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FROM THE PROVINCIAL

DEATH NEVER CEASES TO SURPRISE

Fr Kottukapally's sudden death surprised all of us. He was sickly but never serious enough to die, we thought. But he surprised us. While praying in the chapel in the morning of 21 March, he felt a little discomfort, moved to his room for some rest and died in bed. May be in less than an hour of aloneness. But the companionship with the Lord, experienced a while ago in the chapel, would have definitely stood him in good stead in facing the greatest leveler.

There are many surprises in Fr Kottu's death. He never wanted any panegyric. But people from far and wide wrote, spoke and came to bid farewell to him. He did not want people to kiss him goodbye. They disobeyed and kissed him goodbye. He wanted his organs to be donated. Because of the illnesses he had and the age, at which he died, no body encouraged the donation of his organs. He did not want any flowers bought for his coffin. He preferred wild flowers picked up from the farm.

The generous overflow of affection from so many of his friends, colleagues, relatives and well wishers surprises us. Though he has been inactive for a few years now, the depth of affection people had for him never receded. The good he did followed him and made a garland of panegyrics in the adoring presence of hundreds of peoples, scores of emails, phone calls and messages.

Death never ceases to surprise us, does it?

M.K.George SJ

APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL

Fr Juan Antonio Guerrero Alves (ESP) as General Counsellor. Recently he was appointed Delegate for DIR, the Interprovincial Houses and Works of Rome.

Fr Pascual Cebollada Silvestre (ESP) as General Postulator of the Society.

Fr Roy Thottathil has been approved by Fr General as Superior of Lumen-Jyothis, Kochi.

APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Antu Xavier Kalamparambil : Tertianship, Goa

Fr Ramlat Mekkulathil : Tertianship, Sri Lanka

STATUS OF SCHOLASTICS

Albin Paul Namattathil : College Studies, Mangalore

Christy J Peter Arasarkadavil : College Studies, Trichy

Christy Sebastian Chalil : College Studies, Trichy

Dijin Jose George Pulickal : Philosophy, JDV, Pune

Francis Paracka : Philosophy, SN, Chennai

Ivin Tomy Thottappallil : Philosophy, JDV, Pune

Jenophine Joseph : Philosophy SN, Chennai

Jomon Chappanthadathil : Philosophy, JDV, Pune

Rephin Kamal : Theology

Lijo Pathickal : Regency Pre-Novitiate

Rojas Thomas Kalathil : Regency, Mukundara

Rosan Roy Periakottil : P.G. Studies

Sooraj Sebastian Kuzhimullil : College Studies, Trichy

Vysakh Titus Purathur : Regency, Christ Hall

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

April, 2017

- 01-02 : Indian Institute of Culture, Mumbai
 08 : Kudumbayogam, at Mannackanadu
 09 : St. Francis Church, Thanki
 19 : Consult at St. Xavier's, Trivandrum
 22-23 : Maduralaya, Dindigul
 26-27 : Young Priests' meeting, Calicut
 28-30 : Managerial Training for DOWs, Calicut

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ORDAINED DEACONS

Dn Tinu Francis Pondichery was ordained deacon at JDV, Pune on February 11, 2017.

Dn Roy Alex Kuzhimannil was ordained deacon at Stamford Hill, London on February 25, 2017.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Dn Tinu Francis Pondichery will be ordained priest by **His Grace Most Rev Dr Joseph Kalathiparambil**, Archbishop of Verapoly, at 4.00 pm on April 23 (Sunday) in St George Church, Perumanoor, Kochi. He requests your prayers and your presence.

