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## FROM THE PROVINCIAL

### PEACE AS AN OVERARCHING CONCERN

On November 1, 2015, Kerala Jesuits have embarked on a new journey. A journey towards a world of Peace. In inaugurating the **Loyola Institute of Peace and International Relations (LIPI)** and its maiden initiative of '**Ezhuthu**' magazine, we are re-committing ourselves to the core mission of '**Service of Faith and promotion of Justice in collaboration**'.

The world over and especially in India, fear grips the minds of all, especially the most vulnerable. For the tribals and dalits, the aggressive discourse on 'development' creates intense fear. It means that their precious land will be taken away and they will be displaced forever. For the minorities, it is a fear they will be second class citizens in their homeland. For those who adhere to the dreams of the Indian Constitution, it is a fear that the Constitution may be desecrated. The anger and desperation are obvious, especially towards the conniving silence of those in power. The silence of the masses made a newspaper editorial to remind us 'silence of the majority has always led to mass murders in history'.

Peace is the need of the hour. LIPI and '**Ezhuthu**' are invitations to join hands for building a world of peace. **Can PEACE become an overarching concern of all our ministries? Can we think peace, talk peace and live peace?**

Let our prayer be: 'Make me, Lord, a channel of your peace'

*M.K. George S J*

## TRANSFER BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Varghese Malpan: IRC, Pariyaram

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### NOVEMBER 2015

- 15 : Lay Leaders' training at Kalady
- 18 : Programme for CST Fathers
- 25 : Programme for CST Fathers
- 26-27 : Juniorate
- 29 : DOW meeting at Loyola

### DECEMBER 2015

- 01 : Jubilee of Snehabhavan
- 03 : Final Vows of Fr. Dasappan
- 04-07 : ISI, Bangalore

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### NEW MOBILE NUMBER

Fr Thadeyoos S.M.: 7025366358

### CONGRATS BENNY

**Fr Benny Chiramel** successfully defended his doctoral thesis in Mumbai University on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015. Hearty congratulations Benny!

### RELEASE OF EZHUTHU MAGAZINE

*Ezhuthu* Magazine, the first project of the Loyola Institute of Peace and International relations, was formally released on November 1. On the auspicious day of the birth of the State of Kerala, a long-awaited dream of ours came to be realized. The Town Hall of Ernakulam, recently renovated, and packed to its full capacity with friends and well-wishers and more than 60 Jesuits witnessed the birth of the new magazine of the Peace Institute. An array of dignitaries like, **Justice Kurien Joseph, Smt. Dayabhai**, the well-known activist, **Fr M.K. George**, Provincial, the Chief Editor **Prof. V. G. Thampy, Prof. M.K. Sanu, Fr Adapur**, and **Prof. M. Thomas Mathew** adorned the dais.

The formal function began at 3.00 p.m. with a melodious and devotional invocation by the teachers and students of the Department of Music, Sri Sankara University, Kalady. **Fr Binoy**, the Director of the Institute, formally welcomed the gathering. Prof. V.G. Thampy gave an orientation of the Magazine and placed it in the current context of Kerala and the unique role it will play in the literary and cultural scene. Fr M.K. George, in his Presidential Address, stressed the fact that this magazine keeps up the great legacy of the Jesuit tradition in terms of literary and cultural contributions. Justice Kurien Joseph, in his inaugural address, wished that a magazine of this sort guided by Jesuits should play a counter-cultural role in promoting peace and justice. This is all the more significant at a time when the current magazines tend to be biased and carried away by vested interests.

The magazine was released by none other than the much acclaimed activist, Dayabai who handed over the first copy to Sri Vaikom Murali, a prominent literary critic. The choice of Dayabai to release the magazine was a deliberate choice and it emphasized the fact that Ezhathu will resonate the voice of the voiceless. Glowing tributes and felicitations were offered by Prof. M.K. Sanu, A. Adapur, and Thomas Mathew. The melodious and choral rendition by the students of Loyola, Mukundrara, under the dynamic leadership of **Fr Syriac Panjikanan** captivated the audience to peaceful tunes. The programme came to a close with the formal vote of thanks by Fr Roy Thottam.

