



The Provincial And The Curia Wish You All
 "Happy Feast Of The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Into Heaven And A Happy Independence Day"

FROM THE PROVINCIAL

The Last Kiss

When Fr. Socius handed me a fresh white kerchief and asked me to cover and kiss for a final time the cold and expressionless face of Br. Michael on 10 June 2015, I did it mechanically. The unexpected loss of Michael was sinking in slowly. The worry of who will replace him in the infirmary was a nagging question that kept coming up overshadowing the sorrow of the loss. This was my first funeral after assuming charge as provincial. The kiss was a perfunctory act.

But as days passed by and I re-lived the scene, the richness of the gesture dawned on me. As a provincial in kissing

my fellow Jesuit goodbye, I was doing a symbolic act. An act of gratitude. A statement on behalf of the province and of his family, how we are going to miss him and a plea to continue to love us from his eternal home.

Since then, I have had to kiss goodbye to three more. It is no more a dutiful act. The last kiss from me is an act of love. An act of Gratitude. Most importantly, it is a declaration of the richness of the companionship among the 'Companions of Jesus'. I am blessed in kissing them goodbye.

M.K. George SJ
 Provincial

APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Tomaz Kot (PMA) - Assistant for Central and Eastern Europe and General Counselor

MUST VISIT IN THE PROVINCE

Sahajeevana Kendram of Samskriti has undergone radical changes and is now an inviting place for rest, relaxation, education and prayer. Please visit at your earliest. Contact Fr. Rajesh or Fr Mathew for details.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

AUGUST, 2015

02 : Consult in Christ Hall
03 : 'Thanmaya' Advisory committee meeting
07-09 : Superiors, CCA & Consultors combined meeting
11-13 : Visitation, St. Michael's
15 : Dn Deepak's ordination
17- 19 : Visitation, Bangalore
25-27 : Trivandrum

RIP

As was informed **Br Abraham Mannamkary** passed away on 3rd July at 1.15 p.m. at Nirmala Hospital, Calicut. He was buried in Christ Hall cemetery on 5th July 2015. (See the obituary on the last page)

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ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD



Dn Deepak Edattu will be ordained a priest at 9 a.m. on 15 August 2015 at St Mary's Forane Church, Edoor. Please contact Frs Dominic Madathanil or Raphael Thottan for accommodation and conveyance to Edoor.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Frs John Vattanky and **M.M. Thomas** seem to be weak and both are bedridden in Christ Hall. **Fr John Mialil** is admitted in Nirmala hospital due to his asthmatic problem. **Br Vandakam** too is admitted in hospital due to his physical ailment. **Fr Samuel Rayan** had a fall in Sameeksha and his health seems to be getting weakened slowly. **Br John Molekunnel** also is weak due to his aging problem and other ailments. **Fr Adappur** had a slight bleeding from his nose and he is taking rest.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

All the newly appointed teachers from both the Boys' school and the Junior school along with the Jesuits participated in the Annual JEA Meeting organized in LES, Trivandrum. Two of our teachers attended the Jesuit leadership training program held in LES. The feast day of our founder was celebrated in a grand manner in both the schools. The Boys' school arranged its program on the 29th in which **Fr Ramlat** delivered the feast day message to the students and teachers and all the Jesuits of the community were specially honored by the staff and the students. In the Junior school the feast day program was organized on the 30th in which **Fr George Thenadikulam** was the chief guest. The teachers arranged an exhibition related to the life of St Ignatius and the students presented a skit emulating the life of St. Ignatius in which **Fr Ramlat** acted as St. Ignatius. On the

31st all the staff members of both the institutions were invited by the community for an enticing agape preceded by a concelebrated solemn Eucharistic celebration in which Fr Ramlat was the main celebrant and **Fr Varghese Anikuzhy** gave the feast day homily. On the same day **Sch. Jijimon** conducted a seminar for the students of KCSL and AICUF in the Boys' school. After the inauguration of the new court the students of the Junior school have started their intensive basketball coaching. We thank Christ Hall community for inviting us for the feast day dinner in the evening where our candidates sang the Jesuit hymns for the invitees.

We were enriched by the presence of **Fr Provincial** during his visitation in our community. The provincial met the Jesuits, candidates and the teachers and the students of both our schools. **Fr Anto** conducted a seminar for the parents of the catechism students of St Joseph's church in Calicut.

Ramlat Thomas

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKKAD

The month of July was very much alive with numerous activities in Xavier training centre. We began the month with a three-day Karate workshop by **Fr. James Morais**, the National Referee. The course was a great help to the pre-novices in keeping their body and mind sound.