PROVINCE PROGRAMMES

- April 26 -27 : Young Priests' Meeting, Christ Hall
 April 28-30 : Advance Managerial Training for DOWs, Christ Hall
 May 01 - 09 : Province Common Retreat, Christ Hall [Director: Fr Jose Jacob]
 May 10-11 : Province Assembly 2017 (Please inform Minister of Christ Hall)
 May 10 : Jubilarians Evening, Christ Hall
 May 11 : Eucharistic Celebration with our New Priests, Christ Hall
 May 12-21 : Province Holidays, Pachilakad
 May 15-21 : Scholastics Holidays, Pachilakad

VOCATION CAMPS

- April 19-20 : LES, Trivandrum
 April 24-27 : Xavier Training Centre, Pachilakad
 May 01-03 : Sameeksha, Kalady

SCHOLASTICS FORUM SUMMER PROGRAMME

A two-fold summer programme is planned for the Kerala Scholastics this year. (i) Ministry Immersion Programme (MIP) is to help the scholastics to become familiar with, and to get involved in, the diverse ministries in our Province. Small groups will be assigned to different apostolic centres to study its history and development, and to get involved in its activities as far as possible. (ii) Skill Expansion Programme (SEP) focusses on the development of soft skills such as computer hardware, plumbing, etc. **Fr Joe Mathew** has agreed to organize the second programme at Nirmala ITI, Pariyaram. We request the kind support and cooperation of all Fathers and Brothers.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Fr Joseph Inchakal has been admitted in Nirmala hospital after he fell down in his room. Kindly keep him in your prayers.

LEFT THE NOVITIATE

Christy Soby Anickattuvayalil, a first year Novice, left the Novitiate on March 09.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

The staff of the Higher Secondary school arranged a farewell for the retiring staff of the school. Construction work of the school building is progressing at a very fast pace. **Fr Thadeyoos** is running around for its speedy completion.

The Junior School gave a meaningful send-off with blessings to the outgoing senior students. **Fr Anto Muringathery** was the chief guest at the occasion. We had merit awards presentation ceremony in the school. The second phase of admissions got completed. The school will be organizing vacation classes, sports camps and art camps for our students in the month of April.

The community welcomed **Fr Philip** back after his return from tertianship in Sri Lanka. **Frs Philip** and **Ramlat** attended the first death anniversary of Fr Anto's father in his home parish.

Ramlat

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

St. Michael's School released its Sesquicentennial

souvenir. Two of our staff members, Mr. Antony A. and Mr. Sunny M Simon retired after their long service of 34 and 24 years respectively. Construction of the Sesquicentennial Milestone Project Basketball Court, sponsored by St. Michael's Old Boys' Association, has been completed. Inauguration of the court took place in the school premises on March 29. Mr. O.K. Vineesh, President, District Sports Council was the Chief Guest.

K J Mathew

LOYOLA, ALUVA

During this month we had two important courses. The first one was on the *History of the Society of Jesus in India* by **Fr Sunny Jose**. He enlightened us with his erudition, openness & innovative methodology. The second course was titled "*Meditation & Art*", and was offered by **Fr Roy Thottathil**. This course enabled us to improve our aesthetic sense, to look at nature with new eyes & to see everything as a work of art. Thank you, Frs Sunny & Roy!

The major events of the month were the Visitation by Fr Provincial and the conferring of the Ministries of Lector & Acolyte. To prepare ourselves for these great events we had a special Recollection under the guidance of **Fr Abraham Pallivathukal**. We are deeply grateful to Fr Palli for his special love for us. **Fr M K George, the Provincial**, began his Visitation on 18th and concluded it on 20th. He encouraged us & challenged us, instilling in us a new energy to dream big for God and His people. On 20th, the feast of St. Joseph, Fr Provincial conferred the *Ministries of Lector & Acolyte* on our first year novices **Jaison, Michael** and **Tomy**. The trio received their cassocks, too, on the same day. Congratulations, friends! And thank you very much, Fr Provincial! We always look forward to your visits to *Loyola*.

Jack Achan is currently in Kothamangalam, guiding a group of MSJ sisters in their month-long Ignatian Retreat. **Fr Santhosh** too is away at the moment, travelling relentlessly, even to the farthest corners of Kerala, in search of good vocations. Please keep him & his mission in your prayers.