A remarkable feature of the whole programme was the wonderful team spirit of the community of Lumen. Whether young or old, everyone in the community contributed immensely to the success of the event. A programme of this magnitude could not be realized without the helping hands of a lot of Jesuits from many of our communities. Special mention must be made of Fr Santhosh, and the entire community of Loyola Aluva.

We are glad that there is an overwhelming support for this venture from various quarters and it is reflected in the on-going increase in subscriptions. However, the sustainability of such a competitive venture in a commercialized world needs vigorous net-working and creative way of promotions. Let us together make a difference trusting in the Divine Hands!

*Binoy Pichalakatt*

## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

October, being the Rosary month, Jesuits were busy offering their services to various parishes in the city. The community celebrated the birthday of our superior **Fr. Anto** in a fitting manner. We cordially welcomed back home Fr Thadeyoos who has returned after successfully completing his Tertianship programme in Australia. Congratulations to **Fr K.T. Devasia** who has won

the case filed against this appointment as principal following a judgment of the division bench in the High Court. He will be away from the school for a period of three months attending various refresher programmes. Fr Anto visited the scholastics of Mangalore and Bangalore. **Frs. Philip and Ramlat** attended the young priests' triduum in Christ Hall. Fr Philip and our eleven candidates visited the Mahe church as part of their pilgrimage to the place.

In the month of October, the ICSE school was busy with mid-term examinations, students' study tour programmes, exhibitions, inter-house tournaments etc. The DC Books arranged a superb book fair in our school which helped ours to expose themselves to the world of books. Apart from that three of our boys participated in the State level ICSE athletics meet held at Kollam and secured prizes. Other students of our school participated in the district level aquatic and shuttle competitions and were selected for state and national level competitions. The Jesuit Collaboration Initiatives (JECI) of Calicut city was inaugurated by **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil** in the ICSE School Hall, in the presence of many of our well wishers from the city. Congratulations to Fr Philip who meticulously organized the inaugural function.

The Higher Secondary school conducted its sports meet in a grand manner. Some of our candidates also secured prizes in various competitions.

*Ramlat Thomas*

#### **XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD**

In October we had celebration of two feasts; one of St. Francis of Assisi and the other of St. Jude. Also, we celebrated Gandhijayanthi by a thorough cleaning of our surroundings. Another celebration was the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of our cook, Thomas. We ended the month with a special rosary procession in which the parish priest and the sisters participated. We prayed for **Fr. Rachans'** father who passed away. The pre-novices had a taste of T.A. for two days thanks to **Fr. Wilson Mulackal**. The pre-novices had a chance to visit

Tudi where they were entertained by the tribals with their cultural programme under the initiative of **Fr. Baby Chalil**. Fr. Provincial's annual visitation was indeed a time of grace and encouragement for the community. Among other things, Fr. Provincial was highly appreciative of the cultural programme put up by the pre-novices. **Fr. Saji** and **Sch. Adhul** along with their staff members spent a day each with the students of Holy Cross Convent School, Mananthavady and Sacred Heart School, Dwaraka counselling them and helping them to improve their study skills. Fr. E.P.Mathew, Fr. Devasia Kuzhuppil, and Br. Mathew Puthiyedom were our guests this month.

*Adhul Thomas*

#### **S.M.FARM, PARIYARAM**

**Fr.Varghese Malpan** joined the IRC team as a member of S.M.Farm Community. **Fr. Raju Vattaparambil** organized two 4-day retreats, one for the parishioners of Fathima Matha Church, Bakkalam and the other for those of St. Thomas Church, Vellikal. He also conducted 'Soar-2015' Youth Retreat at IRC for four days. **Fr. Mathew Kannadan** spent a few days at Mahe Church for spiritual ministries connected with the famous feast of St. Theresa of Avila.

