of the concerns of so many individuals and groups around the State of Jharkhand cum other places in the country, we too expressed ours in two occasions through prayer services and petitions. On 11 October **Sushil** and **Tony** joined the rally at Sakchi Circle organized by Jamshedpur Citizens to express solidarity with **Stan Swami**. **Sushil** went to Ranchi accompanied by **Alex A** to meet the right person at the portal where the UDISE paper sent from Jamshedpur DEO's office, got stuck. The person at the portal was kind in identifying the paper and did his part, which needs to go to the main person for the clearance. On 31 October, **Sushil** had to make another trip to

Ranchi to attend a wedding and return in the evening. On the same day all the teachers of the School came together for a meeting on understanding Google online assessment system in examining the kids. On 1 November, **Jerry Kujur** said goodbye to the community, accompanied by **Tony**, to take up his new responsibility at Chandankiyari. We are all grateful to him for the services he offered for five years to LCE and spiritual ministry to the neighborhood convents.

**College:** In October, LCE hosted three Virtual Talks on some themes for the final year students. On 1 October, a talk was given by Dr. Sandhya Rai, Asst Prof, LCE, Namchi on "Human Re-engineering", on 3 October by

Dr. Pompei Das Sengupta on "Covid-19 and the process in Transition" and on 5 October by Mrs. Suchismita Nanda, faculty, Loyola School, BBSR on "making of an effective teacher". On the same days the outgoing students took their fourth semester examination off-line in home center at LCE for the first time conducted by the University. Still the usual classes are conducted on virtual mode. The college closed for Durga Puja from 23 October and resumed on 2 November 2020. On 20 October the faculty had in-person review session on performance appraisal of academic year 2019-20 with a filled in form by each, facilitated by **Tony** and Dr. Monika Uppal.





**Community:** On 10 October, **Fr. Mukti** and the Scholastics attended the month's mind Mass of **John Nag** at Jesu Bhavan. On the same day, **Kuru, Savari** and **Br Amal** went to Asansol to pay a visit to our collaborator, the ailing Sr. Anjali. The Mass centre here was opened for Sunday Mass on 11 October for the faithful for which 35 people were present. To stand in solidarity with **Fr. Stan Swami, Frs. Francis, Mukti** and the Scholastics joined the Citizens' Chain at Sakchi Circle on Sunday afternoon on 11 October. On 15 October, CTC Sisters celebrated the feast of their patron St. Teresa of Avila in our community with a candle-lit Eucharist followed by a grand dinner, for which Frs. Provincial, Socius and the Parish Priest were invited. **Mukti** went to Bettiah on 18 October for home-visit and is expected to be back on 2 November. Frs. Chonas Xalxo, P.D. Johnny and some sisters from CKP had their enjoyable picnic in XITE campus on 24 October.

**School:** The Std XI students completed their first unit test on 6 October. Reports cards of First term Exam were distributed to Junior and Senior school students on 9 and 10 October respectively. Second Unit test for students up to Std X was held from 12 October. Solo singing competition for students is being

organized during the Puja vacation. Admission forms for LKG/UKG are available online from 12 October 2020. **Fr. Savari, Br. Amalraj** and **Fr. Kuruville** took part in a rally organised by various organizations for the release of **Fr. Stan Swami** on Friday 16 October. A meeting of Xavier Alumni Association Gamharia (XAAG) was held on 12 October. A number of activities have been planned for the year



2021. Mrinal Dey, one of the ex-students of Xavier school got a scholarship for Computer science studies in one of the Universities in Rome, Italy. He will be leaving shortly for Rome. A new statue of St. Francis Xavier was erected in front of the school and was



blessed in a simple ceremony. Our school took part in a competition Prayas-2020 organised by Motilal Nehru Public school, Jamshedpur and our students won 4 prizes in the competition. Mrs. Jayanti Seshadri, Vice Principal, Loyola School, Jamshedpur conducted a workshop for English teachers on Wednesday 14 October.