SAMEEKSHA/ ATMAMITRA, KALADY

Bro Mampilly and **Fr Sebastian Painadath** underwent cataract surgery at L.F. Hospital, Angamaly. **Fr Samuel Rayan** was admitted at L.F. for two days and he received a pint of blood which

improved his general health. **Fr Shin Kallungal** joined the community to take charge of Jeevika. The series of summer camps for teenagers have started off on March 31, and will continue until the first week of May. Twenty-two religious sisters and three lay people participated in the Inner Healing retreat directed by **Fr Toby Joseph**. **Fr P T Mathew** and a group of ex-Jnanasameeksha students had their annual gathering at Sameeksha. We had a few foreign friends visiting and staying with us to experience the spiritual ambiance of Sameeksha.

Xavier Tharamel

LUMEN/SNEHA SENA, KOCHI

After about two years of selfless service at Sneha Sena, Tik-Tik Life and Yathra Publications as their Assistant Director, **Fr Shin Kallungal** is moving to take up a more challenging apostolate among migrant labourers in Kerala left vacant by **Fr Sabu Malayil**. He was given a touching farewell from Sneha Sena and Lumen community. In a short family meeting held at Sneha Sena, all acknowledged with gratitude the humble and unassuming ways of Fr Shin while he was with Sneha Sena. Lumen community also had a prayer service in which all thanked God for the precious gift of Fr Shin to the community. He was accompanied by **Fr Pallivathukal** and **Fr Vincent** to Sameeksha where he begins his mission as Director of Jeevika.

Fr Roy Thottam was a co-resource person for the art therapy course for six days in two batches conducted at Atmadarshan, Aluva for the missionary volunteers of jail ministry in Kerala organized by *Art-I*. Fr Sanil presented a paper titled: "TUDI: A Saga of Educational Empowerment" in the UGC Sponsored national seminar on educational sustainability held on March 6-7 at the Faculty of Education and Psychology at the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat. Newman Association, under the diligent leadership of **Fr Adappur** and **Fr Binoy**, had its monthly discussion on the most current talk of Kerala, namely, how to respond to the terrible fall of the clergy. **Fr Jacob Naluparayil MCBS** was the main speaker while Justice Cyriac Joseph (Rtd.) moderated the discussion.

Fr Olwin Viages, a Jesuit from Karnataka Province who has applied to the mission in Russia, is with us for a few weeks now on account of his treatment at PVS Memorial Hospital here. He is affected by a

rare disease, and the treatment is likely to take an unpredictable period of time. Kindly remember him in your prayers.

Vincent Perepadan

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

The work on the new shopping complex on the Samanvaya property is going on in full swing. The blessing of the foundation stone of this building was done on March 20 by the Superior in the presence of the Jesuit community and the province treasurer **Fr Baby Mulluparambil**. **Fr Augustine Mekunnel** supervises the construction work. **Fr P T Joseph (JAM)**, applicatus to Kerala Province, has moved to A.K.J.M. Jesuit house. He has to shuttle between Kuttikanam and Kanjirapally as he is the Principal of the Marian International Institute of Management at Kuttikanam and the Director of the Amal Jyothi Institute of Engineering at Kanjirapally. Both these institutions belong to the diocese of Kanjirapally.

Mrs Valsamma Bose, one of the first lady teachers of A.K.J.M. (K.G. section), on reaching superannuation, was given an affectionate send off by the staff on March 30. **Fr Joseph Pulickal** preached the pre-ordination retreat for five deacons of the Alleppey diocese, at the Samanvaya Spirituality Centre. **Fr Salvin Augustine** gave the keynote address at the annual meeting of Vincent de Paul Society of the Kanjirapally diocese. He was also the chief guest at the lamp-lighting ceremony of the Mary Queen nursing college.

