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From the Provincial

Learning from my travels

Every travel teaches you something about life. No wonder there is an old saying that when you are depressed and feeling hopeless about life either go for a journey or visit a mental asylum. Journeys especially when they are to new cultures have enormous potential for providing insights and changing attitudes.

I have been travelling. In Paris, our scholastics are doing well and they are appreciated much by their respective communities for their devotion to work and community life. Our pilgrimage to Lourdes and Lissieux were great occasions to pray for the Province and all our dear ones.

My meeting with Mr. Paul Heuel, known to many in the Province, was like another pilgrimage. It was very touching for me to know that he has written down the names of about a dozen or more of Jesuits in the Kerala Province and enquired about each one personally. He is older and slow in movements, but

alert and caring. In Siegen, where he lives, I had time to visit two shrines of our Lady and a brief look at the site where he was born, but displaced due to a dam that was built there. The place looks mesmeric with autumn colours, cold breeze and the panoramic views of the European sky and the meadows.

In Vienna, I stayed with Varghese Panjikaran. Thanks to him, he arranged a visit to the Founder and CEO of World Malayalee Federation and brother of an alumnus of St. Joseph's, Calicut who has shown interest in supporting some of our projects for the tribal children.

The rich potential of collaboration is evident all over.

M.K. George S J

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

DECEMBER

- 7 : Return to Christ Hall, Calicut
9-10 : KSS Conference, Calicut
10 : Programme at Sellere, Calicut
12 : GC 36 Sharing at Prasanthi, Pachilakad
13 : GC 36 Sharing at Christ Hall, Calicut
14 : GC 36 Sharing at St. Michael's, Kannur
17 : Province Consult, Christ Hall, Calicut
19 : Programmes on Human Rights, Calicut
23 : Christmas Programme at C M I School, Calicut
26 : Memorial Mass at Kozhuvanal
30 : Ordination of Dn Rubil
31 : Ordination of Dn Sheise

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FR SABU GEORGE MALAYIL S.J. passed away on November 23, 2016 in L.F. Hospital, Angamaly. He was laid to rest in Christ Hall cemetery on November 24, 2016 (See the obituary on the last page)

GC-36 SHARING SESSIONS

Trivandrum zone Dec 12, Mon, Loyola, Sreekaryam, 9.30 to 1.00 (Fr M. Devadoss)

Kottayam zone Dec 12, Mon, Santinilayam, Kumaranalloor, 5.30-8.00 (Fr Jose Jacob)

Wayanad zone Dec 12, Mon, Pachilakad, 10.30 to 12.30 (Fr M.K. George)

Calicut zone Dec 13, Tue, Christ Hall, Calicut, 6.00 to 8.00 (Fr M.K. George)

Kannur zone Dec 14, Wed, St. Michael's Kannur, 6.00 to 8.00 (Fr M.K. George)

Ernakulam zone Dec 21, Wed, Loyola, Aluva, 3.00 to 6.00 (Fr Jose Jacob)

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Dn Rubil Martin Mampuzhackal will be Ordained Priest at 2.00 pm on Friday December 30, 2016 at St. Antony's Church, Paduva (Kottayam Dt) by **Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara** of Faridabad diocese.

Dn Sheise Porunnakottu will be Ordained Priest at 9.30 am Saturday December 31, 2016 at Christuraja Church, Malaparamba, by **Bishop Mar Remigius Inchananiyil** of Thamarassery diocese.

Fr. Dominic Palakeel has cleared the UGC-NET (National Eligibility Test) in English Literature. Congratulations Dominic!

CATALOGUE 2017

The new catalogue is being dispatched to all our communities. Please mark the following corrections in the catalogue: On page 36 the name of Fr General is Arturo (not Arthuro, as printed). The email id of

Fr Shin Kallungal is shinkfj@gmail.com (not shinksj@gmail.com, as printed).

