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To All Jesuits of  
Kerala Province and Readers  
of Kerala Tidings

*Wish you all*

**Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year**




**FROM THE PROVINCIAL**

**RESPECT COMES BEFORE COLLABORATION**

We just concluded a series of three workshops for our lay partners in mission. The response has been overwhelming. Their suggestions included, sadly though, that the Jesuit leadership should manifest more conviction and commitment to participation. May be it is the hangover of our feudal mentality or a fear that still keeps us Jesuits from taking the plunge.

May be we should begin at the very beginning. It is to remember that we must respect our partners. Instances of our being rude to our lay collaborators and hurting them are not too uncommon. Hire and fire mentality is still visible. And most dangerously, the attitude that it is my/ our own institution still

dominates many of us. We should remember Fr. General's words in this regard: "..... such things as intimidation, corporal punishment, physical mistreatment and psychological harassment have no place in any ministry associated with the Society of Jesus. We need to take decisive steps **to eliminate any behaviours that hinder an experience of God's love.**"

We, the Kerala Jesuits, are called to take radical decisions. Are we ready to work even under the leadership of our lay partners, assuming a subsidiary role. Answer to this question is crucial to the very survival of our ministries and mission in the state of Kerala.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year one and all.**

*M.K. George SJ*

## APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Joseph Mathew:** Vocation Promoter  
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## LAST VOWS

Fr Dasappan Vattathil will pronounce his Last Vows on 03rd December 2015 at St Xavier's, Trivandrum. The liturgical celebration begins at 11 a.m. in St Xavier's College Auditorium. All of ours are invited to join him in these joyful moments of his final incorporation in the Society.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### BUDGETS FOR 2016-17

Our budget meeting for 2016-17 will be held at Christ Hall, Calicut from 11<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. Please submit your budgets before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

*Province Treasurer*

### GET-TOGETHER OF EX-RTC MEN

25 years ago the Province started the RTC. A get-together of all the former RTC students and staff is planned at Sameeksha from Dec.11<sup>th</sup> evening

till 13<sup>th</sup> noon. A cordial invitation to all of them! **Fr. Provincial** will be present at this fraternal meeting. Dr. V.G. Thambi will initiate a discussion on 12<sup>th</sup> afternoon on "How Jesuits could respond to the contemporary challenges in Kerala." On Sunday morning we will join the parish community for Mass and meet them over a cup of tea. There will be ample time for visiting friends and families in Vattathara and Chengal. Those who attend this get-together will please inform Sebastian or Xavier at Sameeksha.

*Sebastian Pinaradath*

### EX-JESUITS' GATHERING

"Dear friends, we are inviting the Ex-Jesuits of Kerala Province for a get together in Christ Hall on Saturday, 2nd January, 2016. I have been able to contact nearly 30 of them and many of them are eager to come. It is an informal gathering, there is no fixed agenda. We will begin at 10.a.m. and will conclude at 4.p.m.

I am writing to inform YOU about this and also to invite you to come to Christ Hall if you want to meet some of your own batch-mates. Please pass on to me if you have any contact numbers of Ex-Jesuits, so that I can invite them for the meet".

*Tom Panikulam*

## ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD



**Dn Manesh Jerald Thottathuvilakom**  
will be ordained a Priest on 28 December 2015  
at St Sebastian's Church, Balaramapuram at 3.30 p.m.

**Dn Tomson Kappiarumalayil**  
will be ordained a Priest on 29 December 2015  
at St Antony's Forane Church, Paingottoor at 9.15 a.m.





## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### DECEMBER 2015

- 01 : Jubilee of Snehabhavan  
 03 : Final Vows of Fr. Dasappan  
 04– 07 : ISI, Bangalore  
 09 : Programme for CST Fathers  
 11-13 : Visitation, Sameeksha  
 14 : RTC Meeting  
 17-19 : Visitation, Pariyaram  
 26 : Consult, at Pariyaram  
 28 : Ordination of Dn Manesh  
 29 : Ordination of Dn Tomson  
 30- 31 : Programme for DST Sisters

### MEETING OF THE SUPERIORS AND DOWS

The Superiors and Directors of work gathered in Loyola College, Sreekariyam on the 29th November for a sharing on the topic 'Superiors and Directors of work- Perspective of the Society of Jesus'. The highlight of the meeting was the much appreciated presentation by **Fr. Sebastil Raj**, Provincial of Madurai. Combining insights from the documents of GC, various instructions from Superior Generals and his own vast personal experience he enlightened the group on the need for a collaborative relationship, based on transparency and an effort to build an 'Apostolic Team of Colleagues'. The group interacted with him intensely, thus providing the group with lots of insights and inspiration.