Joseph Edasery

VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

Examination fever gripped the Juniors of Vidyaniketan on March 13 as they sat for the Assistancy Standardized English Test in its revised format with a few additions. The results are already out. Most of us have passed the test with flying colours. The community marked the commencement of Lent by observing Ash Wednesday as a day of fast and abstinence. We celebrated **Fr Deva's** birthday in a fitting manner on March 3. On the following day, **Fr Syriac Panjikanan**, his staff and students at Loyola, Mukundara, welcomed us. We sprang a surprise on him by honoring him with a bouquet and a shawl to mark his Golden Jubilee in the Society of Jesus. Although we had missed the Mukundara Annual Day celebrations in February, the

students put up specially for us a most impressive cultural programme. **Fr Emma (MDU)** directed a well-appreciated 3-Day SAP-cum-Psycho-Spiritual Integration Course. We attended the College Day Celebrations of Loyola College of Social Sciences, Sreekariyam, on March 24. We had a one-day excursion to Kanyakumari and to the Shrine of Bl. Devasahayam Pillai on March 25. **Fr John**, who completed 45 years of priestly life in the Society, celebrated the Holy Mass at the Shrine. **Fr K J Thomas** treated us to a sumptuous supper at Loyola, Poovar, on our way back from Kanyakumari. Our happy days here at Vidyaniketan are coming to a close. We thank you all for your prayers and support and we expect the same to continue as we enter the next phase of our formation in the Society.

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD

March was the time for the grand finale of our ten-month long pre-novitiate programme. The main event was our Annual Day. Our rigorous practice culminated in its great success and in its appreciation by one and all. We sincerely thank **Fr Rachans, Sch Rosan**, and the pre-novices Christy and Thomas, for meticulously coordinating this event. The prescribed tests such as "the four sheet" and "the professional assessment" were conducted this month; **Fr Emmanuel (MDU)** came to supervise the professional assessment. The National test for English was supervised by **Fr John Elamkunnapuzha**. We are glad to announce that all have passed. Kudos to **Fr V C George**, our English teacher. **Fr M K George**, our Provincial, paid us a visit to meet each one personally.

We gave a send-off to our dear brother Rosan, who finished his one year of regency with us. We sincerely wish him all success in his future studies. Having finished our training, we, the pre-novices, will be leaving Pachilakad in a couple of days. We request your prayers for our future. We express our heartfelt gratitude to our Wayanad community and the Kerala province for all the support, especially to **Frs Kuriakose, V C George, Saji, Rachans, Sch Rosan**, and Mrs. Philomina chechi.

Dileep

ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY, VELUR.

The 285th death anniversary of Arnos Padiri and 300th year of the composition/publication of the

Puthen Pana was celebrated on March 17, 18 and 19 under the aegis of Arnos Padiri Academy. The major events included Arnos Padiri portrait rally from Sambaloor (where Arnos Padiri had his priestly formation and ordination) to Lourde Cathedral, Thrissur under the captainship of Fr Dr Paul Poovathinkal CMI, the musician, Commemoration Mass by Jesuits at the Sacred Heart Latin Church, Thrissur, *Pushparchana* at the portrait of Arnos Padiri in Sahitya Academy by the dignitaries, all Kerala inter-collegiate essay competition, all Kerala *Puthen Pana* recital competition for various age groups, and a public meeting at Sahitya Academy auditorium. The dignitaries included Dr. Babu Paul IAS, C. Radhakrishnan, **Fr M K George**, Dr. Mar Ephrem Metropolitan, Sadbhavananda Swami, Mujib Rehman Aslami and **Fr A Adappur**. The final item was the screening of *Padiri Velicham*, a new documentary on Arnos Padiri, directed by Raju Raphel.

An Appeal

Arnos Padiri Academy, Velur intends to develop a museum of Jesuit as well as Christian historico-cultural and religio-linguistic items. We welcome all to be part of this ambitious undertaking. Those who are willing to contribute stamps, coins or any articles on the above themes may kindly contact us at arnospadiriacademy@gmail.com or Mob: 9497266937. The contributions will be acknowledged in the museum appropriately.