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

Christ the King parish celebrated its parish feast in a grand manner under the leadership of **Fr Anto Dioneceus**. A well-guided retreat was preached by **Fr Raju Vattaparambil** from IRC Pariyaram; it was indeed a time of renewal for the parishioners as well as people who joined the retreat from the neighbouring parishes. The devotional procession along Waynad Highway on November 12 added colour to the evening, and it was followed by a beautiful film on the second coming of our Lord. The solemn Eucharistic celebration on the feast day was presided over by **Rev. Msgr. Thomas Panackal**, the Vicar General of the Calicut diocese. Twelve children had their first holy communion also on the same day. The sinkarimelam, tambola and the agape were the high points of the festal celebrations.

We celebrated the birthday of **Fr Thomas Anthraper** on November 6. **Br Jacob Pazhanilam** and **Sch Kamal** returned to their respective communities after a period of recuperation at Christ Hall. **Fr Paul Vadakal** underwent a hernia operation at Nirmala hospital. **Fr Sabu Malayil's** body was brought to Christ Hall on November 24 early morning, and was buried in our cemetery on the same day. The construction of the campus wall and the access roads is progressing fast. A new gate has been fixed near the Christuraja L.P School.

Fr Jose Kadankavil, an attached member of this community and Vicar of Ayurniketan Church, Kottakal, was one of the speakers on 'Harmony of Religions' at the History Convention held at Kottakal on Nov 19. The two-day Convention was organized by the KNM Markaz Da'wa in honour of Abdu Rahman Maulavi, a noted reformer from the Malappuram district.

Jenaphine

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

Work on the new school building is progressing steadily; concreting of the first floor is completed and that of the second floor is under way. **Fr Thadayoos**

went to Dindigul to attend the national JEA meeting. **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil** conducted a two-day seminar for the Plus One boys of the school on 'mental health'. A group of our students, accompanied by **Fr Ramlat**, spent three days at Sahajeevanam, Pattuvam. The group was impressed by the learning atmosphere at the centre, and the hard work and dedication of **Fr Rajesh** and team. The Higher Secondary students went on a tour to Kodaikanal accompanied by their teachers.

The Annual Sports day of the school was organized with full enthusiasm and energy. Master Minon Baby, a noted child actor, visited our school and gave away the prizes for the winners. The school hosted the sub-district youth festival competitions, and was ably organized by **Fr Devasia**, the Principal. Individual achievements were in the name of Master Nevin Francis who won the gold medal in the sub-district level competitions, Master Sachin Kumar secured the championship in the all-Kerala table tennis competitions, Master Abhinand K. who won the third prize in the all-India football competitions, and Master Adithya K. who was selected to the national level aquatic competitions. Our students also bagged many prizes in the North Kerala zonal athletic meet held at Mananthavady.

Ramlat

SARVODAYA, EACHOME

The most exciting event of the month was the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of **Kerala Piravi on 1st November**. The Department of Information and Public Relations, Kerala State, organized the programme in Sarvodaya School. **Dr C.S. Chandrika**, a well known writer and social scientist, inaugurated the programme and the District Collector **B.S. Thirumeni I.A.S.** presided over the function. The Department of Labour and Employment arranged a one-day Career Guidance Programme for the Higher Secondary students; **Mr Thomas Abraham** was the Resource Person. The Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies and Sree Chithira Tirunal Institute of Science and Technology, Trivandrum presented a class on Prevention and Control of Non – communicable Diseases to the senior students. The Child Welfare Committee organized a class

for the mothers on Effective Parenting. The Scouts and Guides of our school had two days camp in the campus. Two of our students got A grade in the Science Exhibition in the State level competition. Quite many of our students participated in the District level sports meet held at Mananthavady and a few have qualified for the state level meet.