We were delighted to have many Jesuit guests. We appreciate **Fr. Jacob Madukakuzhy**, **Fr. Augustine**, **Fr. Baby Mulloparambil**, **Fr. Ramlet**, **Fr. Shin**, and **Sch. Jijimon** for their graceful presence and inspiring interaction with the pre-novices.

Fr. V.C. George is back in the community. He joined the faculty and the classes are now in full swing.

There is a great demand for the Jesuits and the pre-novices from our neighboring parishes and religious houses for pastoral services. The **pre-novices** and **Sch. Adhul** are teaching catechism to the children in our parish, Panamaram. The parish priest is extremely happy with our lively presence and our effort. Now there is great demand from the other parishes too to teach catechism. Our fathers are helping out in confessions and Eucharistic Celebrations in some of the parishes.

We have also initiated '*Changathikoottam*' once a week aimed at bringing together children around our house. **Fr. V.C. George** is giving spoken English classes to our pre-novices every evening.

It was a happy occasion for all of us to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of the parents of Fr. Saji at Xavier Training Centre.

The preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius began on a spiritual note with the novena. There were other activities conducted on the feast day such as volleyball match, quiz competition and drama in honour of St. Ignatius. The Jesuits in Wayanad celebrated the feast at Xavier Training Centre along with their friends, around seventy in number.

Prasanthi Family Counselling Centre is becoming popular among families in Wayanad. **Fr. Saji's** hard work is commendable that we have already helped around fifty clients.

Adhul

S.M.FARM, PARIYARAM

The community warmly welcomed **Fr. Robert Shelton** with a prayer- gathering and sumptuous dinner. He took charge as Minister of S.M. Farm on July 15, 2015. We thank **Fr. Rajesh** Jose who did the work of the Minister for over one year together with his work at Illam. He brought about some order and cleanliness in the house apart from

installing the inverter due to which we did not experience the effect of electricity cut especially during the summer. The annual retreat of the priests of Kannur diocese preached by Fr. Joseph Erambil, Professor of Aluva Seminary, took place at IRC which has a shining look now with new painting.

Mathew Aerthayil

SAMSKRITI, PARIYARAM

Sanskriti Tarumitra has resumed its activities with renewed vigour in the new academic year with possibilities of tie up with new schools in Thalassery and Kannur dioceses. A group of students from St. Michael's School came for a one day exposure programme. We were happy that St. Michael's Jesuit community spent a day at Samskriti Sahajeevana Kendram for their faith sharing. To our surprise Fr. Provincial also had a day at the Centre enjoying the cool and natural environment in and around the Illam. We thank him for his encouraging presence. Following their example, we cordially invite all our Province men to visit our Centre and, if possible, spend a day and night there for a 'sahajeevanam experience' rarely available in Kerala.

Mathew Aerthayil

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

On 7th July Fr. **Job Kozhamthadam** gave a talk to the higher secondary and high school teachers on 'Science and religion'. It was a well appreciated programme. The Naval Academy of Ezhimala under the leadership of Lt. Commander Anil Raina conducted a programme for the High School and Higher Secondary students on the 24th. This LCD Projected programme was on training and formation of Naval cadets and possibilities of various services in Indian Navy. The programme got a very

good media coverage. 'Global Michilite Meet' which was organized by the 1986-87 batch was another notable event of the month. The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated with an insightful talk on 'Religious renewal in the 21st century' by **Fr. Kurian Kunnumpuram** and a festal lunch for the clergy and the religious of the locality. **Rev. Dr. Alex Vadkumthala** was present on the occasion.

K.J. Mathew

LOYOLA, ALUVA

On 3rd July, feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, the five first year novices became full-fledged members of our Community after successfully completing their First Probation and retreat under the inspiring guidance of **Fr. Jacob Madukakuzhy**. The second year novices arranged a grand welcome ceremony for them. The day began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration. After the Mass the community marched in procession to the grotto of Our Lady. Then the freshers were ushered in to their new rooms with enthusiasm and joy, fun and frolic. In the evening we had a thrilling basket ball match between the First years and the Second Years. The First Years won the match, of course, with the active support of Fr. Sanil and Sch. Sharath George. (Well, also because the II Years wanted to be magnanimous with their juniors on their welcome day!) The day's celebrations ended with a community get together after supper.

On the same auspicious day the new 'Service team' with **Ivin Tomy** as beadle and **Vysakh Titus** as sub beadle, assumed office. The old cabinet under the dynamic leadership of **Rojas Thomas** was given a thunderous applause for their splendid service.

Fr. Sanil helped out in SS Peter and Paul Church for almost two weeks in the absence of the Parish Priest; he was

the acting PP for a week in Muttinakam Parish, too. And **Jack Achan** went to Eachome to facilitate a community building programme.

