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### *From the Provincial*

#### **DISTRACTIONS TO 'MAGIS'**

"Small distractions have consequences...after a tough training, athletes should focus on recovering and not texting", said an athlete of great achievements.

I wonder, whether with all our talk about 'Magis' aren't we too distracted to achieve the real *Magis*. The athlete continues, 'a sharp, unrelenting focus, discipline and consistency are all that counts'. When we have a definite goal, can we allow too many distractions? Or are our goals just ornamental?

What are our distractions? The Social Media is definitely one. Family visits, taking part in ceremonies, religious rituals, social events, unplanned travels, television, doing the odd things...the list is endless. Each one has his own favourite distractions.

Fr Paul Achandy, CMI, recently wrote, "Priests after so much of study and training, what do they really do? Not very valuable things. There is a failure in prioritizing. A doctor should do only what he is expected to do. If he starts doing what a nurse, a compounder and a watchman can and must do, then it is a huge failure. What lay people can do priests need not do. **But, 80 per cent of the time of priests is spent in doing things that others can do**".

"The only way to reach your goal is – focus, focus and more intense focus...You have to develop a tunnel vision, one where your goal is all – your only god, as well as your only form of worship", says Vinita Dawra.

Matter for us to do some self- examination!

*M.K.George, SJ*

#### **PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME**

##### **July 2017**

- 02 : JECI training in Sameeksha, Kalady
- 03 : CMS College, Kottayam
- 08-09 : JEA Meeting in Calicut
- 10 : Consult in Christ Hall, Calicut
- 22 : Ursuline Convent, Kannur
- 29 : Kudakkachira – Jubilee Mass
- 30 : Christuraja Parish, Calicut

#### **APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS**

**Fr Binu Kaduthalakunnel:** Minister, St Michael's, Kannur

**Fr Tomson Vadakkeputhenpura:** Procurator, St Michael's, Kannur

**Fr Devasia Kuzhuppil:** on sabbatical, Christ Hall, Calicut

**Fr Joseph Pulickal:** Director, Yathra Publications

#### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Final Vows:** Fr General has invited five of our men to be fully incorporated into the society. **Frs Joe Mathew Kunnathoor, Rachans Lukose, Salvin Kachirayil** and **Thomas Kuravanveliyel** together will take their final vows on August 15, 2017 at S M Farm, Pariyaram. **Fr Rabin** has fixed it for August

***The Provincial and team wish you a Very Happy Feast of St Ignatius !***

20 at the Infant Jesus Town Church, Nilambur where he is the parish priest.

### **Congratulations and Best Wishes!**

Amal Babu Pattasseril  
Frangle Xavier B.R.  
Rejoy Johny Chiriyankandath  
Savy George Thazhathuveetil &  
Sinesh (George) Karuppallyil  
pronounced their First Vows in the Society on  
wednesday, June 21 2017.

### **Hearty Welcome to the Novitiate!**

The following nine young men joined the Novitiate on Monday, June 19 2017.

**Affin J. M, Ajith Xavier** Thudiyaplackal, **Akhil Antony** OppenPayyapilly, **Christy J. Kalathil, Cicil V. Shaji** Valiyakarottu, **Dileep Joseph** Edachery Pawath, **Eby Shajan** Parankimalil, **Sebastian Chiriyankandath** and **Steev J. Thomas** Palackal.

**Sch Rephin Kamal** is leaving for Rome on July 6, 2017 to pursue his theological studies at the Gregorian. He will be staying in the Gesu.

**Fr Sunny Kunnappallil** will be leaving for Manila on July 28 to do Diploma in Family Counselling at SCEFAM, Atheneo de Manila University, Manila.

The annual combined meeting of CCA members, Rectors, Superiors and Consultors will be held on **August 5 & 6, 2017 (Saturday & Sunday) at Christ Hall, Calicut.**

On April 14, 2017 **Fr General** by a decree established the Euro-Mediterranean Province (EME) unifying the current provinces of Italy and Malta which will be suppressed on July 1. **Fr Gianfranco**, the current Provincial of Italy, has been appointed as the Provincial of the new EME province.