*Mathew Aertthayil*

#### **LOYOLA, ALUVA**

The month of October was a graceful one for the Novitiate community. The "Rosary month" has drawn us closer to Jesus through Mother Mary. We had a ten-day solemn Rosary devotion. Everyone who was suffering from fever and other physical pains has recovered fully. On 8th October, the community accorded a rousing welcome to the new member of our community, **Fr. Santhosh Puthenpurackal**, with a solemn Eucharistic celebration and an exciting Basketball Match. We are privileged to have the energetic presence of "Santhoshachan" with us. He plunged straight into the works of assisting the Loyola Peace Institute and has already taken over as the Province Vocation Promoter. We wish him all success.

**Fr. Jacob Madukkakuzhy** was out from 5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> to direct a retreat. We got an opportunity to try our culinary skills for three days, as our cook, Mr. Kunjumon was on leave for nearly two weeks. Later on we got a lady from the neighboring colony to cook for us. Fr. Master and Fr. Santhosh participated in the formators' meeting which took place on 10<sup>th</sup> of October at Kalady. On the same day **Fr. Sanil** attended a religious gathering organized by the Archdiocese of Verapoly.

Our community was extremely happy to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of dear **Fr. Wilson Mulackal**, with a solemn Eucharistic celebration followed by dinner and get together. Frs. Sanil and Santhosh were away at Christ Hall from 21-24 attending young priests' triduum, which was directed by Fr. Jose Jacob. Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil graciously shouldered the responsibilities of Fr. Master in his absence. Thank you Sunnychan!

This month we had a few distinguished guests like, **Frs. Aluckal (DEL), Rachans Lukose** and **Br. Mathew Puthiedom**. The Superior General of the C. S. T fathers and the general councilor paid us a short visit. The visit of Sch. Jenoffin's parents, **Mr. Sudhakaran and Mrs. Regina Sudhakaran**, was a time for experiencing parental care. The Quiz Competition **Ignatiana-2015**, which had been going on for the last few weeks, came to a grand finale. Second year Novices completed their series of **Panegyrics** with thundering performances etching inefaceable memories of our illustrious forefathers and brothers. Since we are eligible to vote in the upcoming Panchayath election, the candidates of different parties are frequenting Loyola to woo our valuable votes.

Now we are getting ready for the two major experiments of the novitiate life; while the 5 first year Novices are preparing for the **Long Retreat**, the 10 second year Novices are gearing up for the **Work Experiment**. Both are scheduled to commence on 15<sup>th</sup> of November. We humbly request your valuable prayers for our Fr. Master and each one of us.

*Albin & Sinesh*

## **ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY, VELUR**

ARNOS PADIRI MEMORIAL TALK SERIES is inaugurated on 10<sup>th</sup> October by **Rev. Dr. Devasy Panthallukaran**, the former Principal of St. Thomas College, Trissur. The first talk in this series was delivered by **Prof. John Thomas** on the topic: *The role of ARNOS PADIRI in Malayalam literary - cultural history.*

The next talk in this series will be on 14<sup>th</sup> November at ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY by **Dr. Joy Paul**. The topic is: *the vision of ARNOS PADIRI on the secular fabrics of Kerala culture.* Those who are interested in this event are most welcome to Velur.

On the same day **SAMADARSANA VEDI** – Socio-Cultural FORUM of Velur people- is inaugurated by **Sri.C.R. Nambisan**, Kiralur. On the occasion many spoke very positively on the need and relevance of such a FORUM in the present socio-cultural milieu.

Roy Thottam was away in Athirappally in an art workshop organised by POC, Kochi and Paul Kari is away with his spiritual involvement in Muringur and nearby parishes.

*George Thenadikulam*

## **SAMEEKSHA, ATMAMITRA AND JEEVIKA**

The 15<sup>th</sup> batch of lay students taking the two-year theology programme (Jnana-Sameeksha) started with 28 newcomers on 06 October 2015. A Muslim writer brought in an inter-religious group for a four-day silent meditation programme based on the texts of Khalil Gibran and Tagore at Sameeksha. **Sebastian Painadath** gave a four day seminar on spirituality to an international group at Bangalore. He also taught a course on Dialogue of Religions at EAPI, Manila. He attended the National Ashram Aikya Meeting at Bodhi Centre, Perumalmalai. **Atmamitra Team** with **Toby** gave a three day training programme for Catholic Youth at Yuvakshethra College, Palakkad under the auspices of KCYM, Diocese of Palakkad; a one-day programme for Mission League students of the Diocese of Kanjirappally at Upputhara, a four-day programme for the students of Presentation Higher

Secondary School, Perinthalmanna, a three-day programme for the non-catholic students of Amal Jyothi college of Engineering, Kanjirappally and a one-day programme for the National Youth Workshop of the Jacobite Syrian Church.

