



# Kerala Tidings

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## *From the Provincial*

### VIBES OF HOPE

January 2018 has been a blessed month. Three events marked the month for me: the 225th year Jubilee celebrations of St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Kozhikode, the second anniversary of Loyola Institute of Peace and International Relations (LIPI) and Ezhuthu magazine and the sound and light presentation 'Visappu' (Hunger) scripted and directed by Fr Sheise SJ at the Girideepam School, Kottayam.

The Jubilee celebrations of St. Joseph's have been an amazing symphony of love and collaboration spread throughout the academic year 2017-2018. It was an orchestra of cultural, intellectual and familial celebration. Imaginative, creative and daring, the varied and colourful events have woken up a sleeping giant. Most importantly, it has witnessed to the Jesuit ideal of collaboration, living the mandate that "we must be willing to work with others... willing to play a subordinate, supporting, anonymous role; and willing to learn how to serve from those we seek to serve". St. Joseph's can never be the same after this.

LIPI anniversary celebration brought together some of our best literary and intellectual leaders like M. Mukundan, C. Radhakrishnan, and Alexander Jacob. The event said it loud and clear: LIPI and Ezhuthu have a place in the cultural life of Kerala.

Fr Sheise conceived and directed another masterpiece, after his successful 'Pieta' last year. This time he played with the theme hunger, a hunger

that in spite of all the affluence still haunts the Universe – a hunger for love.

All the three events send out vibrations of hope for the future of Jesuit Life and Mission in Kerala.

*M.K. George, SJ*

### APPOINTMENT BY FR GENERAL

**Fr Amrit Rai** : Regional Superior of Nepal Region.

### APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Augustine Paruthipallil**: Sneharam, Anjengo

**Fr Benny Chiramel**: Director, Sneharam, Anjengo

**Fr Deepak Edattu**: Xavier Training Centre, Pachilakad

**Fr Devasia Kuzhuppil**: Asst Parish Priest, St Mary's Forane, Koratty (Ernakulam Archdiocese).

**Fr Joseph Thayil**: Christ Hall, Calicut

**Fr Roy Alex Kuzhimannil**: Asst Parish Priest, Sacred Heart Church, Kothad- 682027 (Varapuzha Archdiocese)

**Fr Sheise Porunnakottu**: Snehasena, Lumen-Jyothis, Kochi

**Fr Varkeychan Mecheril**: Administrator (Acting), Aicuf Centre

### PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

#### FEBRUARY 2018

- 01 : Christ Hall
- 02 : St. Michael's, Kannur
- 03 : Jubilee celebration, Chakkittappara
- 05-07 : Chennai- Visitation
- 09 : Bathery
- 12 : Consult

14 : APA, Velur Visitation  
15 : Lumen- conclusion of Visitation  
16-26 : JCSA in Sri Lanka

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Fr Shibu Joseph Malekunnel** was officially appointed in the Physics Department of St Xavier's College, Thumba as Assistant Professor on January 25.

**Fr Thomas Kuravanveliyel**, Director of Loyola Poovar writes: "In connection with the Golden Jubilee of Loyola, Poovar, we plan to publish a book on the Life and Works of **Fr Antony Manipadam S J**, founder of Loyola Poovar. If you have any interesting information about him, be it an incident, a photograph or a piece of writing, we shall greatly appreciate your sharing it with us within two weeks."

## LEFT THE SOCIETY

**Akhil Antony Open Payyapilly**, a first year novice, left the novitiate on 24th December, 2017.

## HEALTH BULLETIN

**Fr Sebastian Thengumpallil** has been suffering from acute respiratory problems, and was admitted to the Nirmala hospital on Jan 17. Kindly keep him in your prayers.

## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

The community bid goodbye to **Fr George Kandathil** who passed away on January 13 at Christ Hall. He was laid to rest in our cemetery on the next day. The Christ Hall community had an informal get-together with the Collector of Calicut Shri U.V. Jose, IAS on January 3. We also invited the Parish Council members of the Christ the King Church for evening meal after the celebration of the parish feast.

**Fr Sebastian Thengumpallil** was brought from

Kottayam and was admitted to Nirmala Hospital due to breathing difficulties. **Fr K T Devasia** came back and joined the community after his sabbatical programme in Berkely, USA. The Sahrudya Club celebrated their anniversary on January 26. **Schs Amardeep** and **Vysakh** gave a class to a group of students of Payyanakal Government School at Silver Hills High School on January 28.