On May 24 **Fr General** transferred the Nepal Dependent Region from the Patna Province to the Darjeeling Province.

Fr General has approved the creation of the new independent region of the European Low Countries (ELC), effective July 31 of this year. This new region will comprise the current provinces of Holland (NER) and Northern Belgium (BSE). Fr Johan Verschuere, current Provincial of the two provinces, has been appointed to serve as Regional Superior.

**JECI Training Programme for the Colleagues of Jesuits in Mission:** The Organizing Committee announces the dates of the proposed training programmes in 2017.

1. The first phase: **June 30 to July 2, 2017** at Sameeksha, Kalady.
2. The second phase: **August 04 to 06, 2017** at SRC, Christ Hall, Kozhikode.
3. The third phase: **September 15 to 17, 2017** at Loyola Extension Services (LES), Sreekariyam, Trivandrum.

The programme will start at 9am on the first day and end by 02.30 p.m. on the last day. The names and addresses must reach **Fr Pious** before July 20, 2017

### **HEALTH BULLETIN**

**Frs Jacob Karthanam, John Mialil, Paul Vadakel** and **Br John Molekunnel** were admitted to the Nirmala Hospital for various ailments. Fr Jacob continues to undergo treatment.

**Fr O.P. Mathew** is currently undergoing ayurvedic treatment.

**Frs P.T. Augustine** and **Raphael Thottan** underwent operation for cataract and are recuperating.

Please continue to pray for the sick: Mr Pathrose, Father of **Fr Baby Mulluparambil** and Mr Dominic, Father of **Fr Sooraj Dominic**

### **FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS**

#### **CHRIST HALL, CALICUT**

The month of June started with the reopening of the Christuraja School. Ward councilor Adv. Suresh Babu delivered the keynote address, **Fr Baby Mulluparambil** inaugurated the event and **Fr Reji Kunnatheth** presided over the function. Two new Scholastics joined the community this month; **Sch Vysakh Titus** is the new Regent, and **Sch Amardeep** joined for his degree studies at Devagiri College. **Fr Sunny Kunnappally** is back refreshed after a course at Atmadarshan, Patna. Five new Candidates enjoyed an orientation programme at Christ Hall conducted by **Fr Santhosh** and **Sch Bastin**; they will be moving to St Joseph's, Calicut, in the first week of July.

**Fr Jose Mathew** joined Christ Hall community after six years of meritorious service at St Xavier's Arts and Science College, Calicut.

SRC had a number of programmes this month. Sahrudaya Club organized a one-day seminar on "Vayanayude Puthumanangal" which was inaugurated by **Fr M K George**, with **Fr Reji Kunnatheth** presiding over it. The JEPASA team met for a day under the leadership of **Fr Anto Dioneceus**. The Centre for Phenomenological Studies, Pondicherry, organized a three-day workshop of philosophers with **Fr E P Mathew** at its helm. The CLC of Christ the King parish had a one-day youth meet at SRC. At a session on Kandhamal issue, three persons from Kandhamal shared their experiences. A drama, "Kootalum Kizhikalum Perukalum Harikalum", was staged in the town hall with the collaboration of SRC as part of the 'Save Drama Campaign'.

*Vysakh Titus*

### ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

The new Plus-Two building was blessed by **Bishop Varghese Chackalackal**, of Calicut diocese, in the presence of **Fr Provincial**, many Jesuits and dignitaries. Congrats to **Fr Thadeyoos** who was in charge of the construction work. The students of the Higher Secondary section witnessed a meaningful antidrug campaign in the campus organized by the District Legal Services Authority and the Quilandy Magic Academy. It was inaugurated by the District Collector.