In the business session which followed a quick brain storming on the strengths and weaknesses of the province in terms of the Superiors-DoW relationship, a lot of matter was covered and the gist of them will be sent to you soon through a circular.

I want to apologize sincerely for not informing Frs. Mathew Aerathayil, Saji Kandsankunnel, Fr. Sebastian Thengumpallil and Fr. Ephrem about this meeting. Once again, apologies for this oversight.

There were some gems in Fr. Sebastil's sharing. For instance, he said, 'Let us not be professionals

without the Spirit. Let us be monks in the market' 'When you budget, you save more money' 'In all apostolic ministries, we are only trustees and hence accountable to the Superiors' 'The challenge of Transparency in everything, especially financial matters, is the greatest of challenges for us today' 'Participation is not to compensate for the declining numbers of Jesuits, but it flows from the call of the Spirit inviting others to live out their Christian vocation in such a service'

*M.K. George S J*

## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE

SRC organized a seminar on 'cyber crimes and preventive measures' on 28th November. **Mr. V.A. Paul**, a senior civil police officer, was the resource person who made us aware of the imminent threats posed by the cyber world. Hats off to **Fr. Thachil** for his efficient organization of the event, which was well appreciated by one and all. We had a number of hospital cases last month. **Fr. Thomas Anthraper** was the first one to be hospitalized. He had a mild heart ailment and is back to normal now. **Fr. George Kandathil** was in hospital for a few days with a viral fever. At the end of the month, **Fr. John Mialil** and **Br. John** were hospitalized due to fever and general weakness. **Sch. Kamal** stayed with us for a few days to recover from a viral fever. **Dn. Manish** blessed our community with his presence for a few days as he was doing his ordination retreat under **Fr. Sunny**.

*Stevenson*

### ST JOSEPH'S CALICUT

The students and teachers of the Higher Secondary school are vigorously involved in preparing programs for the forthcoming state Kalolsavam. The Jesuit Collaboration Initiatives (JECI) was formally inaugurated by **Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil** in the ICSE school auditorium. Many well-wishers and collaborators of ours participated in the inaugural function. The HSS also organized

its annual sports meet to elevate the spirit of its athletes and players. The High School students gained more enthusiasm and energy after visiting Mysore as part of their study tour program. A spectacular Bicentenary football tournament was organized by the alumni in the school ground. Fortyfour handwritten magazines, the literary expressions of various classes, were also released at the inaugural function. The staff members of both the institutions were given a new thrust in the one-day seminar conducted by **Fr Sunny Jacob**, the national coordinator of JEA. The Children's Day was celebrated in a grand manner in both schools. Assemblies were organized highlighting the significance of the occasion. **Mr Chemanchery Gurukul**, the acclaimed *kathakali guru*, was the chief guest in the HSS.

The senior students of the ICSE School arranged a wonderful food fest in the school premises as part of their SUPW assignments. The school's junior football team played in the tournaments organized by the district football association and won prizes. Many of our students wrote the Level-1 Spellbee examinations which instils in them a taste for the study of English language and its expressions. Master Ayush of our junior section secured second prize in the elocution competitions conducted for schools in Calicut. A group of our students were provided with a better experience of nature as they were taken to Sahajeevanam, Kannur, for an exposure-cum training camp. Thanks to **Frs. Rajesh** and **Antu** for coordinating the camp for our students.

**Fr Anto** visited the scholastics of De Nobili College, Pune. **Fr Thadeyoos** participated in the national meeting of the Province Coordinators of Education in Jamshedpur. **Fr Ramlat** attended the National conference of ICSE principals in Bhubaneswar.

*Ramlat Thomas*

## TUDI, EACHOME

During the months of September, October and November TUDI made significant interventions among the tribal community here in Wayanad. This year state AICUF work camp was organized here

in collaboration with TUDI. There were 60 student participants hailing from different colleges in Kerala. State advisor, **Fr. Babu Paul** was present throughout the camp.

TUDI **Nattarangu kalasangam** was invited to give a stage performance at Marine Drive, Kochi on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Sahrudaya Social Service Society of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese. On the way to Ernakulam we paid a visit to Fr. Wilson Puthussery's parents and family members. They received us with a delicious dinner. Our *Nattarangu kalasangam* was on **Media One channel** for the programme called 'Pattuvazhi'. They telecasted this programme thrice during the month of October. TUDI cultural troop gets lots of opportunities to perform in TUDI Center as many students visit TUDI as part of their field study and exposure program.