*Toby*

#### **A.K.J.M / SAMANVAYA, KANJIRAPPALLY**

The month of October began with the celebration of the Grandparents' Day. Around three hundred grandparents of LP and KG students attended this function. The Student Empowerment Programme (SEP) is vigorously followed up. **Fr. Vincent Pereppadan** gave a one-day workshop on study methods to the SSLC students. It was well appreciated and the immediate effect was seen in the performance of the students in the monthly examination. There was a grand inauguration of JECI Kanjirappally unit and the opening of a new Alumni Association on 24<sup>th</sup> October. **Fr. Binoy Pichalakatt** inaugurated the JECI unit and **Fr. Philip Thayil** inaugurated the Alumni Association. Many former students and teachers were present for this nostalgic gathering. The IX<sup>th</sup> standard students had an enjoyable excursion to Mysore and Ooty. The Plus One students had their annual outing to Wonder La in Kochi.

The visitation of the provincial enabled us to experience once again our Jesuit identity and the Ignatian *cura personalis*. His interaction with the staff and the students encouraged them to strive for excellence in all their endeavours.

After a short stint at Samanvaya, Fr Malpan is transferred to IRC, Pariyaram. He was given an affectionate send off on 26<sup>th</sup> October and he left for his new pasture on the same day itself. Our school was the venue for the revenue district sports and games competitions. An orientation camp for the NSS volunteers was arranged by **Fr Sooraj** and it was well appreciated by them. The scouts and guides troops of our school organized Jota-Joti programme for the entire district. **Fr. M.K. George** inaugurated this mega event.

**Fr. Tom Panikulam** conducted a one-week course on the Spiritual Diary of St. Ignatius to the Tertians in Goa. There were 17 Tertians, but nobody from Kerala Province.

He also gave a one week course on the Autobiography of St. Ignatius to our Novices in Loyola, Aluva.

*Sharath*

#### **LOYOLA, SREEKARIYAM**

A sensitization workshop was organized by KECRO (Kerala Child Right Observatory) for the social work students of Loyola at LES on '*End Violence Campaign and Global Hand washing*'. **Fr. Joye** gave a talk on the *Role of Religious in the Contemporary Kerala* to the CRI theologians at POC, Ernakulam. He also attended AICUF's National Evaluation Commission meeting at Chennai.

**Fr. Saji** went to Attappadi for the PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal) programme with students for one week. A workshop was arranged with the support of ISI, Bangalore, concerning the migrant labours at LES. **Fr. Sabu Malayil** participated in the same along with three migrant workers whose sharing was an enriching experience for the audience.

A two-day workshop on *Psychometry* was organized by the Department of Counselling and Psychology as also a two-day international seminar on *Managing Uncertainties of Business*.

The construction work of the new wing of Loyola School is in full swing under the able guidance of **Fr. Kallepallil**. New admissions to the UKG for the academic year 2015 – '16 are over.

The Loyola unit of JECI was officially inaugurated on 10<sup>th</sup> October by Fr. Kallepallil at a function chaired by **Fr. Joye**. **Fr. Pious** introduced the spirit behind JECI and Fr. Binoy dwelt at length about our Peace Institute and the upcoming magazine *Ezhuthu*. Fr. Joye along with the college principal attended the JHEASA meeting at Bhubaneswar.

The KCYM youth of Cheruvikal parish organized a cricket tournament for the KCYM

units of Trivandrum Archdiocese in honour of **Fr. M.M. Thomas** and the inaugural event was held on our school grounds.

Fr. Aneesh has gone to UK for his doctoral studies.