All of us in the community got ourselves registered at the Panchayat Office to ensure our rightful place in the voters' list in the upcoming elections to the local bodies.

The solemn *novena* in preparation for the feast of St Ignatius began on the 22nd of this month and was duly completed on 30th. A serialized quiz program '*Ignatiana*' based on the life of St Ignatius and the early history of the Society commenced on the 23rd of July. Again, we had a grace-filled day of recollection brilliantly guided by **Fr. Vincent Pereppadan**. Thank you, *Vichu Uncle*! With all these aids we prepared ourselves well for the celebration of the feast of our Holy Father Ignatius. Finally we had a two-day celebration of the feast. On 31st our community with all the available attached members and semi attached members had a Solemn Eucharistic celebration with **Fr. E.J. Thomas** as the main celebrant. Fr. E.J. proved his credentials as an eminent vocalist by singing the entire Mass in Latin Rite. Congratulations, E.J. Achan! On Saturday, 1st August, we had the usual celebration with our close friends and collaborators with a prayer service and lunch.

To increase our joy we had the birth days of four of our novices- **Albin, Francis, Ivin** and **Sinesh** in quick succession which we jointly celebrated on the feast day of St. Alphonsa.

Many eminent Jesuits - Frs. Dominic Moothedath (Pat), Joe Xavier (Gregorian, Rome), Lakshman Peiris (SRI), Abraham Pallivathukal, Thomas Panikulam, T.V John, Sunny Kunnappallil, Paul Kari, Shibu Malekunnel, Dollychan Kollarath, Vibin Padayaden, Deacons Deepak Edattu &

Tomson Vadakeputhenpara and Sch. Jijimon Puthuveettikalam visited us during the month and blessed us by their presence.

Francis & Rejoy

SAMEEKSHA, KALADY

Sameeksha organized seven programmes for inter-religious and secular groups where they reflected on current issues. The Sahrudaya Engineering college students, ninety in all, had an orientation programme with the Atmamitra team. The former students of Jnanasameeksha had a workshop on the new Ecology Encyclical. The community had an apostolic discernment on the three areas of our involvements: the migrants, the teenagers and the multi-religious milieu. **Dr. Scaria Zacharia** helped us to be more alert to the challenges of these three sectors. Most of the community members and a few co-workers went to Calicut to pay homage to the deceased **Bro. Abraham Mannamkary**, who belonged to and served at Sameeksha during 2012-15. The abiding serenity and generous availability of Bro. Abraham would continue to inspire our community. **Fr Antu Xavier**, after his six months' stay with us, set out for his new mission. **Fr Sebastian Painadath** attended the CBCI colloquium for the Bishops and Theologians at Bangalore. Later in July, Fr Painadath gave a seminar on the spirituality of the Bhagavad Gita to the staff and students of Loyola, Trivandrum. In the presence of our domestic staff, AICUF collaborators and members of the neighboring religious communities, we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius. Our guests were enriched by **Fr George Nedungatt's** systematic and informative talk on the structure of the Vatican administrative set up. The AICUF animators of Ernakulam-Zone gathered at

Vimalayalam College, Kacheripady, to share their experiences together with **Frs Babu Paul and Xavier Tharamel**. A state level consultation on migrant workers was organized at Sameeksha by Jeevika in association with ISI Bangalore. The AICUF migrant commission of Ernakulam-Zone organized a seminar on "Migrant Worker: Friend or Foe" at St. Xavier's College, Aluva, and **Fr Sabu Malayil** delivered an inspiring talk by highlighting the convoluted circumstances of their lives.

Xavier Tharamel

LUMEN/SNEHA SENA, KOCHI

The feast of St. Ignatius was the most spectacular event of this month. Major Archbishop **Cardinal Mar George Alencherry**, the chief guest, gave an inspiring message touching upon the question that St. Ignatius raised and Jesuits continue to raise in history and now particularly Pope Francis in the latest encyclical. The brochure of **Ezhuthu** magazine was released in the meeting. The chief editor **Dr. V.G. Thampi** delivered an electrifying speech on St. Ignatius and his mission in history relating the relevance of **Ezhuthu** to the contemporary Jesuit mission. Those associated with various activities of Lumen Jesuit community were the invited guests for the festal lunch. **Fr. Nambiaparambil** coordinated the celebration and welcomed our guests. **Fr. Roy Thottam** led a reflective prayer on Ignatian theme. **Fr. Vincent** introduced JECI to the invitees. **Fr. Binoy** moderated the programme while **Frs. Shin** and **M.J. Thomas** looked after the meal that was served.