To begin a new initiative for the skill development of selected tribal girls, we sent Miss Rejitha and Vineetha to Loyola School, Mukunthara for a couple of weeks. **Fr. Syriac Panjikan** whole heartedly received our students and provided them with opportunity to master the skills in beads work and craft making. Thanks to Fr. Syriac Panjikan and Loyola Sadan Jesuit community for providing this golden opportunity to our students.

Under the leadership of **Fr. Alfonso**, St. Aloysius College Mangalore, thirty students from the department of Social Work and Sociology visited TUDI for their tribal field experience programme. They spent three days in TUDI, visiting tribal settlements for their study purpose.

Our Jesuit Pre-novices were in TUDI as part of their social analysis training programme for three days. **Fr. Baby Chalil** and team helped them in this process.

Miss Preetha is on her way to pursue MSW studies in Loyola Social Science College, Sreekariyam. She is the first one to do this professional course from a Paniya tribal community from this locality. Other tribal students are continuing their formal education in different educational institutions. In

our new initiative, tribal boarding (*arivuda*), there are 21 tribal girl students along with two wardens and one counsellor. They feel great joy in the new environment.

Fr. Baby Chalil gave a talk on '*Laudato Si*' for the Nadavayal forane priests on the occasion of their monthly recollection. It was well appreciated by the participants; and there is a demand for the same from the diocesan level.

*Baby Chalil*

### **SAMSKRITI, PARIYARAM**

Sanskriti Sahajeevana Kendram has started training in 'Kalari', the traditional martial art of Kerala. About 40 children both girls and boys from 1-7 standards attend the classes which are conducted six days a week in the evening for an hour. They will be given a certificate after six months, though the classes can continue up to three years. One 'kalari' guru from Pattuvam conducts classes according to the 'Malakam Kalari' which is the speciality of Payyannur school of Kalari. The programme was inaugurated by the newly elected Panchayat President of Pattuvam accompanied by the Ward member in the presence of parents, children and the neighbors. The Centre is full with activities: apart from regular ecology classes, it has now yoga, tuition classes and Kalari. St. Joseph's Junior School, Kozhikode, sent about 40 High School students to Illam for a 3-day residential camp. The students thoroughly enjoyed the stay at this ancient monument with beautiful rural setting and surrounding, and, of course, the enlightening classes of **Frs. Rajesh Jose** and **Antu Xavier**.

### **IRC, PARIYARAM**

**Fr. Raju Vattaparambil** and his team organized many programmes during the month: the SOAR-2015 youth retreat for students of Little Flower College, Guruvayur, 3-day retreat for Karakund Parish as part of their feast, another 3-day 'Athmabhishekam' retreat for St. Ambrose Forane Church, Edavanakad, Ernakulam and a 4-day residential retreat at IRC itself. Kannur diocese organized at IRC a one-day seminar for Religious

and Priests on 'The Cyber World-Cyber Law, Misuse and Trap: Prevention and Precaution'. Mr. Francis Pereira of Kerala Police was the resource person.

*Mathew Aertthayil*

### **ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR**

As part of the sesquicentennial Jubilee celebrations St. Michael's School conducted an inter-school Quiz Programme titled INDIA FREEDOM QUIZ on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015. **Mr. K. Balachandran**, Programme Director, A I R Kannur, was the chief guest during the valedictory function.

Children's Day was celebrated in a fitting manner in St. Michael's School. The Pre-primary school conducted a fancy dress competition for the play-school, LKG and UKG children. Prizes were distributed to the winners. The programme was well appreciated by all.

The Capuchin fathers organized a street play on the harmful effects of drug addiction which was well appreciated by the students of St. Michael's school.

St. Michael's school is the venue for the Sub – District youth festival this year. The school is now busy with the preparation for the smooth running of the programme.

**Fr. Dominic** and the teachers took the LKG and UKG students for an outing to the Chal Beach. It was an occasion for the students to run freely on the sand of the beach and to enjoy themselves.

In October Fr. Dominic arranged a self-esteem programme for the teachers of the Pre-primary school. **Fr. Ephrem Thomas** was the resource person. The teachers are grateful to Fr. Ephrem for the enriching course he offered.