We had a grand celebration of the Golden Jubilee of **Fr V.C. George** at Pachilakad. Quite a few of his relatives in Wayanad, friends, and well-wishers attended the function. We participated in the gathering of the parents of the pre-novices at Pachilakad on 13th November. **Fr Baby Chalil** attended the Lok Manch meeting in Pune. **Fr Biju George** is back from Tertianship with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

Antu Xavier

PRASANTHI, PACHILAKAD

Three events mark the month of November at XTC. First, we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of **Fr V. C. George** in a fitting manner together with some of his family members and our neighbours. Then we had our Parents' Day; the parents of the pre-novices came together to spend a day in XTC, and we made the occasion memorable with our lively performance. Finally we have the gift of a new basketball court; the much awaited construction of a basketball court is nearing completion, and **Fr Rachans** has already begun coaching us for the game.

Sebastian (pre-novice)

LOYOLA, ALUVA

Fr. Jose, our Novice Master, is finally back with all the rich experiences from GC 36. We are lucky to listen to the first hand experience of the GC. We, the novices, whole heartedly thank **Fr Jacob Maduka** for accompanying us in the absence of Jose Achan. We had an English refresher course for two weeks by our experienced & creative English Guru – **Fr C. J. Joseph**. He enriched us with English as well as music. Thank you C. J. Achan, for being with us and sharing with us your great wisdom. On 13th we celebrated the feast of our patron, **St. Stanislaus Kostka** with a solemn celebration of the Eucharist in the morning, presided over by C. J. Achan. Jack Achan gave a course on 'community Discernment'

to the superiors of SD convents at their Generalate in Chunangamveli. This month we had three birthday celebrations – those of **Frs Master, Socius and Novice Christy Soby**. All the birthdays were celebrated with due solemnity & joy! In fact, Jose Achan's birthday was celebrated twice – once in his absence and later in his presence! We have started a serialized Quiz program, christened '*Magis Minds 2016*', focussing mainly on the *Constitutions* of the Society. The grand finale will be on 22nd December. During our one-day outing this month we explored Ernakulum city in three groups. On the health front, Novice Mineesh is suffering from continued back ache, and is now taking rest. Santhosh Achan's mother, who is a diabetic, was hospitalized with an infected wound on her foot. She underwent surgery and is now slowly recuperating. Your special prayers are requested for these two.

Frangle & Jaison

SAMEEKSHA / ATMAMITRA, KALADY

For the last four months **Fr Sabu Malayil** had been undergoing ayurvedic treatment for his liver ailment. All these months he looked cheerful and the physicians were hopeful of cure. When there was need for blood transfusion he was admitted at LF Hospital, Ankamaly. From 16th November his health got deteriorated: as he could not take food he became very weak and emaciated. But Sabu was deeply serene and he surrendered himself to the Lord. On 22nd evening while at LF hospital he asked **Fr Vincent** for the anointing of the sick, which **Fr Toby** administered and Sabu received in full consciousness and surrendered to the divine will. On 23rd early morning he breathed his last. His brother Sajan, who cared for him for all these months, and **Fr Shin** were present at that last moment. Immediately **Fr Xavier** rushed to the hospital and informed all concerned. Sr Prasada CMC of LF hospital got the body well prepared for transfer to Calicut. At 9 am the body was brought to Sameeksha. Hundreds of local people came to pay homage to their dear Sabuachan. The priests, sisters and the laity who thronged the campus affectionately paid tribute to the Jesuit presence in Kalady. Many migrant workers came and wept for having lost their *saviour*. **Bishop**

Adayanthrath said the *office* and thanked the Society for initiating such a ministry and offering Fr Sabu for this service for the migrants. At the Mass officiated by Fr Vincent and concelebrated by many, Fr Toby gave a moving tribute to the merciful ministry of Fr Sabu among the migrant workers. In the afternoon the body was taken to his home at Eloor. The loss of Fr Sabu was too heavy for his mother and family to bear. Many parishioners and friends from Cochin came to bid goodbye to Sabu. At 11 pm the body was taken to Christ Hall, Calicut. **Fr Sebastian**, who was held up with a retreat at NBCLC, Bangalore, reached Calicut early morning. Almost 100 Jesuits came to attend the funeral Mass at which Fr Vincent Perepadan affectionately spoke about Sabu and thanked the Lord for the gift of this *friend of the poor* to the Society and the Church.