Newman Association in its monthly gathering chaired by **Fr. Adappur**

discussed *Laudato si*, the latest encyclical from Pope Francis. **Fr. Vincent Pereppadan** presented the encyclical summarizing the themes. **C.R. Neelakandan**, well known environmental activist and scientist, was the chief respondent speaker. The discussion was made alive by the active participation of more than 15 speakers. Here also Fr. Binoy was the chairperson of the session. **Fr. Abraham Pallivathukal** is back after a 12-day international mission of Jesus Youth animation. He animated two programmes at Camillian Pastoral Care Centre, Thailand, one for international animators from the retreat and training teams working in 11 nations and the second for the international full-timers to be assigned. Fr. Pallivathukal was featured by Shalom TV in two episodes aired on two Tuesdays on his significant contributions to the Charismatic renewal in Kerala. Earlier **Fr. Binoy** was on a U.S. mission for three weeks to present a mathematical research paper on 'Randomness v/s Fuzziness,' in the international conference held at Worcester, Massachusetts. He also visited California to discuss matters related to Peace Institute projects with some significant persons.

Fr. Adappur was a special invitee and speaker on the occasion of commemorating the memory of Prof. P.T. Chacko (Louvain) at POC, Kochi. **Fr. Roy Thottam** gave an exhortation on Arnos Padiri to the staff and students of Vadavathoor Seminary on the occasion of the release of the biography of Arnos Padiri authored by Fr. James Puliurumbil, the professor of history in the seminary. He has also completed another work of art on the Ignatian vision at La Storta. **Fr. M.J. Thomas** published two articles in English journals. **Fr. Shin Kallungal** was the 'parish priest' of Pallikkunnu for a few days when he served again in the church while the priests were away for retreat.

The construction of guest rooms modifying the refectory and kitchen of Lumen is over in a record time of 45 days. It was blessed by Fr. Superior on the feast of St. Ignatius. The work was done by **Melwin, Maxwin and Prasanth**, a team of contractors who meticulously took care of all the possible details of construction. As a result we have three guest rooms, modernized kitchen and a beautiful refectory without any extension to the building. Frs. Binoy, Vincent and Roy coordinated the work and we thank **Fr. M.K. George** for providing the necessary support and **Fr. Peter Mulloo** and his office for enabling the work smoothly. We thank all of ours for putting up with the temporary inconvenience and now there are no restrictions to our guests.

Vincent Pereppadan

SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

The month of July was grace-filled for Santhinilayam Community. Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola started on 22nd evening with a variety of insightful prayers. We invited neighboring priests and religious for an inspiring prayer service by **Fr. Augustine Peedikamalayil** and the festive dinner on 30th evening at 7pm. Senior Fr. Augustine Peedikamalayil of Delhi Province (Our Augustine's uncle) who was the former Rector of St. Xavier's, Delhi, was present and started the dinner by cutting the cake.

Augustine Peedikamalayil has successfully completed his first semester Bed. Examinations.

First Anniversary of Migrant Ministry (*Paradesi Susrusha*) at Thanmaya was celebrated with Holy Mass, Public Meeting, cultural programs and agape on 26th July. Archbishop of Kottayam **Mar Mathew Moolekkat**, our Chief Guest, was welcomed with tribal rituals and dances.

Snehabhavan organized a Medical Camp for special school children. Six Homeo doctors examined and distributed medicines to children. Ignatian Feast was celebrated on 30th July with a cultural programme followed by a sumptuous meal. **Fr. Sony** shared an inspiring Feast day message to the staff and students. Snehabhavan has started distributing medical, study, physiotherapy and speech therapy aids and support to buy appliances for the deserving persons with disabilities with the help of Stitch-in-liliane Fonds, Netherlands.

Anil Kochumethikalam

AKJM SCHOOL / SAMANVAYA, KANJIRAPALLY

Though the monsoon rain is playing hide and seek, the energy and enthusiasm instilled by the new team is continuing with much vigour and zeal. The month of July witnessed a variety of curricular and extracurricular activities in the campus. The admission for higher secondary is over and this year we have a fairly good harvest for the Plus One course. A science exhibition cum work experience camp was organized in the school which was a mega event through which our children showcased their scientific acumen. It was after a long gap of fourteen years that we organised such an event in the school. The Youth Festival was organized for different sections and our students were able to put up really high standard programmes. We have already started special training programmes for the selected students in view of the district and state level competitions. The one-day workshop on short story writing organized by the Vidyarangam Kala Sahithyavedi was attended by large number of students. The resource person Ms D. Sreedevi interacted very well with the students. **Fr.**

Rajesh Punchathalakkal visited us and began a unit of Tharumithra in our school. A new club named Farmers Club has begun its activities in our school with the help of the district agricultural department. We hope to see a lush green vegetable garden in front of our school. The school organized 'Kalam Day' in honour of late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in which the profile of Dr. Kalam was introduced to the students with very many quotes and a picture exhibition. There was a parents' meeting after the first monthly examination. The remedial classes for the weaker students have already begun. The daily special class for the SSLC batch is going on in full swing. We have managed to get an NSS unit in our higher secondary section.