The ICSE school observed the International Environment Day with Mr Shoukath Ali, a noted social activist and nature lover, as the chief guest. The new UKG children were introduced to the school during a separate *pravesanolsavam* function. The new leaders and prefects were sworn in for the current academic year. The General Body of the PTA met and elected the new executives. Mr Soman Kadalur, a noted poet and writer, inaugurated the *Vayanavaram*. The district level SpellBee competition saw many of our students collecting prizes and ranks.

*Ramlal*

### ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL, KANNUR

The new academic year began with *Pravesanotsavam*. For the Pre-primary section *Pravesanotsavam* was on July 12, and the children were welcomed with *panchavadyam*. **Fr Jose Thachil** conducted a one-day Orientation Programme for the Pre-primary teachers; **Fr Sunny Kunnappally** engaged the Primary and Upper Primary teachers. **Fr James Pullokkaran** left for Thalore on July 4, and

St Michael's community is grateful to him for his great services.

**Sri Ramachandran Kadannapally**, Minister for Ports, Museums and Archaeology, inaugurated the World Environment Day. International Yoga Day was observed in the school in a fitting manner with **Mr Siva Vikram G.** IPS, (Kannur SP) as the chief guest. Yogacharyan **Fr Rajesh Punchathalackal**, conducted Yoga Sessions for our students. The OBA (old boys association) organized an exhibition in connection with anti-narcotics day. **Sri Mir Mohammed Ali** IAS, Kannur District Collector, inaugurated the exhibition.

*KJ Mathew*

### S.M. FARM, PARIYARAM

**Fr Mathew Aerthayil** went to Chennai for treatment of eye infection which started five years ago. He spent one week there for check up. After six weeks of medication he is to report back. The Loyola College community guided him and provided him with comfortable accommodation. Admission to various trades in Nirmala ITI is going on with attractive new courses, better facilities and wider publicity.

*Mathew Aerthayil*

### SAMEEKSHA/ ATMAMITRA, KALADY

The Sameeksha community is slowly getting adjusted to the reality of not having **Br Mampilly** with us anymore. We are grateful to **Fr Mathew Kannadan** for being with us for four weeks helping us to run the Centre. **Fr Sebastian Painadath** is back after four weeks of seminars and retreats in Germany. **Fr Xavier** is still in London awaiting the date for the defense of his thesis. The new series of Dharmasameeksha took off with Swami Nandatmajananda presenting the life and vision of Sister Nivedita on June 10. A group of 24 spiritual seekers from different religions made a five-day retreat under the guidance of Mr Shoukath. **Fr Shin** is deeply involved in giving the ministry among the migrant workers an organizational structure.

**Fr Toby Joseph** was away at Fountain College, Krishnagiri for his Masters in Psychotherapy and Counselling. He was invited by the General Education Department for a consultation on Adolescence Education in Government Schools all over Kerala. He reached out to three schools in Durgapur, Avarpur and Rajura in Maharashtra in the Syro Malabar Mission of Chanda Diocese. Atmamitra team gave teen programmes for Sree Sarada School and Jnanodaya

Schools in Kalady, St. Joseph's School, Thrikkakara, Bethlehem International School, Vazhakulam and teacher training at Naipunnya College, Pongam. Students of St Michel's School, Kannur were offered an orientation seminar. Two Parishes, namely St Sebastian's Church, Koodaranji and St Joseph's Church, Chethikkode used Atmamitra expertise to train their youth and catechism students.

*Sebastian Painadath*

#### LUMEN/SNEHA SENA, KOCHI

**Fr Binoy Pichalakkatt** left for the U.S. to attend a series of conferences on mathematics, science and religion. He is expected back by July 19. **Fr Syriac Panjikaran** is with us as he prepares himself for his new mission in East Timor. Syriac has already mastered enough of *Teten*, the local language of E. Timor, to converse with people, to give homilies and to take classes. Fr Syriac will be leaving for E. Timor in the beginning of August. The Newman Association had its monthly conference on Yoga with Fr Peter Thiruthanathil of Ernakulam-Ankamaly Archdiocese as the resource person. He explained the effective ways of practicing Yoga for maintaining a healthy body and a vibrant mind. **Fr Vincent** has been visiting various schools for promoting *Sneha Sena* and *Tik-Tik Life*. Two schools invited him to give 'reading day message.'