Fr Xavier rejoined the community after a short term in England in connection with his doctoral studies. Sebastian Painadath guided an *Indian Contemplative Retreat with the Letters of Paul* at NBCLC. He gave a workshop on Inter-religious dialogue to the members of Maryknoll Society in Cambodia. Fr Toby gave a special career guidance programme for the students of Mar Ivanios School, Pune, and reached out to two Malankara parishes giving talks in connection with the culmination of the year of Mercy. Toby and his team conducted two NLP programmes, and also gave other short programmes for students in schools.

Sebastian and Toby

LUMEN/SNEHA SENA, KOCHI

Ezhuthu magazine had two major public events in the month of November. The first was an evening discussion on the literary landscape of Malayalam in the global scenario, and was held at H&C Book Store at Ernakulam. The chief guest was Sri. Sethu, the noted writer, and the other participants included Sri. S. Joseph, poet, Sri. Vaikom Murali and Sri. Ajay P. Mangat, literary critics. Mr. N. E. Sudheer the eminent writer was the moderator.

The second event was a public seminar on "60 Thikayunna Keralam" held in the Town hall, Kozhikode on November 30. It was jointly organized by Ezhuthu magazine, SRC, ISI Bangalore and Holy Cross Institute, Kozhikode. The first part

was a study seminar on migrant labour in Kerala; **Frs Benny Chiramel, Martin Puthusseri (CCU)** and Mr. Dominic Mathew (CEDARS) presented papers, and K. Ajitha of Anweshi, Mr. Johnson JHI and a few others responded and contributed to the discussions. The second part was a public meeting in which V.G. Thamby, M.G. S Narayanan, K. P. Ramanunni, Khadeeja Mumtaz, Civic Chandran and George Mechery were the main speakers. **Fr P. T. Mathew** was the chairperson of the gathering. The talks were of great quality and substance. **Fr Jose Thachil** and the SRC team played a key role in organizing the event. We thank all the Jesuits who turned up for the event and encouraged and supported our venture.

With the November issue we have a new designer and a fresh style of lay out for the magazine. We now eagerly await the return of our Managing Director, **Fr Binoy Jacob** at the beginning of December after a rejuvenating Tertianship.

Sanil Mathew

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

New additions to the Samanvaya Jesuit house are **Frs Joseph Pulickal** and **Joseph Puliparambil** (JAM). As a result the spiritual and intellectual tone of the community has enhanced. Fr Pulickal is an acclaimed spiritual guide and an accomplished counselor, and Fr J. Puliparambil who is currently Director of the MBA programme at Marian College, Kuttikanam (Kanjirapally diocese) is a management consultant and an expert in the IT field. All the Jesuits of the central zone (Kanjirapally, Kottayam & Edathua) had an evening get-together on the 23rd of November to share news and views on our apostolate. **Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy**, the second Bishop of Kanjirapally diocese expired on 22nd November due to age-related illness. He was an alumnus of the Jesuits and kept very close contact with our Jesuit house. His funeral took place on the 24th.

The school held the annual sports meet on November 8 & 9. The march-past of the different houses was very impressive and colourful so as to win the appreciation of the parents and the invited guests. Two seminars were conducted for the senior students on the ill effects of drug abuse, avoidance

of junk food, and incidence of contagious diseases. Children's Day celebrations were held on November 14 with an impressive rally through the Kanjirapally town. The public of Kanjirapally appreciated this colourful march of our students. On this occasion, the staff put up a humorous drama for the students. Fr Salvin accompanied the senior students on their excursion to Bangalore. A new venture, 'Loyola Saving Scheme', was introduced for the benefit of our students. Foundation course in different subjects for STD VIII and IX is going on in full swing to equip the students for various competitive exams.