Mr Thomas V. J. (Thomachen sir) who worked for more than fifty years in our school office passed away on 24th July. There was a special assembly in honour of Thommachen on the following day.

The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated with much enthusiasm in the school with special programmes. The staff and the students honoured all the Jesuits with presents and flowers. The best attraction of the day was a dance drama directed by Achuthan master which depicted the early life and conversion of St Ignatius. There was a get-together of religious men and women in connection with the feast. The Bishop of Kanjirappally, **Mar Mathew Arackal**, was the chief guest of the day. He gave an inspiring speech appreciating the yeomen service rendered to the people of Kanjirapally by the Jesuits.

Fr. Sooraj gave a one-day training programme for the Jesuit lay collaborators at Loyola school, Mukundara. The CRI unit of Bhadravathi diocese (Karnataka), invited **Fr. T M Joseph** to facilitate their quarterly discussion on Religious life on 18th July.

There were about fifty participants, half a dozen of them being M.C.B.S. and Claritian Fathers. This invitation was occasioned by the leading article in Satyadeepam (May 14-20) on 'the challenges of Religious Life'.

Fr. Varghese Malpan is giving a one month Retreat to MC Brothers in Calcutta. On the feast of St. Ignatius we had a Concelebrated Mass in the Samanvaya Chapel with the people. **Sch. Sharath** gave a very inspiring homily. After Mass we distributed cake to all the participants. **Fr. Ephrem** was here to give a 3-day course on SELF ESTEEM at CIS (Center for Ignatian Spirituality). The CIS is booked for another program, Youth Animators Seminar, for 15 people to be held on 7th & 8th August.

Sharath

ST. XAVIER'S, THUMBA

St. Xavier's Campus is abuzz with the joyful and relieved banter of the newly admitted students, which has made the campus not only more populous but young and colourful. A positive effect of this apparently new spectacle has reinvigorated our, otherwise, easy going veterans. They were accorded a grand welcome to SXC in a fitting ceremony, noted for its orderliness and nobility. The academic year 2015-2016 was solemnly inaugurated by **Fr. Pious Vachaparambil**, Rector and Manager, in the august presence of distinguished faculty, expectant parents and enthusiastic newcomers. Admission process is still far from being complete and our administration is still slogging late hours to settle them at the earliest.

Our principal, **Fr. Sunny Jose**, was away in Australia for a fortnight to attend the international Jesuit Principal's Meet at Melbourne. On the way back he had a stopover in New Zealand to visit his brother and to collect some continental

souvenirs to his eagerly awaiting community members, which eventually he did much to the satisfaction of the community. We hope his recent international exposure will yield better changes in his, probably last year in the office. In his absence, **Fr. Dasappan**, vice principal, guarded the SXC fort admirably and at the same time got a foretaste of what is to come, especially so as it was admission time.

St. Xavier's welcomed the Vidyaniketan community on a fine evening with a spiritually elevating prayer service and an equally resplendent dinner, which maintained a fine balance between tradition and modernity. The fun and frolic along with some stimulating songs from juniors lit up the evening.

True to the mandate given by the provincial to stabilize the St. Xavier's, **Fr. Biju Vadkumchery**, our new Bursar, upholding the philosophy of Robert Frost that "Good fences make good neighbours.", has been literally fortifying the walls of our campus, which had started crumpling in many parts of the campus.

Jose Pulinthanam, in his well pressed cassock, remarkable for its fine blend of Ujala, has been slowly but steadily steering the XIM ship from rough waters to the calm shores with some steely nerve and hard efforts. Admissions to the first year batches are in its final leg with a record number of intakes this year. His full time presence and amiable approach are gradually bringing about a fresh breeze of change and progress.

Dr. Raju George, an ex-Jesuit and an accomplished academician cum established administrator guided our staff and a select group of students through the rudiments of NAAC requirements. He ignited our minds and instilled in us certain clarity regarding our task and a positive frame work to start working on it.

St. Xavier's was very sad at the demise of **Adv. Eugene Herbert**, president of SXC Alumni association for more than a decade and an office bearer and active collaborator of JAAI. **Frs. Joseph Edaserry, Jose Mathew and Augustine Kallungal** joined the community at his funeral. We pray that his soul rest in peace.