*Sunil Padannamakkel*

### LOYOLA, POOVAR

The flavour of the past month was the Inauguration of JECI Poovar unit on 30<sup>th</sup> September. It was a moment of great anticipation for both young and not so young friends of Loyola, Poovar. In connection with the programme we organized a *Sahitya Sangamam* and *Kaviyarangu*. **Prof. P.G. Kurian**, Principal, Loyola Institute of commerce, welcomed the gathering. **Fr. Joye James**, Rector, Loyola sreekaryam was the chief guest of the day and in his inaugural address he enlightened the gathering, in his characteristic style, mixing wit and wisdom on the idea behind the formation of JECI. **Dr. Iris Koileo**, Principal, Emmanuel college Vazhichal inaugurated *Sahytya Sangamam* and spoke eloquently on the role of writers as agents of social change. **Fr. K J Thomas** presided over the function. A spectacular *Kaviyarangu* was another attraction of the day. Twelve noted poets of Kerala participated in the programme. Earlier in the morning our renovated Library was inaugurated by Rev. **Fr. Joseph Pereira**, Vicar, Poovar in the presence of Frs. Joye James, Sunil and other guests from Loyola Sreekariyam and from our neighbourhood. We thank Loyola Sreekariyam for the unflagging support and much needed buoyancy aid.

We launched the first mission of JECI Poovar – a training programme for the boys of Bartholomeo Foot Ball Club, Poovar. Forty boys attend the life skill training which will be held on weekends.

*K J Thomas*

### ST. XAVIER'S COMMUNITY, THUMBA

The highpoint of October was the visitation of Fr. Provincial in the first week of the month. He, besides meeting us all personally, found time

to interact with the staff at both SXC and XIM. His words of encouragement and points for further improvement from a fraternal point of view, not just gave us the motivation to move on but also helped us focus more realistically and effectively on our cut out task here. We made this opportunity to greet and honour **Fr. Benny Chiramel**, our former acting Rector and attached community member on his successful defence of doctoral thesis.

The month of October also marked the birth of the new octogenarian in our community, **Br Jacob** who apparently is the healthiest and the most active member among us, who gracefully conceded to a modest celebration in the community. The Jesuits in and around Trivandrum, numbering around 30 gathered together at SXC to felicitate and thank God for the gift of Br. Jacob. **Fr. Dasappan**, infusing with his creative and literary talents conducted an evening prayer shedding light on the biographical journey of Br. Jacob. **Fr. Joseph Kallepally** felicitated him on behalf of the Jesuits and honoured Br. Jacob with a *ponnada*. Our minister **Fr. Biju** ensured that the candle light supper that ensued was a perfect reflection of the generosity of Br. Jacob to the Society of Jesus even when turning 80. Clad in a milky white Kurta and floating an unusually spontaneous smile the B'day baby Br. Jacob looked like an old Testament patriot in an oriental setting.

The Xavier Outreach Services (XOS) doled out one of its new initiatives of training the catholic college going students of Pudukurichi Forane. As a preliminary step **Fr. Pious** organized a meeting of students from the area with the help of local parish priests. Though it had a modest beginning we envisage to have periodical training programmes for them with a view to equip them to perform well in studies and emerge as a valuable asset to the society whom we serve.

All of a sudden St. Xavier's Cricket Ground was in news as this has been chosen as the venue of an interstate under 23 first class cricket tournament between Kerala and Maharashtra. As an icing on the cake two players of the Kerala Team are

students of our college. The match is attracting a reasonably good crowd from the locality.

*Dominic Palakeel*

### **SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI**

October has been quite cool in Chennai with some incessant rains but the academic ambience has been quite 'warm' with internal and end-semester exams. As there have been occasional outbreaks of dengue in and around, we too in Satya Nilayam were affected. A few were hospitalized and Jose Pittapillil too was a victim of dengue. **Fr E.P. Mathew** was in St Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Kottayam, in the third week of October to teach a course in Symbolic Logic. It was an enriching experience both for the students and the teacher.