**College and Hostel:** On 4 October, the third-year hostel boys and girls arrived to appear for the KU 6th semester examination. **Fr. Savari**, the Hostel Superintendent, briefed them on their stay in the hostel and the precautions to be taken for the Covid-19 pandemic. The KU 6th Semesters examinations of BBA and B Com streams commenced from 6 October in the college. After their last examination on 13 October, the hostellers were accorded a modest farewell followed by a delicious lunch. The College has secured NOC from MHRD, Jharkhand to further the process of starting a Four-Year Integrated B.Ed Program. From 18 October to 1 November the college is closed on account of Durga Puja. Classes will commence from 2 November.



## Loyola School – JSR

The possibility-speculation on reopening the Schools after Puja Vacations did not come true as there are no clear-cut directives from the State Government. The painting work of School building and the repair works of Easy Auditorium is going in full swing. The second half of Loyola playground is being levelled under the supervision of LAA which will now have a standard cricket pitch

laid over a slab of concrete coir mat and solid turf. The JYOTI unit of Loyola School, under the guidance of **Fr. Dayanidhi Bisoi** and the Moderators, conducted virtual Rhapsody 2020 participated by 17 city Schools. It was well organized by Loyola senior students and was appreciated by all. **Bro. Benjamin Ekka** went to Lupungutu to make his annual retreat and came back re-energized spiritually. Loyola

## Dayanidhi Bisoi

Community rose up to the occasion in making all the arrangements for the funeral service and taking care of the four family members of **Fr. Gregory D'Silva** who came for his funeral. A good number of Priests and Religious and others were present for the Mass that was presided over by Bp. Telesphore Bilung, SVD.

## ODISHA AREA

### Kalinganagar

**Community:** Now Kalinganagar has become a hot-spot for the Jam-Jesuits. In October, we had many guests who paid a visit to us and some enjoyed our hospitality. On 9 October, **Fr. George Fernandes** and **Jaison** had been to Jamshedpur and returned with so many edible things for the community. **Jaison** had to go to Kumardhubi to bring a new cook from Dumka, Lily Murmu by name. To help at times, **Fr. George** is there in the kitchen

instructing her to make tasty meals and dishes. The Birthday of **Fr. George Fernandes** (20 October) was a memorable day here in Kalinganagar. On this Occasion we had at least 20 plus Jesuits from far and near. Some more facilities – a dining table, a bigger altar, some big tables, and a new refrigerator – have been added to the community.

**School:** **Fr. Jaison** is trying his

### Pascal Burh

level best to obtain NOC for the school. Very often he visits the BEO, but so far nothing concrete has taken place, except some assurances. The School premises are being cleaned. More flowers and fruit trees are being planted around the school to beautify the place. Next time when you visit us, sure you will find some difference in Kalinganagar. You are most welcome.

## Loyola Bhavan – BBSR

October month saw men from Loyola Bhavan on the move after months of Lockdown. **Br. Tony Stevens** and **Fr. Biranchi** along with **Sch. Jubin** and **Fr. Bipin** made a trip to Loyola School, Kalinganagar for the first time and had a wonderful time with **George**,

**Pascal** and **Jaison**. It was the first Community outing after the Covid-19 lockdown.

**Br. Tony** and **Biranchi** warmly welcomed the guests from Kandhamal, **Gregory Xaxa** and **Anthres**, who had come for their medical check-up and some

## George Anthony

other works. **Fr. Mahesh Nayak** came from Khalijharan to make his annual retreat in Loyola Bhavan from 23 to 31 October. Due to excessive rains, **Biranchi's** work at his vegetable garden did not take off. **George** joined the Kalinganagar Community for a trip



to Jamshedpur to participate in JJS GB meeting and the Province Consult on 10 October, the first visit to Jamshedpur since the Corona Lockdown was enforced in March.

He, along with **Sch. Jubin** and **Pascal Burh**, went to Jamshedpur on October 27 to participate in the final farewell journey of **Fr. Greg D'Silva**. On 31 October, the Loyola

Bhavan community celebrated the Feast of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, and made sure that **Br. Tony Stevens** had a memorable day.