*Vysakh*

## ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

The 225th anniversary celebrations of St. Joseph's boy's Hr. Secondary School, the oldest school in Kerala, has received wide media coverage. From January 18 onwards we had regular evening programmes titled **Khalbile Kozhikode** connecting the occasion with the various faces of Calicut: history of Calicut, the goodness of Calicut (*Mohabeth*), its culture of dialogue and harmony, the flavors of Calicut, etc., and involved heritage



*Dr. M.K. Muneer MLA presenting Distinguished Alumnus Award to Dr. Azad Moopan, Chairman of Aster D. M. Foundation*

walks, exhibitions, cultural nights, 'food-ball mania', aesthetics, and religious harmony meetings. The programmes were organized with the support of the District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC). Prominent personalities from different walks of life participated in the events. Mr. Mammukoya, the cine actor, steered Kozhikodan humors.

The climax of the event was the global alumni meet Sanjo 225. It started on January 27 evening with a public function presided over by Mr. M K Muneer, M L A, and the key note address was delivered by



Mr. M G S Narayanan. Mr. U V Jose, district collector, shared his dreams for the development of Calicut and stressed the role of St. Josephs in preserving its heritage. **Fr Thomas Anthraper**, the long-time veteran of the school, was honoured and was gifted with a cheque Rs.10 lakhs mobilized by one batch of the alumnni. Distinguished alumni who were specially honoured included Dr. Azad Moopan and Dr. Ali Fizal, both prominent entrepreneurs in the medical field. Some imaginative proposals for the development of the school were presented by the alumnni; they included a high-tech playground and a modernized library. **Fr M K George**, the Jesuit Provincial presided over the functions on January 28 in which the retired staff and the present staff

republic day parade. A two-day book exhibition was held in our school by DC Books. Five students of our school won 'A' grade in the state school youth festival held in Thrissur.

The community had the second phase of community building animated by **Fr Joseph Pulickal**. All benefited from it immensely.

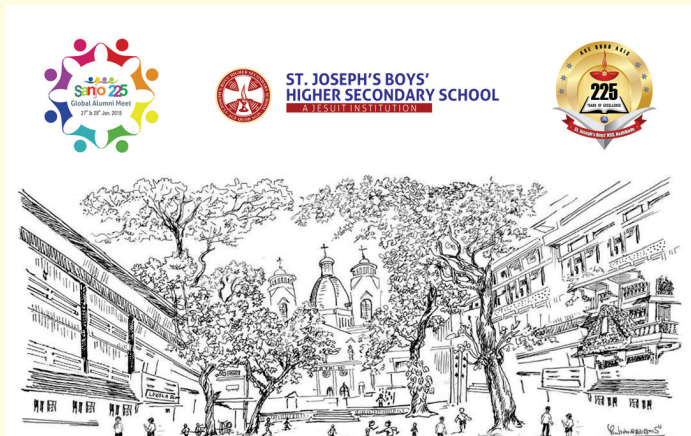
*RJ Mathew*

### LUMEN-JYOTHIS, KOCHI

The Lumen community offered tribute and attended the funeral of **Fr Anil's** mother. The Newman Association had its meeting on January 25 in which **Fr Vincent Pereppadan** presented a paper on "Adolescent Kerala: Problems and Prospects." Ms. Fathima, a research scholar from NIMHANS Bangalore also conducted a dialogical session on the same topic.

### LIPI

The second anniversary of LIPI and Ezhuthu Magazine was celebrated at the Ernakulam Town Hall on January 26. Dr. Alexander Jacob, IPS (Rtd.) inaugurated the event, and Sri. M. Mukundan, a leading literarist, delivered the keynote address. Daya Bai, C. Radhakrishnan, Prof. M. Thomas Mathew, Dr. K. Babu Joseph, Prof. V.G. Thampy, Dr. Muse Mary George, **Fr M.K. George** (Provincial), Dr. Jacob Thomas, IAS, and **Fr Augustine Pamplany** were present on the occasion. LIPI released its first publication, the first volume of Daya Bai's biography, during the ceremony. Two other books titled "Ezhuthu Vaathil," by M. Krishnan Namboothiri, and "Television: Bhashayum Bhashanavum" by Dr. T.K. Santhoshkumar were also released on the same day. The winners of the inter-collegiate short story competition were given awards. The ceremony started with a Keerthanam



were felicitated. **Fr Sooraj** ably steered the Sanjo 225 to a good finale.

**Fr Philip**, our minister, is busy renovating the Jesuit residence with more guest rooms and facilities for the candidates. **Fr Thadeyoos** did a commendable job of completing the new plus-two block on time.