Dominic Palakeel

LOYOLA, POOVAR

We are immensely grateful to Fr. Rabin for his deft assistance in certain office work during his two months long stay at Loyola, Poovar after the completion of his Tertianship. Fr. Robert Shelton left for Pariyaram on 12 June to take up his new assignment. We wish both Frs. Rabin and Shelton the best as they take up their new assignments: Vicar of Infant Jesus Church Nilambur and Minister of S. M Farm respectively.

Blessing and inauguration of our new Administrative block and Chapel on the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was a dream come true for all of us. **Msgr. Rev. Fr. Wilfred. E.** led the blessing ceremony in the presence of **Frs. Joseph Kallepallil, Polson, Saji, Rose Babu, and Joseph Pereira**, our Parish priest, and our guests including Sisters, neighbours, well-wishers and our staff and students. **Frs Pious, Williams and Br. George Vattukulam** joined us after a while. Msgr. Wilfred was the main celebrant for the Eucharistic celebration that followed the blessing ceremony and **Fr. Joseph Pereira** delivered an inspiring sermon on core Ignatian ideals. Dear fathers we remain indebted to you for your inspiring presence.

Loyola, Poovar, is deeply grateful to **Fr. M.K. George**, our Provincial, and to Loyola, Sreekariyam for generous assistance and constant support.

K. J. Thomas

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

Vidyajyoti set out on its voyage of 2015-16 with the new captain, **Fr. Michael Thanaraj** (JAM). The first year scholastics were oriented to the community as well as theology studies by **Frs Gratian Carlo** (KHM), **Tony**(DEL) and **Tom Kunnumkal**(DEL). The academic year 2015-16 began with the Eucharistic celebration presided over by **Rev. Dr. Anil Couto**, the Archbishop of Delhi. Dr. Nair delivered the keynote address on the topic Hindutva. The first year theology students made three visits, Jantar Mantar, Dump Yard and Parliament, as part of the course animated by **Frs. PT Mathew (KER), Edwin (BOM) and Sr. Shalini Mulackal. Sch. Rubil** (KER) is appointed as the new beadle of the community. The feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated in a grand manner. Fr. Rector said Mass for the college and he highlighted four qualities of a Jesuit - Finding God in Everything, Purity of intentions, Discernment of the spirit and Do everything for the Greater Glory of God.

Midhun J Francis

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, ERANHIPALAM

"The construction of the new college building is progressing steadily. The piling work is over and the work of the ground floor is in progress. This year we got NOC from the Government for conducting BBA, B.Sc Mathematics and M A English courses. Now we have a total of five U G courses and 2 P G courses and the students' strength has gone up to 392. We are now preparing for the PG admissions."

Jose Mathew

ALPHONSA COLLEGE THIRUVAMBADY

"A part of the new building of the College was blessed by **Bishop Remegiose** on 28th the Feast Day of St. Alphonsa. The new First year batch is also inaugurated on that day. The second year students are having their second semester exams from 23rd July."

K.P. Mathew

FROM FR BINU KADUTHALAKUNNEL

"My pastoral ministry in Ashokapuram is going on well. Being in a parish with 900 families and 11 religious houses gives me ample opportunities for a variety of valuable pastoral experiences. I also get a number of occasions to give recollections and classes in the nearby religious houses. The newly introduced project 'clean church with clean and green premises' gets great co-operation and acceptance with the support from pious organizations such as K.C.Y.M and Women's Welfare Association. My four-month long experiments to give the theological explanation of the Syro Malabar Qurbana in the 15 family units of the parish has brought good results as the participation of the people in the Qurbana is becoming more lively and active. The feast of St. Ingatius of Loyola was celebrated in the parish by distributing sweets on 31st of July."

FROM FR TOBY KOZHUPPAKALM

"Here I am doing very meaningful ministry with ours in diaspora. Most of the time I am visiting labour camps (migrant ministry in the gulf) giving talks, hearing confessions, undertaking counselling of teens. This is one part of the ministry. The crucial part is in the last days of my stay here. 8 days of summer camp, where I also have to coordinate a group of about 25 teachers and 25 volunteers catering to some 850 students of the parish of Sharjah (malayalee community). A retreat for the parents also will be part of it. Very welcoming priests and people."

MIGRANT WORKERS' MEETING

Migrant Outreach Service, SRC, Christ Hall, had the migrant worker's gathering on 19th July 2015 at 4 p.m. In spite of our constant visit and invitation only six of them came for the meeting. They are staying at Chelavoor and NGO Quarters. All of them belong to West Bengal State. **Fr. Immanuel Koyan** welcomed them to Christ Hall and there was an informal sharing of their life and work experience in Kerala. Fr Immanuel introduced to them about various services rendered to the migrant workers by this office. **Sr. Gracy** shared about the rehabilitation work done during the past four months and explained to them the government welfare programmes for migrant workers. All of them expressed their happiness and willingness to register themselves in our office. The meeting got over at 6 p.m. with tea and refreshments. The next meeting is fixed for August 9th Sunday at 6 p.m.