*E.P. Mathew*

### **VIDYA JYOTHI, DELHI**

The months of September and October made a mark in the history of Vidyajyothi with different activities. The recollection points given by **Fr. Alexis Premkumar** on his experience in the Taliban Captivity invited the community to reflect on the King's call in a deeper level. **Fr. Chandy Kumbalankal** presented a paper at Kumarappa Institute of Economics, Katpadi on "Economics in an Ecological Permanence". He also attended a Panel discussion presentation on Laudato Si, at Holy Trinity Theological College, Jalandhar. He published an article "Indian Farmer at Cross Roads" in Agriculture World, Delhi and four articles in Indian Currents Weekly on four topics under the series "Invisible Injustices". The first term was ended with exams and we began our second term with enthusiasm. The scholastics had a cultural tour to different parts of North India in which they experienced the concept "unity in diversity" of India as well as the companionship of the Jesuit brotherhood. We had arranged a *balamela* for the street children in the city. The third year students are preparing themselves to go to Nepal for the relief works. **Fr Prakash Louis** gave an orientation to the Nepal relief works.

**Sch. Bastin** is a member of the new Kitchen Committee and they will assume their responsibility on 1<sup>st</sup> November. The temperature in Delhi is slowly going down.

*Midhun J Francis*

### **AICUF CENTRE, TRIVANDRUM**

**Fr. George Sebastian** is back home after giving a series of lectures and courses in the universities of Canada and the United States. Fr. George is in great demand for his courses and lectures and thus he is fully occupied with his ministries. The AICUF students were in TUDI for three days to have a taste of tribal life and work camp. Thanks a lot to Fr. Baby Chalil and his team who made our life in TUDI very pleasant, fruitful and enriching.

**Fr. Babu Paul** gave a three-day workshop on leadership and personality development in Satara, near Pune for the PG students of various colleges in Maharashtra. The workshop was organized by Yeswandarao Social Work College, Satara. Seventyfive students participated in the programme. The AICUF students of Don Bosco College, Angadikadavu, had a one-day session on leadership by Fr. Babu Paul. The AICUF students have registered their protest against the remarks of the central minister, Mr V.K. Singh, about Dalits in their respective campuses. We felt that it was a great insult to the Dalit community. The AICUF Centre organized the second session of *VARAULSAV* (creative expressions of art for children) along with *SAHITHY* in which 26 students participated. The number of the lay theology students at the Centre has reached 40 and we experience great enthusiasm and energy in the group.

*Babu Paul*

### **JOE PULICKAL WRITES FROM USA**

"My three months in the USA is getting over. I plan to leave for Bengaluru on November 4, and reach Sameeksha, Kalady, on the 9th.

Over half my time here I stayed in a Jesuit parish

which has many activities in the Jesuit spirit, and has a group which regularly discusses Ignatian spirituality and gives the Spiritual Exercises in the parish and in other places. The parish priest himself often has individuals making the Exercises in Daily Life under his guidance. I got the opportunity to see some of the Spiritual Exercises ministry here by Jesuits and others. When I was in a retreat house here, two groups of homeless people, now in shelters in Washington, were making three-day retreats, the women under the guidance of a mother of seven children, and the men under the guidance of a team of former Jesuits. Gonzaga High School in Washington has an office and a team of lay people for campus ministries - Ignatian ministries. Boston College - a university - has taken over most of the Ignatian intellectual activities formerly done in St. Louis University. In Baltimore Jesuits have a kitchen offering food to the poor, and night shelter during the winter, all run by Jesuit Volunteers.

I had home away from home for a few days each with our Dolichan in Boston, former Kerala Jesuit George Thaila and family in New York, former Kerala Jesuits Jacob Valayath, Prince Manipadam and Johnson Vallamattam - now priests of the diocese of Corpus Christi, former Kerala Jesuit Jimmy Plalickal and family in Atlanta and with M. K. George's sister Jessy and family in Houston."