M.J. Augustine

SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

Snehabhavan celebrated its 26th anniversary with pomp and colour. Around 250 people participated in the event. SBI Kottayam region gifted 30 computer tables and chairs for the use of Computer Data Entry students. The Governing Body of Snehabhavan has appointed Mr Joji Mathew as the new Executive Director of Snehabhavan.

The JESCOM National Assembly 2016 was held at Thanmaya; media coordinators from 11 provinces participated in the 3-day assembly.

Under the leadership of JECI legal aid centre, a road leading to St. Thomas Church, Kumaranalloor from the main road was built with the help of the local people and the parish.

Anil

LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

Loyola school was chosen by the Indian Air Force to host a modern career demonstration. They spent an entire day in our campus exposing their wide career prospects. Students of class IX were subject to professional career guidance. **Fr Devassy Paul** attended the ASISC (ICSE/ISC schools) Principals' Annual Meeting at Lucknow between 23-25 November. Our boys were on a winning spree bringing home several prizes in co-curricular and sports activities. Shri C. Padmakumar- CMD of Terumo Penpal and current president of our old boys' association- was the chief guest.

Frs Sabu P Thomas and **Joye James** attended the three-day South Asian Jesuit Higher Education

meeting at St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore. LES conducted 3 two-day training for college teachers in November on Leadership and Counselling.

The Golden Jubilee of Loyola Alumni Association was inaugurated by Mr. M.S. Vijayanand, IAS, the Chief Secretary; a state-level seminar on 'sexual harassment at work place' enriched the occasion. A medical camp for migrant labourers was organized by the Dept of Sociology in collaboration with ISI Bangalore and LOBA. The MSW Students went on a ten-day field study in Mysore and Visakapatnam led by Fr Sabu, and for a ten-day study tour to Mumbai under the guidance of **Fr Saji**. Fr Sabu presented a paper on 'engaged learning as a bench mark in Social science' at a national seminar at Christ University, Bangalore.

Sunil

VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

The month of November began with a three-day course on Media Education by **Fr George Sebastian**. The course covered various topics like media literacy and film evaluation. As part of our observance of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the whole community paid a visit to St Martha's Special School for the physically and mentally challenged children. We celebrated the Feast of St John Berchmans, our heavenly Patron, after preparing ourselves with a meaningful novena. The PCFs of Hazaribag, Pune and Kohima visited our community and took stock of the progress made by their respective Juniors. Mr T.A. Varghese, father of Fr T.V. Antony, one of our Professors, passed away and the community prayed for the repose of his soul. Both the Staff and the Juniors were frantic in their efforts to get some currency notes exchanged, after the demonetisation move was announced by the Prime Minister. Although it caused some inconvenience to the community, we managed to get all the notes exchanged.

Sch. Rojas Thomas

AICUF CENTER

The month began with **National Magis 2016** at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore. Fifteen students along

with the director participated in this spiritually exciting program held from 3rd to 7th November. The center had its 'Children's Day Celebration' on 12th with the students of Kaliveedu 2016, mostly coastal students. **Fr Babu Paul** was at SRC for four days to guide the deacons of Calicut and Punaloor dioceses preparing them to meet the challenges of youth today. The AICUF has begun revival of its Calicut zone with an enlightening workshop on 'the Dynamic leadership of **Pope Francis**' guided by **Fr Kurian Kunnampuram** at SRC; student representatives from the Calicut colleges participated. The Jnanasameeksha group in Trivandrum had a three-day session on 'Moral Theology' by **Fr Augustine John** of Trivandrum Latin Diocese. Fr Babu Paul gave a three-day recollection for the sisters of Charity at the Jubilee Mission Hospital, Trivandrum. He also attended a work shop on 'Demonitization' organized by POC at Ernakulam. **Fr George Sebastian** taught a course on 'media analysis' for our juniors at Vidyaniketan, and gave a program called 'Visual Wellsprings – Media and God-Experience' for the Jesuit novices at Dindigul. He also taught 'media course' in Xavier University, Bhubaneswar. A new a book – *Mass Mediated Culture and New Trends -Challenges and Opportunitites*, edited by **Fr George** was published by the Xavier University.