*K.J Mathew*

### **LOYOLA, ALUVA**

November was a very important month for the Loyola Community. The first half of the month was a time of preparation –the first year novices prepared themselves for the *Long Retreat* and the second years for the *Work Experiment*. And in the second half they have started living the

*experiments.*

Various conferences and Classes were conducted in order to prepare the novices for the *experiments.*

**Fr. Thomas Panikulam** conducted a course on the *Autobiography of St. Ignatius* from 2nd to 7th November. This course helped us the novices to have a clearer understanding of how God led Inigo through the small and great incidents in his life and how God taught him the great spiritual art of discernment. Thank you, *Tom Achan*, for your inspiring sessions! In preparation for the two major *experiments* we sought ardently the help of all our elder brothers in heaven by praying the *Litany of all the Saints & Blessed of the Society.*

Fr. Master was away in Pune from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November, attending a meeting of all the *South Asian Delegates* in preparation for GC 36. On November 5<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the feast of *All the Saints & Blessed of the Society* with a Solemn Mass. Later on the same day all the novices solemnly exercised - some for the first time in their lives - one of their sacred duties as the citizens of India by casting their votes in the election to the local bodies! In the first week of November we had two distinguished guests – **Frs. George Thenadikulam** and **Jossy Rodrigues**. Fr. Georgkutty gave us an inspiring talk on our mission as Jesuits. Fr. Jossy spent with us a few days completing his annual retreat which he had begun at Muringoor.

We had a two-day celebration to honour **Fr. Santhosh** on the occasion of his first birthday as a member of our community. The celebration had all the usual ingredients – special Mass, basket ball match, sumptuous dinner and post supper get-together. Fr. Santhosh guided us in our monthly recollection on 10<sup>th</sup>. On the same day we had the much anticipated *cabinet reshuffle*. The new cabinet is headed by **Sooraj K Sebastian**. We place on record our thanks & appreciation to the old cabinet under the beadleship of **Ivin Tomy**. And we wish all the best to the new team!

On November 13th we had the combined celebration of the feast of **St. Stanislaus Kostka**, the patron of the novices and the birthday of our

Fr. Master. We had a solemn Eucharistic celebration in the morning and adoration in the evening. After the dinner we had a special gathering. A few young Jesuits from the nearby communities, turned up for the celebration, adding to our joy. On November 14<sup>th</sup> first year novices went on a pilgrimage to Malayattoor, and on the way back they visited *Sameeksha* to get the blessings of the great *acharyas* there before starting the Long Retreat.

On November 15<sup>th</sup> **Jack Achan** left for Cherthala to direct a one- month retreat to a group of Sisters at Green Gardens. On the same day in the evening, with the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the first year novices started their **Long Retreat**, along with five SCJ novices from Bangalore and two MSJ Sisters. On the next day the second year novices left for their *Work Experiment*. They will be given special orientation by **Fr. James Morais** before dispersing to different places in search of work. We request your strong support through constant prayers for the *sadhanites* as well as the *poor migrant labourers!*

*Rajas Thomas*

### **SAMEEKSHA/ATMAMITRA, KALADY**

A group of thirty-two collaborators from our different institutions turned out for the training programme on various Ignatian themes organized by the JECI at Sameeksha. Thirteen Jesuits of our Province presented different themes in the training programme and the evaluation and follow up planning sessions were led by **Fr. Provincial**. The Missio organized a three-day programme at Sameeksha, reflecting upon the Indian Spirituality aspects with **Fr. Sebastian Painadath** and had a day out in Alappuzha and Kochi. **Frs. Joe Pulickal** and **Xavier Tharamel** returned to Sameeksha from the US and the UK respectively.

**Fr. Sabu Malayil** was invited by the KLRCC to lead a training programme at Vimalagiri Pastoral Centre, Kottayam, for the priests, nuns and lay people who coordinate social apostolate, in different Latin dioceses in Kerala. Fr. Sabu Malayil joined the diamond jubilee celebrations of the Carmelgiri Major Seminary, Aluva.



For Atmamitra, the peak of the month was the three-day Renewal Programme for the entire students (1700+) of Little Flower College, Guruvayur. This was in collaboration with **Fr. Raju** and his team. **Fr. Toby** led the Kanjirappally Forane Youth Meet covering 460 youth for a day at Kanjirappally. Vimala Central School welcomed Atmamitra to lead its almost 1000 students through two one-day programmes. One-day programmes were also given at various schools in Kizhakkambalam and Paravur and parishes of Malappuram and Chittisery.