### LABOUR CARD DISTRIBUTION

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015 the migrant workers from Moozhickal, Parambil Bazaar, Chelavoor, N.G.O Quarters, Paruthipara and Malaparamba assembled in Migrant Outreach Services (MOS), SRC, Christ Hall. The meeting was organized mainly to distribute labour cards to migrant workers. The chief guest was **Mr. Binnie** the General Manager, J.K. Cement, Kozhikode. **Fr. Immanuel** invoked the blessings of God singing a Hindi Song. Sr. Gracy SCN welcomed the group. **Fr. Jose Thachil** Director SRC was the chairperson, and in his inaugural speech he emphasized the need for a strong bond

between migrant workers and SRC MOS and assured them of his support and help whenever they are in need. **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil**, socius to the Provincial, spoke to the migrant workers inviting them to be a part of Kerala society and encouraging them to live a peaceful life and assured them that Christ Hall would always support their endeavours. The guest speaker, Mr. Binnie, whole heartedly supported the ministry to migrant workers and expressed his desire to be a part of this challenging ministry. Other speakers were Sr. Vandana SCN and Fr. Immanuel SJ, making them aware of their rights and inviting them to be a part of SRC MOS programmes for migrant workers. Father Jose Thayil S.J, programme director SRC, distributed the labour cards to them. Twenty three persons received their labour cards and several others have registered their names at MOS for labour card. Mr. Manoj Thomas, the social worker, thanked the group. With tea and refreshments the meetings ended at 8.30 pm. The next meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> November Sunday at Jeevika MOS at SRC.

*Immanuel Koyan*

### PASTORAL CORNER

The Parish Feast Celebration of Ayurniketan Church, Kottakkal, was a grace-filled experience for the parishioners. The parish retreat conducted by MSMI Sisters and the "Home Mission" Programme organized by the Diocesan Team were indeed fruitful for both the individual and the family renewal of the parish. The novena to Our Lady preceding the feast was a spiritual preparation for the devotional feast celebration. On the eve of the main feast day **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil** presided over the Eucharistic Celebration and **Fr Provincial** delivered an insightful homily. **Frs Anthraper, Chittoparambil** and **Br K.T.Jose** from Christ Hall accompanied Fr Provincial and joined the parish community in their celebration. The colourful and devotional procession through the main street after the Mass



was experiential and inspirational for the faithful. Rev. **Dr. Varghese Chakkalakkal**, the Bishop of Calicut, was the main celebrant on the Feast Day during which ten children received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation from the Bishop. The whole parish community and the Sisters serving in the parish were one in mind and heart in the planning and execution of the various programmes of the festal celebrations.

*Joseph Kadankavil*

**OURS IN MEDIA**

**Sch. Midhun J Francis:** “Fethullah Glen and Hizmet movement” in “Salaam”, a quarterly which promotes understanding of Islamic studies.

**Fr Antony Mechery:** “Marichalum Marikkaatha Mar Abraham/Mar Abraham, an immortal soul” in Sunday Shalom, vol.16, No.42 (October 25, 2015).

**Sch. Sheise’s** photos appeared as back cover of JIVAN and cover page of Tik Tik life (OCTOBER).

**Fr Adappur** appeared in Asianet T.V. channel on former minister and communist leader, T. V. Thomas.



**GONE FOR THEIR REWARD**

**Fr. Joseph Matheikal** (DEL, 84/65) on Oct 8

**Fr. Isayas Xess** (RAN, 46/24) on Oct 17

**Fr. Akijiro T. Ooki** (NEP) on Oct 29

**Mr K.J. Philip**, uncle of Fr Toby Kozhuppakalam on 23 October 2015



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**NOVEMBER 2015**

- 06 Thomas Anthraper
- 09 Joseph Puthenpurackal
- 13 Raphael Thottan
- 14 Ambrose Parapuram
- 16 Philip Vattamala
- 17 Jose Valuvettickal

- 19 Sebastian Painadath
- 19 *Rajesh Punchathalackal*
- 21 Jose Jacob Maruthukunnel
- 22 Emmanuel Puthuvalveetil
- 24 Thomas Njaralamkulath
- 28 Raju Vattaparambil
- 29 Baby Chalil
- 29 Sunil J Padannamakkel
- 29 Xavier Tharamel

**DECEMBER 2015**

- 03 Linto Kanichai
- 03 Amal Sebastian Karithadathil
- 05 Xavier Veliyakam
- 09 Sanil Mayilkunnel