Babu Paul

SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

After a couple of days off from the academic activities, November 8th and 9th were set aside for a workshop on Ignatian Spirituality. It was guided by **Fr Francis Puthusery** (GUJ) of JDV, Pune. The emphasis was on recapturing the spirit and charism of the founding Fathers of the Society of Jesus and draw insights from the richness of the Spiritual Exercises. We got the opportunity to read some key extracts from the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus that emphasize the above mentioned points. The workshop was followed by the Triduum and it helped us to reflect on our consecrated life. We had two days of fun-filled community days. Satya Nilayam Cultural Committee organized several indoor and outdoor games that helped us relax, energize ourselves and celebrate our companionship. The even Semester commenced

on 17 November, packed with varieties of academic activities. **Fr Anto**, the PCF visited us. It was indeed a time of encouragement and support. We, the four Kerala Jesuits offered requiem Mass for Sabuachan. At present we are busy, gearing up for the annual drama, “**Thirst, Tears & Triumph**,” which is being directed by Fr Vinod, one of the faculty members. The drama is scheduled to be staged on December 3, 2016, on the occasion of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier.

Jithin

LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

The college reopened for the new semester after the holidays following the semester examinations. During the holidays the scholastics of Berchmans Illam had their Triduum in Velankanni guided by **Fr Michael Raj (MDU)**. We celebrated the feast of St Berchmans, the patron of our house, with a concelebrated Mass in the college church presided over by **Fr Ignaciumuthu**; we invited all the fathers from the Jesuit Residence for a grand dinner after the Mass. The presence of **Fr Anto**, our PCF, during this beautiful occasion of the feast gave much joy to us. **Sch Stevenson** attended a week-long outreach programme in Chidambaram. **Fr Prince** attended a workshop on SPSS conducted by Loyola College of Education to enrich his research skills.

Stevenson

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

We had a short break at the end of the first semester before moving into the second. The much awaited three-day long community day celebrations provided a platform for all the theologians and philosophers to come closer and grow in community spirit. The long and sometimes languid corridors of DNC wore an elated and ecstatic bearing during those days. We were graced by the visits of many from our Province this month. **Deacons Rubil** and **Sheise** were here at NVSC for a month's programme on counselling, and **Frs Baby Chalil, Benny Chiramel**, and **James Morais** came for the Lokmanch meeting. Special thanks to Fr Morais for giving us a three-day karate coaching despite the demands of his schedule at the meet. We celebrated the JDV day on the 18th.

Celebrations commenced with the Eucharist in the morning. The cultural events put up by the students of JDV in the evening had innovativeness and creativity. The closing of the Year of Mercy was marked by a blood donation camp at JDV; it witnessed very generous participation. The community organized a talk on 'demonetization' by **Fr Selvaraj SJ** of ISI, Bengaluru, another on inter-religious dialogue by **Fr Vincent Shekhar SJ** from Chennai, and an Ignatian talk on 'communal discernment' as a precursor to the first GC by **Fr. Francis Puducherry SJ**, a member of our community. We had a requiem Mass in memory of our former General, **Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach SJ** on the 30th. **Sch. Nikhil** was recently elected beadle of the Philosophers at DNC. With the arrival of the Advent season Christmas preparations are underway.