*Toby*

### **LUMEN, SNEHASENA, PEACE INSTITUTE, KOCHI**

For Lumen Jesuit community the month of November was spectacular and eventful. Visitation of the Provincial was a fitting beginning. It was an opportunity for all of us, individually and collectively as well, to look into ourselves and our mission to discern how to be more effective in our apostolates. Therefore, it was a time of challenging ourselves with more conviction and the Spirit of Magis. Thank you **Fr. Provincial** for making us feel more energized and challenged.

Of course, the launching of EZHUTHU was the most brilliant occasion that we all participated and witnessed. The event made us feel more responsible, committed and vigilant. **Fr. Binoy** deserves a special accolade for his tireless work of coordination and imaginative ways of teaming up. Congratulations Fr. Binoy!

The community had gone through a serious process of discernment on Apostolic Planning. It took three sessions to complete the process. Even now we feel that we have to work more on the process to make ourselves more effective. As part of our community building programme we had a day spent in the backwaters of Alappuzha on a boat. It was an awesome time that enjoyed by the great father Abraham, Fr. Adappur to the Benjamin Fr. Shin.

In a seminar organised by the Liturgical Research Centre of Syro-Malabar Church at Mout St. Thomas, Kakkanad, on the life and contributions of Arnos

Padiri **Fr. Adappur** and **Fr. Roy Thottam** presented papers. The paper presented by Fr. Adappur titled, "Arnos Padiri and Mar Thoma Christians" has also appeared in Sathydeepam Weekly. At the closing session of the seminar on 4th November, Cardinal Mar George Alancherry released Fr. Adappur's long awaited book: ERNESTUS TURNED ARNOS, ERNEST HANXLEDEN, LINGUIST PAR EXCELLENCE. It is published by Asian Trading Corporation, Bengaluru, with its cover page designed by Fr. Roy Thottam. The title of the paper presented by Fr. Roy in the same seminar was, "Arnos Padiri and Jesuit Charism," and it was well appreciated by the participants.

Newman Association had the monthly seminar on "the Agenda of Modi and the Electoral Results of Bihar." **Dr. Sebastian Paul** was the main speaker. **P.C. Cyriac IAS** (Rtd.) and **C.G. Rajagopalan** (BJP) presented their views. **Fr. Adappur** chaired the session while **Fr. Vincent** moderated the discussion.

**Fr. Roy** Thottam participated in an art camp for religious and priest artists organised by POC Media Commission, Kochi. It was conducted at Athirappally and Fr. Roy was the main resource person. **Fr. M.J. Thomas** has published an article in New Leader. **Fr. Vincent Pereppadan** attended the JESCOM coordinators' meeting in Bhubaneswar.

### **PEACE INSTITUTE**

Ezhuthu Magazine, after its release on 1 November, is being circulated in most of the towns, book stalls, and news-stands in Kerala. We are glad that the copies of the first issue are in great demand and well received by the secular readers. May we thank everyone in the province for your whole-hearted support in reaching them into many. We need keep going the initial momentum as there is a long way to go in making our prophetic presence felt. Kindly find this note as a personal request to everyone in the province to let us know your feedback on the first issue and suggestions on how to improve the forthcoming issues, specifically the content, style, pages, design, possible writers, etc. The themes for the next two issues are Badhal Jeevitham (Jan. 2016) and Climate Change (Feb. 2016). You may

send your response via ezhuthumagazine@gmail.com or binoySJ@gmail.com, or roymtho@gmail.com or via mobile (9497445381, 9656250234).

**Fr. Binoy** conducted an orientation program for the teaching and non-teaching faculty of St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam on 6 November. He also presented a paper on "Befriending Fuzziness in the Other" in the international Conference held at Jnana- Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee celebrations from 24-28 November 2015.

*Vincent Pereppadan*

### **ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY, VELUR**

BHARATHA PRAVESAM 315 & VELUR PRAVESAM 303: To commemorate the historical events of Arnos Padiri's arrival to India (AD 1700) and Velur (AD 1712), Arnos Padiri Academy is organizing a meaningful cultural celebration at VELUR. SAMADARSANA VEDHI, the lay initiative of Arnos Padiri Academy, is in charge of the whole programmes. The celebration begins on 13<sup>th</sup> December with KAVISAMMELANAM which will be held at Academy campus. Noted poet Prof. VG Thambi will inaugurate the event. On 17<sup>th</sup> Jesuits will celebrate THANKSGIVING MASS in the old church, which Arnos Padiri built in 1712, along with the parish people. On 19<sup>th</sup> we will have an all Kerala painting competition for the children under the leadership of **Fr Roy Thottam**. It will be held at the parish premises. The grand finale of the celebration will be a CULTURAL MEETING to be held at Velur RSRV HSS ground on 27<sup>th</sup> December with the support of Velur Panchayath. Many prominent and respected personalities will be present for this cultural event. As part of the celebration on the same day TUDI KALASANGAM will be staging a NADAN KALA MELA for the Velur people.