*Jose Mathew*

### ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

The OBA (Old Boys' Association) organized a one-day seminar on career guidance for students of Standard X and Plus-2. It was guided by Mr. M S Jaleel, a well-known career guru. The 153rd Annual Sports Day was conducted in the second week of the month. Sixteen high school students got qualified for Rajya Puraskar award. Fr Gracious, Headmaster, hoisted the flag on the Republic Day. The Junior Red Cross(JRC) came first in the district



by Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady and ended with a flute concert by Dyan Darpan and team.

The book titled "You Are Divine" by **Fr Sebastian Painadath** was released at a function organized by LIPI on February 7 in the presence of the leading theologians and Jesuits of Ernakulam zone. **Fr George Nedungattu** released the book and **Fr Paul Thelakkattu** introduced it.

*Binooy*

### **AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY**

Of late, A.K.J.M. has been in the limelight for securing quite a few awards and achievements in various fields. A special award was given to the school for its outstanding performance in helping the poor by the Kanjirapally Grama Panchayat. Our NSS unit helped in putting up four houses for the poor and our NSS unit is judged as the best unit under the Kanjirapally Panchayat.

We had a grand Christmas Celebration with the presence of eminent personalities like Dr K.M. Abraham (Chief Secretary of the state), **Fr Provincial** and Mrs Sheela Thomas (IAS Rtd). Our school became the overall champions in the Sub-District Kalolsavam. 'Serenata' a musical event for the L.P Section was held on January 22. Mr Pradeep Gopi, senior sub-editor of Deepika, was the chief guest for the day. Our senior students are in the midst of hectic preparations for the coming public exam; many of them stay in the school and study under the strict supervision of the principal and vice-principal. During the annual visitation of the School Fr Provincial met all the stakeholders and was impressed by the active cooperation of the staff and the parents.

*Edassery*

### **ST XAVIER'S, TRIVANDRUM**

The College and XIM were reopened on January 3 after the Christmas vacation. The most significant event was the appointment of **Fr Shibu** as Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics on January 25. It is after 23 years that a Jesuit got appointed in the College (after **Fr Dasappan**). Congratulations and best wishes to Fr Shibu. The week-long parish feast of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Kochuthura

was meticulously planned and celebrated from January 22 to 28 under the able leadership of **Fr Dominic Palakeel**. Congratulations to Fr Dominic. The Birthday of **Fr Augustine** was celebrated on January 22.

The Jesuits of Trivandrum came together at St. Xavier's Jesuit House on January 14 to think on possible help to the victims of Ockhi Cyclone. The gathering suggested the idea of a threefold support: financial, educational and psycho-spiritual. Another proposal was to begin a Community Radio for the coastal people and to set up a Research Centre on Disaster-risk reduction. **Fr Pious** will be coordinating these activities. The construction of a Women's Amenity Centre at St. Xavier's College was inaugurated by Dr. Sampath, M P on January 17. The campus is vibrant with various activities like Youth Festival, Sports Day and Study Tour at SXC and at XIM. Fr Dominic is a Resource Person for the Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) classes and it is functioning at full swing. He is also attending an online training programme for the same. **Fr Dasappan's** mother had a fall which required a hip bone surgery. She is still in the hospital and is recovering fast.

*Biju Joy*

### **VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM**

We the Juniors had the privilege of joining the fund raising for the victims of 'Ockhi' disaster. We entered the New Year in a prayerful mood and had our triduum guided by Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy. Sch. Rojas was here for two days to give a course on the basics of computer. The much awaited community day celebrations were held for two days which we all enjoyed. Sch. Savy was away for a few days to attend the marriage of his sister at Thodupuzha. We had the mega Bal Mela on 20th January. The children from the parishes where we go for ministry joined us to make the day memorable. After celebrating the Republic Day with full vigour and zeal we have now begun preparations for the Academy Day.

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

We are back in XTC after enjoying our Xmas



holidays at home. On the Republic Day **Fr Kuriakose** unfurled the flag, and **Abel**, our beadle, gave a meaningful message. We are now preparing for our discernment retreat in February. Please remember us in your prayers.

*Pre-Novices*

### LOYOLA, MUKUNDARA

After the Christmas holidays students got new smart class rooms, a basketball court and improved security with CCTV cameras. In case of any emergency, parents are informed through the message system. Students and teachers have started practicing for the Annual Days extended over ten days. The UKG sections have already unveiled their Annual Day with their excellent performance. **Fr P T Mathew** visited the school to take stock of the improvements and further needs in the school.