Schs. Jose and Nikhil

PARIS NEWS

We were delighted to have **Frs Provincial** and **Jose Jacob** with us. We were the lucky ones to hear the first-hand news of the General congregation. During these graceful days we also had the opportunity to visit Lourdes and Lisieux and a few of the Ignatian places in Paris as well. Celebrating the birthday of Fr Jose Jacob was an icing on the cake. I think it would be good to say a few words about the Christmas season in Paris. Paris undergoes a transformation with the approach of the festive season: the city's most beautiful monuments are illuminated, Christmas decorations adorn the streets, and department store windows are filled with animated displays. There are Christmas markets, Nativity scenes, merry-go-rounds, and a host of other activities and events take over the city, offering fun for all the families and visitors. Every year, Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral, the Madeleine church, and Basilique Sacré-Coeur welcome Christmas with charming colours and sacred scenes. The city of lights looks so great in this outfit. And we all hope and pray that this Christmas season would be a time of peace and joy unlike last year (Parisians commemorated the first anniversary of the Paris terrorist attack).

Deepak

SEMINAR

JIGSA organizes 'Roots & Wings 2017' Colloquium on Ignatian Spirituality (only for Jesuits).

Dates: From April 2 to May 8, at S.H. College, Shembaganur

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OURS IN MEDIA

FR K.T. CHANDY

- "Common man caught in the currency current", *Indian Currents*, November 21-27.
- "TB Treatment & Care by Government of India", *Indian Currents*, Nov 07-13.
- "Need for A National Crop Protection Policy", *Indian Currents*, Nov 14-20.
- "Recycling of Domestic Waste Water for Agriculture in India", *Indian Currents*, Nov 28-Dec 04.
- "Incubating Technologies to Solve Cavery Water Sharing Problem", *Agriculture World*, November 2016.

Fr George Nedungatt, "Ecumenism and the Reform of Canon Law", *Concilium* November 5, 2016 (in six languages: English, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Croatian).

Fr George Sebastian (ed), *Mass Mediated Culture and New Trends -Challenges and Opportunites*, Xavier University, Bhubaneswar.

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD



Fr Cornelius Lakra (JAM 59/37) on 5.11.2016.

Fr John Meempillikkavil (MDU 92/72) on 7.11.2016.

Fr Derrick Mendis (SRI 79/50) on 7.11.2016.

Fr Cherubim Sah (PAT 88/66) on 10.11.2016.

Fr Richard A Kenna (JAM 90/72) on 12.11.2016.

Fr Paul Franxs Terrens (RAN 92/74) on 21.11.2016.

Bro Tony (Anthony) D' Souza (PUN 92/66) on 1.12.2016.

Mr Pappachan (75), uncle of Fr Sooraj Kochuparambil

on 13.11.2016.

Mr Joseph Adappur (Kunju, 88), younger brother of Fr A. Adappur on 27.11.2016.

Mr K.T. Thomas (66), younger brother of Fr K.T. Chandy on 30.11.2016.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



DECEMBER

- 03 Linto Kanichai
- 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
- 02 Mineesh Juseph
- 03 Tomson Vadakkeputhenpura
- 04 Varkeychan Mecheril

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

OBITUARY

FR SABU GEORGE MALAYIL, SJ (1961-2016)

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me” (Matt. 25, 35-36). Fr Sabu Malayil was literally an



embodiment of these verses. Though our hearts are so heavy with pain and grief at the loss of our beloved Sabu, to remember him with the following words of gratitude is the most sublime prayer that we could offer. O God, here is your son, our Sabu, who has shed everything that was given to him. Here is a man, utterly human who loved to live an extremely simple life, passionately loving the poor and the marginalized.

Fr M.K. George, our Provincial, wrote from Rome after hearing of Sabu's death: “The little chapel where I prayed last for Sabu remains vivid in my memory. The pieta at the altar reminded me of Sabu's mother, a mother carrying her beloved Son dead on her lap, lifting her eyes to heaven and mourning...”