*Pereppadan*

#### AKJM SCHOOL, KANJIRAPALLY

**Frs Augustine Peedikamala** and **Salvin Augustine** met with an accident on June 24 near the school. They were returning after participating in the celebration of the feast of the Sacred Heart at the S H Provincial house, Kanjirapally. They reached the school gate at about 9.00 pm, and while trying to cross the road they were knocked down by a car coming from the opposite direction. They were immediately taken to the nearby govt hospital at Kanjirapally. After getting the first aid, they were taken to Caritas Hospital, Kottayam. The scanning revealed that they had no head injury whatsoever and they had only superficial bruises. Both of them had severe body pain. They were discharged from the hospital on June 27. Fr Salvin is advised complete rest for a few days and he is enjoying the hospitality of Santhinilayam community at Kottayam. Fr Augustine has come back to the Jesuit House. Thank God for their miraculous escape and pray for their speedy recovery.

The school functions in full swing in spite of the heavy rain. We held the Awards Day on June 30. The chief guest of the day was **Fr P T Joseph**, the Director of Amal Jyothi Engineering College, Kanjirapally.

*Joseph Edavery*

#### LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

**Fr John FJ Manipadam** writes: After completing two happy years in our Common Juniorate, I was welcomed here at Loyola on April 21. Here we have a good and happy community. The GC 36 Retreat directed by **Fr Jose Jacob** was very helpful. Being a Diamond Jubilarian, I wondered at the quick passage of time and the different places I have served in! The Province celebration at Christ Hall, the get-together of our batch in Madurai (with **Fr James Thottakath** actively participating) and the Province celebration at Beschi Illam (our Novitiate), Dindigul, were very special events.

This is my third innings in Loyola and I am 77 not out, but the going is difficult for this old man in class. The Academic Year and classes began in earnest on June 1. I was in for a big surprise. The present boys seem to find it very difficult to keep quiet in class. I have already met many Old Boys; they are our consolation.

We were happy to have a Kenyan Scholastic, **Ernest Mogire**, for a week. Now we are happy to have **Fr Brent Otto** from Boston, with family connections in Kolkata, for three months.

#### VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

The 'Inauguration Ceremony' of the 35th South Indian Common Juniorate (SICJ) took place on June 26. **Fr Devassy Paul**, Principal of Loyola High School, Sreekaryam, was the Chief Guest. **Fr Devadoss**, our Superior, explained the history of SICJ. He congratulated the juniors for taking the vows in the Society of Jesus and now undertaking a year of intense study and further growth in the Society. Fr Devadoss also presided over the inaugural Eucharist. We had two days of community-building sessions guided by **Fr Jose Thachil**. This year SICJ has 33 juniors coming from nine different Provinces including the five from Kerala. The Kerala presence is richer with the addition of **Frs C J Joseph** and **Linto Kanichai** as new staff members. **Br Vattukulam** is back with us after attending the Brothers' Meeting in Pune.

*Amal*

**XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD**

It is going to be yet another colourful year for XTC, Pachilakkad as we welcomed seven Pre-Novices on June 15. **Sch Lijo Pathickal** joined the community as the new Regent. **Sch Bastin Vattanky** was with us for a week to facilitate the Orientation Programme. The Program was a great help in initiating us to the rhythm of pre-novitiate life.

**Fr V C George** has come back after successfully completing English Courses in Kottayam and Idukki districts, as well as one in the Pala diocesan minor seminary. This summer he conducted a Trainers' Training for the Kerala Scholastics following his method of learning and teaching English. Apart from his regular classes in the pre-novitiate, he is also helping a group of teachers from Sarvodaya School in enhancing their English; they come to Prasanthi after school hours. **Fr Saji** is away attending a Trainer's Training Program in Trivandrum, as Prasanthi Counseling Centre has received a government project - an impressive achievement and recognition for the Centre.