All the Province members are invited for this programme. Choose a convenient date and make a visit to Velur, the land of folk arts and crafts.

*George Thenadikulam*

### **THANMAYA, KOTTAYAM**

Thanmaya is in the process of launching an e-magazine. The magazine aims at publishing local, state, national and international news. A reflected analysis of social, cultural and political issues on a global basis, religious and inter-religious reflections and articles, introducing the cultures of Kerala, India and other cultures of the world to the new generation, political and social news and view points, news from Indian literature, column on prominent personalities from different field of life, art and cinema news-national and international are the other categories apart from the news suggested by the Thanmaya core team.

**Fr. Sooraj** has agreed to be the chief editor of the e-magazine. The launching of the magazine will be on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016. A name for the magazine which will be widely acceptable should be found out at the earliest. I request you to suggest suitable names and inform the Director, Thanmaya before 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015.

Thanmaya produced a 20-minutes video documentary called '**ADITHATTILE PAVIZHANGAL**' based on Snehabhavan institutions. It is a souvenir of the silver jubilee year of Snehabhavan. The first copy of the documentary was released by **Fr. Provincial** and handed over to **Prof. Cyriac Thomas**, former vice chancellor, M. G. University.

*Sony Thazhathel*

### **AKJM /SAMANVAYA, KANJIRAPALLY**

We bade farewell to the month of October on a spiritual note as we concluded the month long recitation of the rosary. All the Catholics students and very many non-catholic students along with their teachers and the principal recited the Rosary for thirty one days in our school chapel. We welcomed the month of November with a photo - exhibition named Gandhi Darshan in association with the Pala K.M. Mathew Foundation in which a collection of rare photos from the life of Gandhi were exhibited. Nearby schools sent their students for this exhibition and appreciated this programme. AKJM students performed exceptionally well in



the district level Science Fest. The Children's Day was celebrated with much enthusiasm in our school with a grand pageantry and cultural expo through the town with numerous Chachajis, freedom fighters and theme based floats from each class. We literally put a halt to the town and received wide media coverage. The staff performed cultural programmes and a comedy skit for the students. A film festival was organized by the higher secondary section in association with Thanmaya Media Centre, Kottayam. Renowned film director Mr. Joshy Mathew inaugurated the film festival and interacted with the students. **Fr. Sony Thazhathel** gave a session on film appreciation and analysis. **Fr. Sooraj** was the chief organizer of this first ever film festival at AKJM. Our students won many prizes in the Sub-District level Athletic meet competing with the students from the famous sports schools like Koruthodu and Parathodu. The Student Empowerment Programme (SEP) and the kids fest are continued rigorously and we notice remarkable change in the students. We launched a radio station named Loyola Radio in our school. A famous radio jockey R.J. Murukan of Radio Mango trained our students to run the radio and they broadcast programmes every day. The monthly examination and the parents' meeting were conducted as usual. We have revitalized the Former Students Association with Mathew Dominic Karippaparambil as its president. They have generously agreed to support our new ventures and developmental initiatives. Various constructions in our school are nearing completion and the blessing of the new block will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> of December by **Fr. Provincial**. The inauguration of the new block will be on the following day by **Hon. Minister Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan** along with school anniversary in which **Mar. Mathew Arackal** is the chief guest of honour. We are organizing a mega magic show by a world famous magician Gopinath Muthukad for the parents and the former students on 4<sup>th</sup> December. We extend a warm welcome to AKJM for these special events. We have begun a Bible class for the lay people

under the auspices of JECI and we receive a very positive response. **Fr. Salvin** was the special guest of the FM radio Mango on children's Day and the interview with him was telecasted repeatedly. Fr. Salvin and Sch. Sharath were the guests of honour of the first anniversary of the Senior Citizen's Forum, Kanjirapally.