*Manesh*

### SNEHARAM, JESA AND LOK MANCH

Global English Learning (GEL) programme has commenced at Sneharam with 20 students from the nearby villages and two teachers. Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) has been supporting three Jesuit Centres in Thiruvananthapuram, namely, Loyola Poovar, XIM Thumba and Sneharam Anchuthengu. **Fr Varkeychan** has been busy concluding his teaching work in the Private Plus Two School under the Forane church.

The JESA Annual General Body Meeting was held at AADI, Attappadi. It brought together people from AADI Attappadi, TUDI Wayanad, Jeevika Kalady, Samskriti-Sahajeevanam Kannur,



Sneharam Anchuthengu, and Loyola Poovar, and tried to review the past year and prepare an action plan. Guidance by Mr Placid, the resource person, helped the group understand the importance of strategic planning. He highlighted the importance of differentiating among the concepts of output, outcome, results and impact. 'Community-based disaster management and disaster preparedness' has emerged as an important area for collaboration and networking. Learning to prepare an action plan was a new experience for most of our collaborators. **Fr Benny** used the occasion to visit three Lok Manch organizations in the Attappadi Unit. All three units are preparing for an 'Impact Assessment' of Lok Manch activities. We are in the process of organizing a two-day State Level Conference on 'Community-based Disaster Preparedness' in the first of week of May 2018.

*Benny*

### MIGRANT MINISTRY

Jeevika organized a simple yet enjoyable new year celebration at Perumbavoor in which nearly 100 migrant workers from Odisha participated. The Administrative Reform Commission of Kerala conducted a public hearing at Ernakulam at which Jeevika could present the issues that migrant workers face. A visit to the villages of Gajapathi district of Odisha was an enriching experience for Shin Kallungal; it was a primary step in building a link between the two migration corridors. A direct experience of the people and their life situation in the villages and the meeting with



some friends of those working in Kerala were touching experiences. He had meetings with five village leaders, two parish priests and the bishop of Berhampur. The two-day General Body meeting of JESA at Attappadi was an occasion for Jeevika to listen to the social action involvements of our various centres and to plan together as JESA body for the coming year.

MOS of SRC organized a camp to issue Health Insurance Card - "Aawaz" to migrant workers at SRC on January 14. Over 150 workers came, and the staff from the District Labour Department worked the whole day till 8 pm and could distribute only 106 cards. The rest were asked to come the next Sunday.

*Shin & the MOS team*

### SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

All were fresh after the Christmas break and the cultural tour, and the New Year was welcomed with much gusto. The SN Research Institute and the Department of philosophy jointly organized a two-day National Seminar on the theme Popular Devotion and Philosophical Engagement with Religious Life-World. The first day of the Seminar was held at Loyola College and the second day at Satya Nilayam. It provided a good occasion for representatives, both staff and students, to exchange views. Pongal, the cultural festival of Tamil Nadu, was celebrated with traditional pomp and gaiety. Jenophine took a lead role in organizing it. We were very happy to have with us **Fr Salvin**, our PCF, who made his maiden visit to SN. It was also an occasion for a gathering of the Chennai Kerala Jesuits. **Fr E.P. Mathew** will be the resource person at the Good Shepherd Seminary, Kunnoth, Thalassery for their annual Philosophy Seminar, January 20, 2018.

*Jethin*

### DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

The DNC community began the new year with renewed vigour and zeal after a fruitful Triduum directed by **Fr Francis Pudichery**. **Frs POSA** and **ADF** made their annual visitation in the last

week of January. They exhorted us to imbibe the universal mission of the Society and appraised of the developments in the Assistency. **Fr Salvin**, our PCF, was here from Jan 27-29. Other guests include **Fr E.P. Mathew** and **Fr Joye James**, who were here for meetings. **Sch Nikhil** bagged two prizes in the Poetry and Essay Writing competition organised by the Literary Wing of JDV. The second year philosophers have already begun preparations for their Comprehensive exam.

*Ivin Tommy*

### NEWS FROM SRI LANKA

There was a long wait for the Resident Visa. ... On the morning of January 3, after Mass and breakfast, after bidding everyone good-bye and thanks, I was taken to the airport by our Minister **Fr Sunil Joseph**. My friend Joe Rodricks, Manager of Srilankan Airlines, an old boy of St Joseph's-Trivandrum, spent time with me and then escorted me to a window seat in the Business Class. The flight was smooth, short and sweet.