*Lijo Antony*

**PIUS X ITI, EDATHUA**

Admissions for the new academic year 2017-18 has started. We hope to get enough candidates for all the trades.

**Fr Provincial** made his Annual visitation on the 1st of June. His interaction with the Staff made them very happy. **Frs Sunny Mathew** and **Joe Mathew** where here on 30th June for a reflection and study in preparation for the discernment of 1st July at Kottayam. Recent rains in Kuttanad has brought a lot of water that has risen up to our court-yard.

*K P Mathew*

**LOYOLA, MUKUNDARA**

June announced the arrival of Spring, filling the campus with the blossoms of life, reunion, laughter and merriment. The most emotionally charged event, however, was the send-off given to **Fr Syriac Panjikanan** by the Staff. Fr Syriac was the founder, manager, Principal, music teacher, dance master, and guide for most of them for many years. Some of them broke down and some others kept away from the scene. Fr Syriac came away from St. Xavier's College, Trivandrum, to wear the humble garb of a pastor and social worker nineteen years ago. The

Jesuit community of Loyola Sadan said good bye to Fr Syriac with a sumptuous meal on May 31, and warmly welcomed the new arrivals: **Frs Kallepallil, Manesh** and **Sch Rojas**. Fr Syriac soon left for ayurvedic treatment at Amboori hospital nearby, to get fit for his new challenging mission in East Timor. He bid goodbye to Loyola Sadan on June 14 and has moved to Lumen Jyothis, Kochi.

The new team of Jesuits was very warmly welcomed by the staff and students at the School Assembly. **Fr Provincial** made a sweet and quick visit to Loyola Sadan and School. We were blessed by the visit of **Fr Baby Mulluparambil** other friends like **Frs K J Thomas, Tinu Francis** and **Dn Roy Alex**.

**Fr Thottan** and Fr Manesh conducted a Motivation Camp, 'Education 2017', at the Chemboor parish; about 100 youth attended it.

*Raphael Thottan*

**AICUF CENTRE, TRIVANDRUM**

Kerala AICUF is in the process of getting a new team for the New Year. The unit and zonal elections are getting over. The Trivandrum Zonal leadership camp was held at the AICUF centre and they participated in the Lok Munch State convention held at Trivandrum. The six coastal units of Trivandrum Zone which were very vibrant earlier are revived with the help of the senior aicufers in Trivandrum. The AICUF leaders with the help of the director organized a three-day life orientation camp for the DCMS youth of Neyantinkara Latin diocese. The first batch of Jnanasameeksha group is preparing for their final seminar to be held from 11th to 14th July 2017. **Fr George Sebastian** has gone to Canada and United States to take classes on Media and related topics. He will be back by October 2017.

*Babu Paul*

**CLIVE HOUSE, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI**

We reached Clive House on May 30. Our seniors welcomed us with warmth and grace. We had a Community Orientation programme on May 17. Our community consists of 3 Fathers and 44 scholastics. We began our college studies with new vigor and zeal. In preparation for the regular classes we had a Bridge Course for sixteen days which mainly focused on spoken English. And the presence of **Fr Biju Joy** helped us to feel at home and adjust with the new place. We remember and thank Bijuachan for finding time to help us in our admission process.

*Christy S and Christy J.P*

**SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI**

The Satya Nilayam community is blessed with fifty one freshers from various parts of India as well as from East Africa, East Timor and Bangladesh. We have three new staff members in the community: **Fr Peter Xavier (MDU)**, **Fr Vibin Padayadan (KER)** and **Fr Medard (RAN)**. The first years were warmly welcomed in the Orientation Programme which was planned well by the cultural committee. The academic year began with the Mass of the Holy Spirit presided over by **Bishop Antonysamy Peter Abir** of the diocese of Sultanpet. The first years visited Loyola College and many other important places in the Chennai city as part of the initiation. A day of outing in living groups with a focus on faith sharing was very useful in coming to know one another. The admission process of the first years in Loyola College went on smoothly under the guidance of Fr Peter Xavier, the new Registrar. We experienced a few showers in the third week of June. **Fr E P Mathew** was away in SRC, Calicut, organizing a Workshop in Philosophy as part of the activities of the Centre for Phenomenological Studies. **Sch Jithin** along with Raman (GUJ) participated in the Workshop and also made presentations. With **Fr Prince** and **Sch Stevenson** in Loyola College, Kerala Jesuits in Chennai are a wholesome number of seven!