Immanuel

JAAI SOUTH ZONE CONGRESS

JAAI south Zone Congress is scheduled for 29th and 30th Aug.2015 at St. Joseph's Hr Sec. School, Calicut. The congress is named as **waves 2015** and the venue is named as Adv. Eugene Nagar. The congress will focus on the theme "**The role of Jesuit Alumni in the present educational scenario**". There will be two input sessions. The first input will be given by Dr. Viswanathan, Vice Chancellor, Vellore Institute of

Technology and the second will be given by Dr. Michael Tharakan, the Former Vice Chancellor, Kannur University. We expect around two hundred and fifty delegates from the four Southern states. Accommodation is arranged at Navjyothis, Eranhipalam, Kolping centre Eranhipalam, and Christ Hall, Malaparamba. Jesuit delegates will be accommodated at Christ Hall, Malaparamba. We have sent registration forms to all the Jesuit institutions in Andhra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala. Registration forms can also be downloaded from the JAAK website ***jaakerala.org*** under the icon **waves 15**.

Jose Mathew

IN THE MEDIA

Fr Painadath on Goodness TV

Fr Pallivathukal on Shalom TV

Fr M.K. George: "Chalk Podi" in Mathrubhoomi weekly

Fr M.J. Thomas in Jeevan and New Leader

Fr Vincent Pereppadan in Deepika Daily **Loyola College** featured in Indian Express on 03.08.2015; Edex, Page 15

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GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr M.J. Victor (MDU,70/ 52) on July 12.

Fr. Stephen Toppo (MAP 55/ 35) on July 26

Swami Prabhudhar Constant (GOA 79/55) on July 27

Fr. Sebastian Anand (MDU, 61/44) on Aug 2.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

13 Ephrem Manikompel
15 Tinu Francis Pondichery
16 Thomas Karimundackal
18 Nikhil George Paruvananickal
19 Devassy Ponthempilly

23 Joseph Inchackal
26 Sooraj K. Sebastian Kuzhimullil
27 Mani Manimala

SEPTEMBER

06 Sunny Kunnappallil



IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

AUGUST

01 (2013) Varkey Chalissary
07 (1983) Thomas Nadar
08 (1962) John Sequeira
09 (2005) Sebastian Inchody
15 (2006) Francis Kannikal
29 (2011) Mathew Moozhiyil

technical know-how and gentle ways won for him innumerable friends and admirers.

Generally a person of deep silence: you will never hear him raising his voice. His faith and interior life is such that even in his painful sickness there is the calm presence. While assembling expensive parts of computers and other machinery for others, he is quite satisfied with old computers and old instruments for his personal use.

OBITUARY

**FR PAUL PALATTY S.J.
(1946 – 2015)**

"Sitting at his desk with many parts of various kinds of machines together with several kinds of tools is a gently smiling face. This is Fr. Paul Palatty assembling TVs, Radios, Computers etc for others. He is not at all disturbed. He is happy to answer queries. He is willing to take on another job to help you. Fr. Paul's

All through his life Fr. Palatty maintained simplicity, openness and sincerity towards others. He never complained about anything or anybody, not even about his sickness which was steadily taking his earthly life away. Just as he was focused on assembling articles for others he was also focused on his own spiritual life.

Many in our own days are running after money, power, prestige and positions. Fr. Palatty proves another way is possible and even necessary. Instead of flaunting his abilities, he preferred a life behind the curtains. He was happy when others benefitted from his technical abilities and skills.

On celebrating Paul's golden jubilee in the Society of Jesus in June 2014, Fr. Adolfo Nicolas, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus wrote, Even before the technological revolution in Electronics began to turn the world around, you had shown much interest in it. It is so commendable.

Fr. Paul used his technical skills for the benefit of maintaining parish registers and accounts in an up to date fashion. In all this he showed the ideal 'Magis', all for the greater good, for the greater glory of God and for the greater benefit and service of others.

'History of Kerala Province in Pictures' is Fr. Palatty's production. It shows Fr. Palatty's remarkable skills.

Fr. Paul Palatty, age 69, died on 30th June and was buried at Christ Hall cemetery on 1st July, 2015. He was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth of Palatty family of Ernakulam Archdiocese. His siblings are George, Joseph, Marykutty, and Sr. Navya, R.A.