Sunny Jose

AICUF CENTRE

Women's Day celebration was a major programme for AICUF in the month of March. This year it was held in St. Joseph's college for women, Alapuzha, and it was very enriching. The AICUF students gathered in the college and felicitated five women-sweepers of the municipality. We appreciated their work and gave them token gifts. The students visited women's shelter home in Alapuzha town and joined them with items of entertainment and refreshments. The Janasameeksha group had their three-day session by **Fr P T Mathew** on 'Christian Vision of the Human Person'. **Fr Babu Paul** addressed a dharna of Human Rights Foundation at the secretariat in support of Mr Sreejith who has been protesting there for one and half years demanding action against the murderers of his brother Srijive. **Fr George Sebastian** taught a course on 'Media and Cultural

Shift' at Christ University, Bangalore to a group of priests and religious doing a Masters degree. He also conducted a seminar cum reflection program on the use of 'Modern Media in Christian Ministries' for the priests of Trivandrum diocese.

Babu Paul

TUDI

TUDI celebrates its 22nd Annual Day and Tribal Festival (Adivasi Gramotsavam) on April 30, 2017. Dignitaries like C.K Sasheendran, Kalpetta MLA, B.S. Thirumany IAS, District collector, C.J. Kuttappan, Chairman of Folklore Academy graced the occasion. A competition of **Vattakkali dance** (*traditional folk dance of Paniya tribe*) is also planned for the same day. More than ten teams from different parts of Wayanad are expected to participate. Prior to the Tribal festival there will be a district level workshop for the tribal community leaders on the theme, **Forest Right Act**.

Baby Chalil

JEEVIKA, MIGRANT WORKERS MOVEMENT

Recalling the inspiring legacy of **Fr Sabu Malayail** and interceding his blessings from heaven, Kerala migrant workers movement, Jeevika, is slowly and steadily being revived. Jeevika participated in the Signature Campaign organized by JESA as part of its Lok Manch action plan. Kudos to **Fr Benny Chiramel** and his team who wonderfully organized the two day Lok Manch training programme and the Signature Campaign coordinating 12 NGOs working in Wayand, Palakkad and Trivandrum. A memorandum was submitted to the Kerala Government on March 25 highlighting the issues and rights of Adivasis, Dalits, Fisher folk and the migrant workers, through the Deputy Speaker V. Sasi at a meeting held in Trivandrum press club. Jeevika presented the issues and struggles of the migrants of Kerala with the support of more than 1000 signatures. This was a collective effort of more than 50 volunteers, both Jesuits and JECI members. We would like to thank and acknowledge the wonderful support we received from the communities of Lumen, Santigram, Arnos Padiri Academy, Sameeksha, and Loyola, Sreekaryam. The Loyola Novitiate community also had a key role in this signature campaign. **Fr Shin Kallungal** officially took charge as Director of Jeevika on April 1 at the Jeevika office, Kalady.

We look forward to your continued encouragement and support in this complex ministry.

Shin Kallungal

LIPI, KOCHI

The newly put-up floor has given a fresh breath of life to the institute with more comfortable working environment; better facility for reading and research is an added advantage. The Art and Peace wing is getting ready under the able leadership of **Fr Roy**, our artist. We had two major events this month. One was a team interview with Irom Sharmila, the great symbol of Justice and Peace from Manipur. She was very forthright in her sharing and was keen to learn about the activities of LIPI. The other was a panel discussion by Mr. Geo Jose and Mrs. Kusumam Joseph, two eminent environmental activists. Both these inspiring and informative conversations will appear in the next issue of Ezhuthu Magazine. Prof. V. G. Thampy, our chief Editor won the much coveted Kerala Sahitya Academy Award for the best travelogue titled: "Europe- Atmachinhangal". Ezhuthu family takes immense pride in this Achievement. Ezhuthu has announced a Literary Camp for College students, May 5-7, at Sameeksha, Kalady. Prof. V. G. Thampy will be the camp director. Our Marketing and circulation department is actively reaching out to new outlets. Work is going on for launching Peace related activities on a wider scale and for setting up a research center. Prof. Dr. K. M. Mathew a close associate of the Peace Institute has donated his collection of books to build up a library for the Institute. We are very grateful to Prof. Mathew. **Fr Binoy** conducted a three-day promotion and corpus building campaign in the Trivandrum zone.