*Francis*

**DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE**

The new academic year at JDV began with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration on June 7, 2017, presided over by **Bishop Savio Fernandes**, the Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay. Prior to this, there was a two day Orientation Programme and 'Pune Darsan'; it was meticulously organised by the Second Year Philosophers and Theologians. Our province has a strong presence at JDV this year with six scholastics and four priests. We had a Province dinner which gave us opportunity to share our comradeship amidst the busy academic life. **Fr Immanuel** has already entered seriously into the realm of theological research. **Sch Nikhil George** is about to step down after six months of meritorious service as beadle.

*Win Tomy*

**JEEVIKA MWM, KALADY.**

Jeevika Migrant Workers' Movement made its presence felt in the one-day Stakeholders' Consultation organized by Kerala Labour Department

at Trivandrum. The participants from the Government Officials, Research Institutes, Trade Unions and NGO's discussed various issues faced by the inter-state migrants and proposed a solid action plan which has to be implemented by the government. The proposed **Kerala Inter-State Migrants' Forum** became a reality at the initiative of Jeevika in the Stakeholders Consultation held at Lumen/Jyothis, Kaloor. Twenty five participants including six Jesuits from all over Kerala discussed the vision, mission, goal and objectives of the Forum based on the presentation made by **Fr Benny C.** A seven member core committee was formed and elected **Fr Shin Kallungal** as the Convenor. Jeevika along with other activists made a concrete intervention in sending the body of Mr Subhendu Mandal (33), an inter-state migrant from West Bengal who died of heart attack, to his home village. The Government of Kerala met all the expenses for sending the body by flight. Our visit to the inter-state migrants at Kozhikode along with Sr Gracy SCN (Jeevika MOS, SRC Christ Hall) and the discussions we had were enriching.

*Jeevika team*

**LOK MANCH**

**Lok Manch Kerala State Level Convention** was held on June 24, 2017 at VJT Hall, Thiruvananthapuram. The theme was "**Food Security of the Marginalized Sections Post Implementation of NFSA**". **Fr M.K. George S.J.**, Provincial, presided over the inaugural function, and Shri K.V. Thomas, the former Union Food Minister, delivered the keynote address. **Fr Baby Chalil** welcomed the gathering. A panel discussion on the theme with focus on Kerala was held in the afternoon. The panelists included Shri P.C. Thomas (former Union Deputy Law Minister), Shri Amitabachan (Hornbill Foundation, Vazhachal), Smt Lisba (Associate Professor, St Xavier's College, Thumba, *representing Friends of Marine Life*) and Shri Benny Joseph (Regional Manager, Civil Supplies Corporation). The valedictory was presided over by **Fr Joye James**, Rector, Loyola Institutions.

For the past one and half years twelve NGOs in Kerala under Lok Manch have been trying to promote local leadership among the marginalized to make use of the National Food Security Act. One lakh people had signed a memorandum and submitted to the Chief Minister of Kerala to make the

implementation of the Food Security Act more fruitful. This memorandum remained as the background for the Convention. Over five hundred representatives from different parts of the state participated. Songs and dances performed by the artists from AADI and TUDI enriched the occasion. The Zonal level Lok Manch training programme for organization heads conducted at LES, Sreekariyam from June 25 to 27 indicated the need to take Lok Manch to the level of social advocacy.