### Loyola School – BBSR

'Mother Theresa Quiz' was held online for the ICSE schools of Odisha Region during the month of October and our students did extremely well. In the finals, the sub junior team secured second place and the junior and senior teams secured first places. They are ready now to participate at

the national level. Congratulations to the students and the teacher coordinators. The students and the teachers enjoyed a well-deserved break from online classes during the Puja. The Odia School building is still being used even after six months for distribution of ration and collection

### Gilbert Menezes

of Corona samples. Originally it was meant for neighboring locals but now we hear that people from other parts of Bhubaneswar are coming for testing. We are eagerly waiting for the decision of the State Government on reopening of schools.

### Rutungia

The school still continues to bear the effect of Lock down. It is sad that the school is unable to provide online classes due to lack of internet connectivity. In effect, all the rural schools in the area face the same situation. Some day-scholars come to school with their parents' permission to study and receive some lessons on selected subjects from **Fr. Victor**. In this month of Mission, **Romanus** continues to care for the pastoral

needs of the faithful following all precautions needed. A group of dedicated faithful visit us in families once a week and pray to encourage others to remain strong in faith. The Pastoral Sister gathers children who are around the church to catechize in the evening hours. **Sylverius** carries on doing the minor maintenance work in the campus with the help of the support staff. **Jyoti** continues to guard the empty hostel and looks

### Romanus Kerketta

after the upkeep of the building. **Sylverius** was down with typhoid in the first week of October. **Romanus** was out at Minjaponka for his annual retreat from 23 September to 1 October. On 8 October, the Jesuits of Kandhamal gathered in Rutungia to celebrate the birthday of **Victor** and **Br. Pascal**. A video on Birthday song for **Br. Pascal** was sent to him at XLRI.

### XIMB

Due to the prevailing pandemic, classes and official meetings continue to be in online mode. Different schools of the university conducted a number of webinars and online workshops. The Student Executive Council organized an online entertainment program for the university fraternity and others. We celebrated the 79th birthday of **Fr. Jesurajan** with a community

Eucharist followed by the usual dinner and cake cutting. **Augustine Vatta**, **Don Prem**, **Jesurajan** and **Richard** went to Kalinganagar for the birthday celebration of **George Fernandes**. **Jerome Sequeira** stayed with us to visit the doctor for health reason. **S Tony** had a bout of cold and cough, the symptoms of which was suspected to be Corona virus. He was advised self-quarantine in the residence itself.

### Arockia & Benjamin

**Abe** participated in the online Board of Directors meeting of the Asian Institute of Management, Manila that was postponed in February due to Covid-19. He also had another meeting with XLRI VIL team and the President of AIM and her team about the possibility of venturing into similar program in the Philippines. **Josh**y participated in the online Educause three-day international interactive



conference on Information Technology and Education in Colorado, USA, from 27 to 29 October. The event exposed him to benchmark IT implementations in various Universities across the globe and helped networking with various IT professionals. We spent a couple of hours together reflecting on the UAPs, CAPs,

ZAPs and LPs for our university and community having **Jerome Kerketta** with us as part of the deliberation. **Arock, Joshy** and **Kiran** prepared the report and sent to all for comments before sending it to the Provincial.

It was disheartening to know about the demise of Mr. Pradeep Maharathy, MLA, one of the well-

wishers of the University from its inception. **Tony Uvari** and **Arockia** with a couple of staff members went to pay respects at his place. We had special masses for the repose of the souls of **Jesurajan's** oldest sister, **Guruji Nag**, and **Gregory D'Silva**.