LIPI Team

LOK MANCH SNEHARAM AND JESA

Sneharam Lok Manch, Anchuthengu, organised an awareness programme in collaboration with Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau (VACB) on March 4. It brought together different persons from the Government, Non Government Organizations and the nearby coastal communities to a discussion on 'How to avoid corruption in accessing welfare measures and government schemes available to the coastal people?' Shri. K. Jayakumar, Superintendent of Police, VACB, inaugurated it, and **Fr Pious Vachaparambil** presided over the programme.

The State Level Leadership Training Programme of JESA-Lok Manch was held in Thiruvananthapuram on March 24-25. It culminated in the handing over of a Memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister of Kerala. The Memorandum attempts to highlight the policy gaps in the implementation of various schemes for the priority communities, namely, Adivasis, Fishing Communities, Dalits and Inter-state Migrants. This exercise, especially the signature campaign, boosted us to rededicate ourselves to the task of empowering our community leaders and monitoring committee members. This, we realized, would be possible, only if we continue to improve ourselves on the right kind of knowledge, skills and attitudes. Deputy Speaker Shri. V. Sasi inaugurated the valedictory and promised to get the Memorandum across to the Chief Minister. The participants (71) were the animators, coordinators and organization heads from the JESA-Lok Manch organizations (12) including AADI, TUDI and Sneharam and other JESA institutions (6) such as LES, Loyola, Poovar, Snehabhavan, Jeevika, Kalady, Samskriti, and Sahajeevanam. We are grateful to all the participants and resource persons, especially, those who led the signature campaign in a successful and inspiring manner.

Benny Chiramel

SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

The end-semester examinations at Satya Nilayam gets over only by April 10. The second-year students successfully completed their Comprehensive Examination on March 25, and on the following day they went on a trip to Thiruvannamalai - the holy shrine associated with Ramanamaharshi. The Community gratefully remembered the excellent service rendered by **Fr Paul Raj** (KHM) as Registrar, **Fr Valentine Ekka (MAP)** and **Fr V S George (AND)**, both as teaching staff for more than two decades. In a fitting farewell programme all of them along with the second years were gratefully remembered. Ms. Monica Vincent, Advocate, Madras High Court, delivered an excellent and thought provoking lecture on "**Cyber violence against women and girls, challenges, strategies and best practices.**" The talk was organized by SNRI. We were happy to receive **Fr Gracious** for a day as he came to renew his driving licence. The mercury in Chennai is ascending and 'showers of blessings' are not descending.

Jithin

INIGO SADAN, BANGALORE.

The month of March began with smearing of ashes on our foreheads. During this holy season we had an evaluation of our community life on a recollection day. All of us unanimously felt that this community is a heaven on earth. Indeed it is true ; it is spoken of as the happiest community in the whole Province. Many envy our community! It was a great joy for us to attend the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Ordination of our Guru, **Fr Richard Sequiera** on March 19. The programme was held at St. Joseph's Boys' High School as it was also the jubilee of **Fr Hedwig D' Costa**. The gratitude-filled shining faces of the jubilarians really inspired us. We also organised a high tea party for the close friends of all the college going scholastics at the suggestion of our dear **Fr Rector**. The programme was well appreciated by all. It was a memorable day for us. Thankyou Inigo Sadan Community!