*Benny Chiramel.*

### PARIS, FRANCE

As we were coming to the end of the academic year in June, everyone was busy preparing for their annual exam at Centres Sèvres, Paris. **Schs Sharath** and **Adhul** finished their exams well, thus completing their first academic year. The summer has arrived; the French happily welcome this beautiful season as it brings in the holidays. We, the Jesuits, also are moving out of Paris for various activities in summer. Schs Sharath and Adhul will be doing a language course in the month of July in Lyon and Marseille respectively. They are now preparing themselves for camps, ministries, and also visiting some places in France in the month of August. All will be back in Paris in September.

**Fr Deepak** is immersed in his studies and also engaged in some ministries in Paris. Fr Deepak, along with a french Jesuit **Fr Bernard**, gave a two-day *Ignatian Training and Learning Process* to the Professors from Loyola Engineering College, Chennai.

*Adhul Thomas*

### NEWS FROM IRELAND

**Fr Jose Kadankavil** writes: "For almost one month my Pastor was away for holidays in France, so I was Pastor in-charge in the Cathedral of Waterford Diocese where I am assistant. The parish office has a well-knit functioning system, so I never had any problem. Here, whoever joins the Diocese to work in parishes will have to take special permissions to officiate at baptism, marriage, and funeral service. For officiating at marriage in the Church we need special permission from the Diocese as well as from the government since church-marriage has civil validity also. I have all the permissions and I

officiated at a few funerals and baptisms. Nobody came for marriage. There are plenty of old people, so very often I have to go to their houses to give communion.

Now the diocese is planning to club two parishes together under one priest because of the lack of priests. I myself have to work in two parishes as assistant. The Diocese is seriously studying how it can effectively make use of the available number of priests."

### OURS IN MEDIA

**Binoy Pichalakkattu**, *Bridging Mathematics, Philosophy and Theology: Fuzzy Thinking for Science-Religion Dialogue*, New Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2017.

### GONE FOR THEIR REWARD



**Fr Alphonso J. Miranda**, MDU (87/66), on June 5, 2017.

**Fr Victor Surin**, RAN (83/61) on June 27, 2017.

**Fr Jack Kenealy**, PAT (90/72) on July 2, 2017.

**Annakkutty** (86), elder sister of Fr Joseph Pulickal, on May 27, 2017.

**Sr Clothilda Kochuparambil** SABS (79), paternal aunt of Jijo K John, on June 11, 2017.

**Mrs Thresia Devassy** (79), Sister-in-law of Fr Varghese Malpan, on June 12, 2017.

**Mrs Marykutty Kurinjiparambil** (92), aunt of Fr Sunny Kunnappallil, on June 20, 2017

**Mr Paul Fernandez** (84), a close associate of Kerala Jesuits for many years in educational matters, expired on July 1, 2017 in Calicut. R.I.P

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### JULY

- 03 John Vattanky
- 04 Manesh Thottathuvilakom
- 07 Sunny Jose
- 08 Kurien Kunnumpuram
- 09 Thomas Vattakunnel
- 16 Sunny Padinjarevarikattu
- 21 Sharath Nellinilkumthadathil
- 23 *Antony P S*
- 23 Samuel Rayan
- 24 Shibu Malekunnel
- 24 Jose Pittappillil

25 Albin Namattathil  
 25 Mathew Aerthayil  
 26 Francis Paracka  
 27 Ivin Tomy  
 27 George Karuppallyil  
 28 *Salvin Kachirayil*  
 28 Stephen Chundanthadam

**AUGUST**

01 Mathew Kaniyamparambil

03 Jose Kadankavil  
 03 Joseph Thakadiyel  
 06 Savy Thazhathuveetil

**IN CHRIST WITH GLORY** 

**JULY**

03 (2007) Joseph Mekat  
 03 (2015) Abraham Mannamkary  
 08 (1982) Antony Ponvelil