Paul was born in 1946 at Mookkannur, Ernakulam District. He joined the

Society of Jesus in 1966 at Christ Hall. He studied Philosophy at Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur and Theology at Vidyajyoti, Delhi. He was ordained priest 1979 at Vathakatt Bharatharani Church.

Paul acquired extraordinary competence in Electronics, Mass Communications and Computer Science through his studies in Bombay.

He was teacher and principal at Pariyaram Nirmala ITC. He taught communications at St. Joseph's High School in Kozhikode. He was Superior of Santhinilayam, Jesuit Media Centre, Kottayam. He was Minister of Christ Hall. As Parish Priest and Vicar he served at Madakkampoil Infant Mary Church and at Karumchal Immaculate Conception Church.

May the Lord grant him the rewards for his priestly life and service. May the fond memory of Fr. Paul Palatty brings us all joy and much inspiration.

Jose Thachil



**BR ABRAHAM
MANNAMKARY SJ (1935-
2015)**

It is often said: the way you live, so you die. This came true in the life of Br. Abraham. He lived a quiet life, he had a quiet death. Anyone who comes close to Abraham would feel the serenity of the person. He was a deeply contented man and this was evident in the way he talked, walked, worked and related to

people. As Fr. Provincial said during the funeral Mass, even the mother earth would not sense his footprints. Anyone who lives close to the earth would imbibe the inherent peace and stability of the earth.

Abraham felt very much at home in the Society. He was committed to whatever work that was assigned to him. With great dedication and genuine joy he pursued his duties. He was born in a farmer's family and most years of his Jesuit life he spent in taking care of farms. He loved the earth and got fully involved in cultivating it. He loved trees and plants and took care of them. He loved cows and enjoyed running dairy farms. Above all he loved the fellow workers and cared for them and their families. He used to walk with them and sit with them during the work hours. He was so close to them that he took the freedom even to get angry with them too: but that was with the affection of belonging to the one greater family. Abraham was also close to the neighbours. Wherever he served, he made friends with several neighbouring families. They remember him with great affection.

Abraham never felt comfortable in sitting idle. Even on days when he had fever he was on his heels. On the advice of doctors he was forced to take rest at Christ Hall in the last three months. But his mind was in the farm at Sameeksha and he used to call often to enquire about the plants and the neighbors. With his death the Province has lost a Brother so committed to his mission, but gained an intercessor in heaven. The Jesuit Brothers are "a symphony of love." (Arrupe)

Jose Thaiparambil, who lived with Abraham in the former community at

Vimala Estate remembers him fondly: "Avirachan was one of my best friends; I have great admiration for him. We struggled together about ten years developing the Vimala Estate. He made a major contribution to bringing all the arable area of the estate under cultivation. He slogged day and night in sun and in shower. All through his life Avirachan laboured looking for no reward; he toiled without seeking rest. He stood by me as my right hand in facing the militant workers and establishing discipline in the estate. We had several serious crises in the estate, but as a Jesuit team we stood together and Avirachan was a source of courage and inspiration."

Abraham was born on 19.08.1935 at Esthil, Cannanore. His parents Thomas and Eliamma were farmers. After his high school education at Kalpetta he joined the Society on 30.07.1961. After the first vows he spent two years pursuing the juniorate programme at Christ Hall. In the subsequent years he worked in the farms attached to the Jesuit houses at Trivandrum (Loyola), Pariyaram, Calicut (Christ Hall) and at the end at Kalady. But most years he spent as farm-in-charge at the Vimala Estate, Vellarikundu. (15 years). He also served as Minister at Trivandrum (St.Xavier's), Edathua and Echome and as assistant to the boarding director at Kanjirappally. He did his tertianship at Patna in 1981 and took the Final Vows on 02.02.1983.

From April this year he was at Christ Hall taking rest due to a weakness of the heart. All these months he looked cheerful, and hopeful of going back to Kalady for resuming the farm supervision. But the divine Master called him to himself. On Friday, 3rd July the Feast of St. Thomas, while taking the

noon meal he suddenly collapsed onto the lap of Bro. K. T. Jose sitting nearby. Immediately he was rushed to Nirmala Hospital, but soon he breathed his last. It was a very peaceful death without much struggle and pain. His body was kept at the hospital for a day and was then taken to Christ Hall on Saturday evening. On Sunday 05.07. the funeral Mass was celebrated in the presence of many Jesuits and several members of his family. Respecting Abraham's personal wish the body was laid to rest in the tomb where Fr. Romeo Porta SJ was buried. It was the Italian missionary Fr. Romeo who baptized Abraham on 26.08.1935 at St. Joseph's Church, Thaliparamba. "Avirachan", as the friends fondly call him, will live in our grateful memories and inspire us to do even the small services with great diligence.

Sebastian Painadath