### Birthdays in November

01	Bhincen Bhengra
	Maximilian Lakra
04	Charles Pereira
	Francis Tiru
06	Abraham Enthekuzhy
11	Michael P. Fernandes
13	Silverius Lugun
14	M Savarimuthu
16	George Thana
19	Saleth Soosai
21	BP Felix Toppo
26	I Arun Prasath
	Manohar Kindo
27	Michael Tirkey
29	Amit Roshan Lakra
	Anuranjan Dungdung
30	Somy Mathew

### Across the Bridge

17 Oct	Fr. Wilson Arockiasamy, S.J. (MDU, 56/36), Nagercoil, Madurai
19 Oct	Fr. Joachim Dungdung, S.J. (RAN, 73/48), Mandar, Ranchi
25 Oct	<b>Fr. Gregory S D'Silva, S.J.</b> (JAM, 56/37), Dhanbad, Jamshedpur

### Death Anniversaries of November

08	Benedict Kichingia
12	A Antoniswami
12	Richard Kenna
13	Steve Mathews
14	Basil C Horo
29	Cardinal Lawrence Picachy
30	Palakunnel Anthony



**Stand  
with  
Stan**

*Words he was for the speechless souls  
Cause he was for the worthless groups  
Of Justice, Freedom, Equality he spoke  
For the words of cause, he's put behind bars*

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## Fr. Gregory Stany D'Silva, SJ (JAM) 1964 – 2020

"I am a very good Pandabir Baba..." the words still echo in my heart as I think of **Greg** – indeed a "Pandabir Baba" and truly a son of Pandabir! **Gregory** gave his best to Pandabir Parish where he spent the best of his priestly ministry and was closely associated with **Fr. John Deeney** for the nurturing of the mission, and leading people to God by reaching out to them.

25 October, brought the shocking news of the sudden demise of **Gregory D'Silva** at Bhuli, Dhanbad. A massive heart attack brought an abrupt end to a vibrant life, and those who spoke to him a few hours before were left speechless. 37 years a Jesuit, he worked as a pastor, director of social work and school administrator. But he left his mark as a true pastor, who knew 'the smell of the sheep' as Pope Francis terms it.

**Greg** was born in a large family at Kelarai Parish (now Vamanjoor) Mangalore on 12 June 1964 and joined the Society for Jamshedpur Province in 1983. After initial formation, he worked at CSWC, Amda getting first-hand knowledge of social work and inspired by this he did his MSW from Mangalore. After completing Theology from Patna and Delhi, he was ordained a priest on 6 May 1999. He spent most of his priestly life in Kolhan area, rendering his service at Bordor-Pandabir, in TRTC, CSWC, Amda and St. Xavier's Lupungutu;



### Greg, The Pandabir Boy

by Somy Mannoor

his first love was Pandabir. The last four years **Greg** was in Bhuli, Dhanbad away from the land that he had made his own.

As a zealous new priest, **Greg** plunged into the pastoral work at Pandabir-Bordor parish, building up the local church by bits and pieces. While staying at Lupungutu, **Greg** made umpteen trips to the parish and the far-flung villages to reach out even to the 'last sheep' with cheerfulness. Along with **Fr. John Deeney** and others, **Greg** too was one of the pillars of this mission. It was because of his love for the people and a good command over the Ho language to smell the sheep.

The commitment to the mission and love for the flock is visible in the form of a vibrant mission – taking people to God with faith and through education in St. Paul Miki School. Experience showed how much the people appreciated their pastor after his first stint in the parish – not a single eye remained dry when they bid farewell to their loving pastor.

After 6 years, **Greg** was back to a new flock and in a new locality that had the seeds of a school sprouting as well. **Greg**, now as a Headmaster encouraged all to march forward with quality education. In spite of his indifferent health, **Greg** reached out to all the corners of the parish, along with another great missionary **Br. Bene Kichingia**. Personally, I was blessed to be guided by him as a deacon and also as a new priest inspired by his love for the people, the language, and a compassionate heart.

**Greg** rendered service as an administrator, director, treasurer, etc. but his contribution to pastoral work would especially be rewarded by the Lord. His simplicity and cheerfulness will be remembered by people and his spiritual guidance will be treasured. It is indeed a loss for the Province and more so to the Ho land of Jharkhand.

May Christ Jesus who called him, lead him to eternal home and the loving Father receive him in the Promised Land.