The Thanksgiving Mass in our College was a time to gratefully acknowledge the blessings God has showered on us. The Jesus Youth of our college met for an hour of adoration in our chapel under the guidance of **Sch Deslin** and offered special prayers in view of the exams. **Frs Benny Chiramel** and **George Sebastian** visited us. Thankyou Achanmare for giving us your valuable time. The brother of **Fr Sheise** was also here for a day.

We have completed our Semester practical exams. Our theory exams will begin on April 6; they will go on till the end of this month. By the first week of May we will be in the province, for which we are looking forward to.

Kindly remember us in your prayers as we are completing the second year of our college studies.

Deslin Paulson

XTC, BELGAUM

The Juniors raised the bar as the busiest month of the year dawned. March began with a symposium on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) by three of the Juniors. The programme was well appreciated. From March 2 to 5 **Fr Melwin Pinto (KAR)** gave us a crash course on Journalism. After the course, Juniors came up with a practical news bulletin named 'XTC Times'. On March 6 **Fr Francis Parmar**, Gujarat Jesuit Provincial visited us and on the following day, he administered the

Orders of Lector and Acolyte to our first-year Novices and seven Juniors. March 13 was a much awaited day for the Juniors as all of us appeared for the Assistency Standardised English Test (ASET). All of us fared well in the examination. Thank you for your prayers. Since the Juniorate is being shifted to Mumbai, under the leadership of a special squad of 'Movers and Packers', the packing work is in progress. Our Juniorate programme will end by April 10 after the final exams which started on April 1. We request your valuable prayers.

Allin Paul

FR JOSE KADANKAVIL WRITES FROM IRELAND

"It is very cold, though it is summer. I am working in two Parishes in Waterford City - in the Cathedral of the Diocese and in Benilden Parish nearby. Everything is going on smooth. People are very kind and obliging. The pastor of the Cathedral introduced me in the Cathedral as the first Jesuit Priest working in Waterford and Lismore Diocese after the Suppression of the Society...."

OURS IN MEDIA

Fr George Nedungatt, "Abortion at Crossroads Between Science, Ethics, and Law – Part II," *VJTR* 81/3 (2017), 192-203.

Fr Sebastian Painadath :

- Der eine Geist und die vielen Religionen, in *Ferment*, Switzerland, 3 /2016, 41-43
- Der Fluss, meine Meisterin, in: Johannes Schleicher (ed), *Niklaus von Flüe*, Vier-Türme Verlag, Germany, 2016, 98-108
- Vertiefung der christlichen Spiritualität durch Begegnung mit der östlichen Mystik, in: Christian Rutishauser (ed), *Mystische Wege*, Vier-Türme Verlag, Germany, 2017, 84-98.
- Manushyanile divytayude prakasanam (Christmas and Vedantic experience) in *Prabudhakeralam* of the Ramakrishna Mission, Dec. 2016, 13-16

Fr Antony Mechery, "Francisco Ros, SJ, the First Jesuit Archbishop in India (1601-1624): Behind the Curtain." *VJTR* 81/3 (2017) 219-231.

Fr Roy M Thottam, "Evolution of Christ Image in Christian Art", in *Christian Art and Indian Cultural Patterns*, edited by George Plathottam sdb, Guwahati: Don Bosco Publications, 2016, 203-216.

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD



Fr Joseph Kottukapally (KER 82/62) on March 21, 2017. [See obituary]

Fr Patras Ekka (RAN 63/43) on March 9, 2017.

Fr Anthony (Ninu) Gatt (DUM 78/57) on March 21, 2017.