**IN CHRIST WITH GLORY**



**NOVEMBER 2015**

- 02 (1998) Mathew Pulickal
- 07 (2011) George Kandathil
- 09 (1970) John Kizhakethayil
- 22 (2008) Cheruvallil Varkey
- 25 (1997) Ignatius Chackalakkal
- 30 (1991) Antony Palakunnel
- 30 (1993) Sebastian Kappen

**BR. CHACKO VANDAKAM, S.J.**

**(21.04.1935 – 05.10.2015)**



As we consider the 60 years Br Chacko Vandakam spent in the Society, we see the abundance of blessings the good Lord showered generously upon the Society

through him, by his services. Unlike many epic and historic heroes Br Chacko made no attempt to obtain any worldly glory or fame. His life was one of quiet service. Brothers in the Society of Jesus do sterling services without any fanfare. They are the welcoming face of the Society. In this splendid tradition, Br Chacko served the needy and the poor for well over 55 years.

Br Chacko was born in 1935 of God-fearing parents in Champakulam, in the Archdiocese of Changanacherry. After his school studies, he joined the Jesuit Pre-novitiate at Leo XIII High School, Aleppey. Then he started his fruitful work in the Bishop's House, Calicut for a short while. Afterwards he was sent for training to be an infirmarian at Muller's Hospital, Mangalore.

Thus well equipped, his first service was for the Dalit orphans of Chirackal Missions, doing everything for them at the Little Flower Orphanage, Mattul. His work there was hard; the orphans were happy for the four years he spent amidst them because of his endearing ways, genuine respect and love for the poor boys.

After Tertianship at Shembaganur in 1963, he was assigned to St Joseph's School, Trivandrum, to look after the boarders and also the School office for 3 years. There he made his final commitment to the Lord in 1966. The Boys and teachers appreciated his winning ways and his interest in them. Soon his services were badly needed in the newly started Loyola Institutions, Sreekariyam where he spent four difficult years, looking after small children's clinic and working efficiently in the College office.

From there Br Chacko went straight to another new institution, St Xavier's College, Thumba, to be in charge of the hostel for College boys and later he became the Minister of the House. His strong physique and cheerful dispositions helped him to carry the heavy burden for 5 years. There also his willingness to do any kind of work was much appreciated. Then came an urgent call from Christ Hall, mother House of the Kerala Province, to be the infirmarian to look after the health of Novices, Juniors and Fathers. For a short period, he went to work among the children of poor fishermen as Asst. Director of Loyola Social Works, Poovar. This showed that he could work with any class of people, rich or poor, educated or unlettered. Then

came a great call from one of the common houses of Indian Jesuits, De Nobili College, Pune. There he managed to take care of the health of young philosophers and theologians from all over India. His knowledge of Hindi and Tamil was helpful to be in touch with the common people around the College. He spent more than 6 years there. It was at that time that the Sri Lankan Jesuits requested for a minister for their retreat house at Batticaloa and he readily agreed to be sent there in 2001.

After his return from Sri Lanka, he served as in-charge of kitchen in Vidyaniketan, our common Juniorate in Trivandrum, for a period of 2 years. After leading a life of rest and prayer for 4 years in Santhinilayam, Kottayam and Pius X ITI, Edathua it was in 2013 that Br. Chacko was brought to Christ Hall. By then he had been suffering from the ravages of diabetes. In course of time both his legs had to be amputated. He submitted to the ordeal without any anxiety or fear. He found strength in attending daily Mass, reciting rosary and being with his brothers at table. His composure was such that it was difficult to know if he had suffered from depression. When anyone asked how he was, he would smilingly say, "I am alright; only my legs are gone." It was an attitude like Job: "God gave; God took it away. Praised be the name of God."

Br. Chacko was laid to rest in Christ Hall cemetery on 06 October 2015 in the presence of his family members, a large number of religious Sisters and Brothers and many other faithful. May Br. Chacko rest in peace!

Br. Chacko made the Ignatian prayer his own: "Whatever I have or hold, you have given it to me. I return it all to you. Give me only your love and your grace, that's enough for me." Br. Chacko went forward as a valiant soldier of Christ. The words of St. Paul are quite applicable to him: "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."

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