14 (1971) William Lonardi  
 14 (1996) John Paliathil  
 16 (2008) Stephen Chethipuzha  
 26 (1984) Joseph Pallithanam  
 26 (2005) Lazarus Edattel  
 27 (2011) Philip Panjikanan  
 28 (1978) Paul Kunnunkal  
 31 (2016) Ambrose Parappuram

Br Varkey Mampilly, the co-founder of Sameeksha, Centre for Indian Spirituality, Kalady, expired at L.F Hospital, Ankamaly on May 23, 2017 at the age of 93. For the last six months he has been getting weaker, but ever cheerful and generous in helping others. In March he was operated for cataract and his eye-sight got improved. On April 12 he fell in the room and the hip-ball got fractured. The operation on the following day was very successful and he was recovering well after the surgery. On May 22 while having breathing difficulty he was rushed to L.F. Hospital, Ankamaly. The following day an unexpected cardiac arrest forced him to breathe his last at 5.47 pm. On the following day the body was brought to Sameeksha and hundreds of local people came to pay homage to their beloved Vaidyarchan. The body was taken to Christ Hall and was laid to rest in the Christ Hall cemetery on May 24 after the funeral Mass presided over by the Vicar General of Calicut.

Brother Varkey is no more with us, but he continues to live in the hearts of thousands for he was a comfort for them in their crisis moments, a spiritual guide in their search and a source of inspiration in their commitment to work. He lived honestly the ideals of his religious life. Predicare in paupertate- Ignatius would constantly remind his confreres: poverty and simplicity characterized the Jesuit life of Bro Varkey. He was a man of prayer. He began each day by putting flowers before the Bl. Sacrament and surrendering the day to the Lord:

He often related to me the story of his vocation. Having a job at the telegraphic department he accompanied in 1949 a cousin who wanted to join the Society. The simplicity and prayerful atmosphere of the novitiate at Christ Hall touched his heart. While praying in the Christ Hall chapel that evening he heard the inner divine voice to surrender his life to the Lord. He soon resigned his job and entered the novitiate and opted to remain a Brother in the Society, to be closer to the poor and the needy.

Bro Varkey was an all-rounder. He showed his efficiency as a compassionate prefect in boarding houses, a skillful instructor

*Obituary*



**BRO VARKEY MAMPILLY, SJ**  
 (1924-2017)

at ITIs, a competent administrator in developing farms, a well-versed architect in putting up buildings and a physician with herbal plants. He contributed much to the development of the infrastructural facilities of Pius X. ITI Edathua, St. Xavier's Thumba and Loyola Aluva. He was ITI instructor at St Vincent's Calicut, Nirmala Pilathara and Pius X. Edathua. He served in the farms at Vellarikundu and Pariyaram. But he considered Sameeksha as his life work; he has been there from its very inception in 1986.

Sameeksha would not have been what it is today without the commitment and creativity of Bro. Varkey. In 1986, Fr Provincial gave both of us the mission to initiate the Indian Spirituality Centre, at Kalady. He always kept me aware of the values of simplicity, contemplative atmosphere, harmony with nature, hospitality and compassion to the poor - which all should characterize the Jesuit presence at Kalady. No architect was ever called to put up the cottages.

It is all his creativity and competence. We resonated in vision and mission. My mind and his hands synchronised well. In the initial years we often prayed together to discern the movements of the Spirit. We knew what the Society expected of us: a Jesuit presence that makes a difference. Over the years Sameeksha created an ambience where people of different religions and cultures would feel accepted in their diversity and respected in their individuality. The poor and the sick had a special place in the heart of Bro. Varkey. He spent a lot of time for sick persons who sought his herbal wisdom and healing competence. He never charged for this service. What he received as offering he handed over to the local Vincent de Paul Society. Thus over the 30 years he could give 2.5 lakhs for the poor.

I am sad that I could not be present at the funeral rites. But I am grateful that I could be close to him during the last six months while he was feeling very weak. From the shore of the Poorna river he has reached the shores of Eternity, the poorna of divine life. May he continue to be a grace in our life and mission.

*Sebastian Painadath*

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