- 17 Dijin Jose George Pulickal
- 20 Toby Kozhuppakalam
- 23 Jose Choorapoikayil
- 24 Joe Mathew Kunnathoor
- 27 Shin Kallungal
- 29 Dominic Joseph Palakeel
- 30 Mathew Pullattu

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



APRIL

- 01 Dolichan Kollarath
- 04 Gracious Stephen
- 08 Aneesh Joseph Manivelil
- 10 Antony Mechery
- 10 Pious Vachaparambil
- 12 Jithin Joseph Puthuparambil
- 14 Bastin Jose Vattanky
- 14 Benny Chiramel
- 17 Amal Babu Pattasseril

MAY

- 06 Rojas Thomas Kalathil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY



APRIL

- 02 (1988) Thomas Arackal
- 03 (1961) Carolus Vassallo
- 06 (2006) Job Pulikottil
- 12 (1992) Joseph Aricatt
- 22 (1991) Zacharias Palakunnel
- 22 (2007) Philip Kalarickal
- 24 (1969) Zacharias Chandy



KINDLY PRAY FOR MANY GOOD VOCATIONS

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OBITUARY

FR JOSEPH KOTTUKAPALLY, SJ (1934-2017)

Fr Joseph Kottukapally passed away on 21st March at 12.15 p.m. He died suddenly without any warning. He was in the chapel of Christ Hall till 11.30.a.m. He felt uneasy and went to his room. He died alone. His absence was noticed at lunch. He was lying dead in his bed. Dr (Sr) Fernanda from Nirmala Hospital was called in and she declared him dead. The body was moved to a mortuary. It was brought back to Christ Hall on 23rd morning. Bishop Alex Vadakumthala of Kannur diocese was the main celebrant at the funeral Mass. The letter of Kottu (as he was fondly called) regarding his funeral was read by Fr. Provincial, and maximum care was taken to accommodate his wishes.

Fr Provincial in his introductory remarks at the funeral Mass said that Kottu was unique in his life and death. He had joined the erstwhile Calicut Mission in 1954 and became a member of Kerala Province in 1960. During his Juniorate he was called a Latin Scholar, and a Philosopher during his philosophy. Husserl's phenomenology was his favourite subject. In the history of Shembag, Kottu was the only Malayalee to be made Choir Master. He did his theology at Innsbruck where he endeared himself to everyone by his spirit of service.

After a short period at Christ hall as teacher in the Juniorate, he became Chaplain of AICUF students in Kerala. He was able to relate very personally to the university Students. He guided them in the critical period of agitations by politically affiliated student unions. He could maintain the distinct identity of AICUF despite an unfavourable response from the Church hierarchy of the period. A good number of his AICUF students remained very close to him till his death.

Kottu served the Chirakkal mission for many years, at Mattul, Mariapuram, Bekkalam, and Pariyaram. As parish priest he succeeded in identifying himself

with the people and took up all their struggles and problems personally. Their welfare was his primary concern, and he initiated many developmental works such as house-building, girls' education, and employment of youth. He could collect funds for his work from different sources, both Indian and foreign. The presence of a large number of people including priests, sisters and the Bishop of Kannur at his funeral is an eloquent testimony of his place in their hearts.

Kottu was a writer and good researcher. During his stay at Lumen Institute and at St. Xavier's Trivandrum he devoted himself to writing.

He contributed learned articles to Indian and foreign journals. He was a controversial writer. He was never afraid of crossing swords with anyone either through letters to the editor or through articles. He thought passionately and reacted passionately.

Kottu's last years were spent at St. Joseph's Jesuit Community, Kozhikode. He got himself immersed in research.

He did thorough studies on the early Jesuit mission in Kerala, particularly the Jesuit missions at Arthinkal, Kozhikode and Nemam, prior to the suppression of the Society of Jesus. He played an important role in highlighting the martyrdom of Blessed Devasahayam Pillai. His book on him helped in the cause of his beatification. He was a passionate researcher and he could sit for hours leafing through old manuscripts. He was never satisfied with secondary sources and in spite of his age and health he travelled to different places to get in touch with original documents.

Kottu remained active till his death. A day before his death he came to St. Joseph's community to look for the papers of his doctoral thesis. His happy death was the end of an active life. May God reward his faithful servant.

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