**Fr. K. C. Thomas** has been actively involving in St. Dominic's Cathedral for the past one month as the parish priest was away. His services were highly appreciated by the parishioners and the resident priests. **Fr. Tom Panikulam** gave a one-week course on the Autobiography of St. Ignatius to our Novices in Loyola, Aluva. He also joined the team of Jesuits who "enlightened" our School teachers by the 3-day seminar on Ignatian Spirituality in Sameeksha. He conducted an evening class for the High School students from the neighbourhood of CIS. About 20 students and 9 parents attended it.

*Sharath*

#### LOYOLA SCHOOL, MUKUNDARA

**Fr. Raphael Thottan** joined the Loyola Sadan community and he is getting involved in the renewal programmes and a lot of spiritual ministries around the place. After the semester exams we are holding the meetings of parents of each division separately – Parents Day Celebrations. In the first 30 minutes- long public meeting, a student is the president. A father and a mother adorn the chief guests' chairs. Everything is done by the children of the respective classes guided by the class teachers. Later we have 80 minutes. of variety entertainment programme where the children of each class present declamations, dramatic monologues, speeches, songs, skits, dialogues, story-telling, skill displays, yoga display, gymnastics display and a few group dances. Later we had a short session for the parents to help them get acquainted with each other and to make an evaluation of the celebrations. This proved a great success as it helps the children to be self-confident and courageous. We are getting ready for the inauguration of the Peace Club.

**AICUF CENTRE, TRIVANDRUM**

The month of November began with the graceful experience of the MAGIS 2015. **Fr. Babu Paul** along with ten aicuf students participated in the program held at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore. It was an enriching experience for the group and a very good exposure to the very reality of life. The AICUF members of Immanuel College, Vazhichal and St. Thomas College, Trichur had a one-day workshop on leadership skills and personality development under the guidance of Fr. Babu Paul. Mr. Vijayan was down with fever which turned to be pneumonia and he is slowly recovering. The AICUF along with the Trivandrum Latin Diocese organized an open discussion on Laudato Si at the press club, Trivandrum where our **Archbishop Susai Pakyam** gave the inaugural address and Srimathi Sugathakumari, the presidential address. **Sri. M. A. Baby and Sri. Binoy Viswam** presented their views on the encyclicals. Fr. Babu Paul was one of the respondents to the presentations. **Fr. George Sebastian** gave a three-day media education programme to the juniors of our Common Juniorate. He was in St. Xavier's University, Bhubaneswar to present a paper on "Media and Blurring of Childhood" at an international Conference. In Bangalore he directed a retreat for the Franciscan nuns from Goa, Kerala, Karnataka and Chennai. He has established himself as a very good retreat preacher too. He gave a series of lectures for the media students and faculty of Christ University, Bangalore. He is now currently serving as a consultant for the production of a Malayalam secular film by some of his media friends. The Calicut Zone of AICUF is trying to wake up from slumber under the guidance of **Fr. Jose Thachil**. Thanks to Thachil for his good will!

*Babu Paul*

**INIGO SADAN, BENGALURU**

The month of October was very hectic as we were busy preparing for our semester examinations. We are happy to tell you that we all scored pretty good marks in the examinations. **Fr. Anto**, our

PCF came here and met all of us. It was a time for fostering our companionship and an occasion for coming together as a province. Schs. Anjo and Deslin joined us for the Mass where we remembered our beloved companion Jesno and prayed for the repose of his soul. Schs. Sebin and Jenophine attended a national youth gathering in St. Joseph's college called Magis. It was a great learning experience for them. Schs. Nikhil and Jithin were away at St. Aloysius College, Mangalore for their term paper works under the Guidance of **Fr. Leo D' Souza**. We were privileged to attend a one-day seminar, "A universal vision for a universal mission" for Bangalore zone Jesuits. **Fr R.C Chacko** was the main speaker. We could learn about the Society and were motivated by his talk. All the Scholastics went for triduum at Mount St. Joseph's. **Fr. Deepak** directed the triduum. It was a rejuvenating and spiritually enriching experience for all of us. We have just begun our classes with much enthusiasm.

*Jithin*

**ARRUPE NIVAS, BENGALURU**

November, the month of the Souls began with a Mass celebrated for all the Souls along with around 850 youth who came here for MAGIS, a National Youth programme. **Fr Babu Paul** represented Kerala along with some Kerala aicufers. After the busy days of MAGIS, we renewed our Vows during our Triiduum held at Mt. St. Joseph. We were so happy to have our Josachan's Novice Master, Fr Hilario as our guide. The retreat helped us to grow in our love for Jesus. On 12th November we attended a seminar by **Fr R.C. Chacko** as part of the preparation for GC 36. We had a one day Bangalore Darsan as part of our holidays. Four Deacons of Karnataka Province were ordained as Priests by **Bishop Bernard Moras**, Archbishop of Bangalore at Jesuit Nivas Chapel on 15<sup>th</sup> November. All of us took part in it and joined our voices with them in singing Te Deum.