Fr Sabu went beyond the strict definitions of religious life. He lived closer to the Carpenter of Palestine. He sided with those Christ sided with. Where there were people afflicted, or helpless, or denied of justice and human rights, where there were people marginalized and exploited, Sabu was there. He identified himself with them and was one for them. Way back in 2001, while serving the coastal parish of Thumba in Trivandrum, one man was murdered in gunfire. At midnight the police arrested a few innocent men including a minor who were sleeping at home. A huge crowd gathered in front of the church wailing. In the absence of the parish priest, deacon Sabu responded to the situation; he went with them searching every police station nearby until he could

locate the arrested men and bring them back safe.

There was a time when continuity of the Jesuit work among the tribals of Attappady became difficult as *Thanal* (means shade), the social centre, had become dysfunctional. Fr Provincial asked Sabu whether he could go and continue the work, and he said ‘yes’; that ‘yes’ was the beginning of *AADI* (Attappady Adivasi Development Initiative) which has evolved into a frontier Jesuit apostolate among the tribals and for environmental protection. Later he went to Wayanad and worked as the assistant director of *TUDI* (Tribal Unity and Development Initiative). He also served the parishes of Dalit Christians in Kannur diocese. In short, he always aligned his life and services to the most needy in society.

Sabu's coming to Jeevika, a Jesuit initiative for the migrant labourers around Kalady, was not accidental but his deliberate choice. After he became its director, he dedicated his entire time, resources and life for the migrants workers far and near. He protested when they were treated with contempt, being called derogatively ‘bhais.’ He was their refuge when any one of them became sick or ill-treated in the workplace or got killed or booked falsely by the police. Fr Sabu became their advocate, solace and saviour. In a faith sharing sessions in Sameeksha Jesuit community he said: “The work among the migrants is the most meaningful mission in my life. It gives me the contentment, orientation and fulfilment in my vocation.”

Sabu gave himself totally without counting the cost. When two migrants got killed in an accident at the workplace in a plywood factory at Perumbavoor, the owner made it a story of natural death and the police helped to bury the case. Sabu came to know about it, got involved and fought for justice. When he saw that justice would be denied, he went to the National Human Rights Commission and continued his fight, and succeeded to get proper compensation to the family of the dead person. In cases of other accidents or illness, it was Sabu who ensured proper treatment for them. Many a time he convinced his own relatives and their families to contribute for the treatment of migrants he was caring for. Sabu presented himself before the court for the acquittal

of a juvenile from Bihar who continued as an under-trial for over two years. When he got the boy out on bail, Sabu personally took care of the boy keeping him under the care of his own mother. He wanted to reach two Nepalis by hiring an ambulance to their homeland as they were stranded in Kerala and had fallen sick. Sabu was getting ready to start off on the next day when he suddenly fell sick.

We all complained that Sabu never took care of his health. We scolded him for not taking food on time and for not taking proper rest. We were upset when he ignored his dire needs. We could never see him comfortable with any role that involved power and authority. When we challenged him, he would begin singing in his reverberating guttural voice. That was his response. All his songs invariably communicated the tears and anxieties of the downtrodden, the exploited and the suffering.

We know that the seeds of his love for the poor were sown before he joined the Society of Jesus. An orientation to become the voice of the voiceless

belongs to the tradition of his Malayil family. We owe to this family for having given a great Jesuit to this country who lived his vocation fully. Sabu joined the Jesuit novitiate at the age of 33 in 1992 after eight years of work in Dubai as an accountant. He completed his priestly formation and was ordained on November 23, 2002. God the Father called him back on the same November 23, on the 14th anniversary of his Ordination.

Why was Fr Sabu called by the Father so untimely? We could discern only one answer. The Holy Will of the Father was such that He did not want His beloved to get burnt out. It was like recalling the Sun at noontime, reminding us the way Sabu's own Master was called. It became dark at three O' clock. We are left in the dark for a while. But we are assured that this darkness is not endless void. It is filled with hope and light. That is what Sabu fills our hearts with. The message that he lived will find resurrection in our souls and in our commitment. May his soul rest in peace.

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