*Deslin Paulson*

### PASTORAL CORNER

Christ the King parish, Malaparamba, celebrated its parish feast in a grand manner. The feast began on 8th November with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by **Rev. Dr Varghese Chakkalakkal**, the Bishop of Calicut Diocese. During the ceremony, twelve children of the parish received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. A well guided retreat by **Fr Aneesh Fernandes** from Anugraha Retreat Centre, Trivandrum, conducted on 09 – 13 November was indeed a time of renewal for the parishioners. The retreat attracted a large number of people including faithful from the neighbouring parishes and several of them shared that they immensely benefitted from the retreat. There was a devotional and colourful procession on the 14th evening through the Wayanad Highway up to Civil Station followed by a musical concert by the artists of the locality. The celebration ended on Sunday with a solemn concelebrated Eucharist presided over by **Rev. Dr Vincent Pulickal**, the Procurator of the Diocese. The *sinkarimelam*, *tambola* and the agape followed was the climax of the festal celebrations of the parish. **Fr Anto Dioneceus**, members from the neighbouring religious houses and the leaders of the parish portrayed an exemplary model of planning and execution of the parish feast.

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**Fr Salvin Augustin**: A message on children's day was on air on 14 November in mango radio

**Fr Rajesh Punchathalackal & Team** released a CD on Laudato Si, lyrics written by Fr Rajesh.





**FROM SCH. JIJIMON**

"I am happy to inform you that Fr. Rector has nominated my name for the following committees:

1. Liturgy committee for the GC 36 from our house, Gesù.

(The committee from our house consists of five scholastics. The committee members are asked to lead each day's opening prayer session during the upcoming GC)

2. Committee to formulate the practical norms for our house, Gesù based on the THREE CALLS in GC 36.

(This Committee consists of five scholastics from different Conferences)

3. Coordinator for the Course of the Formation of the Ministry of the Word for the second years in Gesù."

Hearty congratulations Jijimon!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY****DECEMBER**

- 03 Linto Kanichai
- 03 Amal Sebastian Karithadathil
- 05 Xavier Veliyakam
- 09 Sanil Mayilkunnel
- 11 Abraham Pallivathukal
- 16 Immanuel Koyan
- 16 Mathew Kannadan
- 21 George Nedungatt
- 22 Philip Thayil
- 24 Jose Thachil
- 25 Kuriakose Puthanapra

**JANUARY**

- 01 John Elamkunnappuzha
- 01 *Ramlat Mekkulathil*
- 02 Peter Mulluparambil

- 03 Tomson Vadakkeputhenpura
- 04 Varkeychan Mecheril
- 06 Biju George Kunnappillil
- 06 Joseph Pulickal
- 07 *Biju Vadakkumchery*
- 08 Abraham Adappur
- 08 Augustine Paruthipallil

**GONE FOR THEIR REWARD**

**Fr. Walter De Souza** (PUN 90/64) on 07 Nov. 2015 in Pune

**Fr Alexis Minj** (DAR 59/38) on 16 Nov. 2015

**Fr Robert Cutinha** (KAR 86/14) on 16 Nov. 2015 in Bengaluru.

**Mrs Mary George** (58), sister-in-law of Fr Stephen Chundanthadam in Iritty.

**Mr Jose Kaduthalakunnel** (62), uncle of Fr Binu Kaduthalakunnel in Ernakulam.

**Sr. Kochuthresia CMC** (77), sister of Fr Ephrem Manikompel on 25 Nov. 2015 at Nellickampoil, Iritty

**IN CHRIST WITH GLORY****DECEMBER**

- 01 (1958) Aloysius Silva
- 02 (1991) George Murickan
- 04 (2007) Mathew Parackal
- 16 (2011) George Keerankeri
- 17 (1954) Milbank F Barboza
- 17 (2012) Joseph Maliekal
- 18 (2000) Joseph Vattakunnel
- 19 (1991) Varkey Pullan
- 29 (1988) Joseph Puthenkalam
- 31 (2010) Thomas Thayil

**KINDLY PRAY FOR MANY GOOD VOCATIONS**

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