An old friend (**Fr Anton Pieris**, former Provincial, now Socius to the Provincial) welcomed me at the Airport with two other younger Jesuits. The **Provincial (Fr Dexter Gray**, whom I have known since his days at Arrupe House, Manila) welcomed me and kept me for a few days with him because he wanted to consult me on different matters. He asked me to accompany him to Kandy where we met the Retreat House Community and the



Community of Tertians, among them our **Fr Ramlat Mekkelathil** and another of Malaysia-Singapore whom I had known in Arrupe House, Manila. Provincial Dexter brought me here on the 9th morning. Here I met an old friend, Joe Kootinal

(Patna), and the two East Timorese Juniors whom I had taught in Dili, East Timor, when they were Candidates in 2015. Small world indeed! I spent time with **Fr Aloy Pieris** (expert on Buddhism) who lives and works nearby, in "Tulana".

My assignment is that of Spiritual Director & Counsellor, Teacher of Shakespeare (Macbeth), of Psycho-Spiritual Integration and of Public Speaking. I am also giving practice to the Juniors (as well as the Novices who live in the same campus, but in a different building) before they read during Mass and during the noon meal. I have already directed the Monthly Recollection. So far so good! Thanks be to God! My address is: Daham Sihila, 715 Polhena Road, Dalugama, Kelaniya - 11600, SRI LANKA. Residence Tel: 94 - 11 - 2911058

*John FJ Manipadam*

### OURS IN MEDIA

- **Fr Jose Mathew**, *The Green Model of the Church: A Theological Response to the Modern Ecological Crisis for a Meaningful Social Change*, New Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2018.
- **Fr Antony Mecherry**, "Archbishop Aleixo de Menezes OSA, A Portuguese Fidalgo: Behind the Curtain." *Vidyajyoti* 82, no. 1 (2018): 8-34.
- **Fr Sheise Porunnakottu** organized a light and sound show titled 'Visappu' at Girideepam Institutions, Kottayam. 100 students participated in the show which was on seven stages simultaneously.
- **റോയ് എം തോട്ടം**, "കേരള ദേവാലയ ചുവർ ചിത്രങ്ങളും ക്രൈസ്തവ സംസ്കൃതിയും", സത്യ ദീപം, 91/25 (ജനുവരി 25-31, 2018)

### GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

**Fr Barnabas Toppo (MAP)**, 75/55, on 06.01.2018 at Ambikapur.

**Fr Bernard D'Souza (BOM)**, 85/67, on 09.01.2018 at Andheri, Mumbai.

**Fr Jose Kananaikil (PAT)**, 83/62, on 12.01.2018 at Patna.

**Fr George R. Kandathil (KER)**, 79/62, on 13.01.2018 at Christ Hall, Kozhikode.

**Br Antony Ignatius (MDU)**, 96/72, on 14.01.2018 at Dindigul.



**Fr Melville W. Diamond (PAT)**, 97/72, on 20.01.2018.

Mrs Marykutty Joseph (74), mother of Fr Anil Kochumethikalam, SJ on 26.01.2018 at Edathua.

Mrs Kochuthresia Augustine (74), mother of Fr Raju Vattaparambil, SJ on 29.01.2018.

Shri Sebastian Vattukulam (92), elder brother of Br George Vattukulam, on 29.01.2018.



### FEBRUARY

- 01 Anil Kochumethikalam
- 02 Eby Shajan Parankimalil
- 04 George Varangalakudy
- 05 George Vattukulam
- 08 Chandy Kumblankal
- 09 Dasappan Vattathil
- 10 Robert Shelton
- 10 Thomas Kuravanveliyel
- 13 James Thottakath
- 14 Vincent Pereppadan
- 14 Jaison Joseph Cheruvuparampil
- 18 Lijo Antony Pathickal
- 25 Gijo John Kochuparambil
- 26 Sebin Vellamaruthunkal
- 27 Deepak George Edattu
- 27 John Thottupattu

### MARCH

- 02 Thomas Madathiparambil
- 03 Devadoss Mudiappasamy
- 03 Libin Mathew Puthukadath
- 05 Henry Pattarumadathil



## IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

### FEBRUARY

- 05 (1987) Joseph Edamaram  
07 (2006) Jose Murickan  
09 (1958) Aloysius Spinelli  
09 (2015) Michael Thannivelil  
11 (2011) Cherian Curiyicad  
14 (2016) Paul Valiakandathil  
20 (2002) Antony Vachaparambil  
22 (1982) Philip Veliath  
28 (2008) Antony Manjil



## OBITUARY

### FR GEORGE R KANDATHIL, SJ (08.08.1938-13.01.2018)

Fr George Kandathil was a simple and sober person who could hide a thousand feelings behind his innocent smile. After seeing his entrancing smile, God the Father would have appointed him as the gate-keeper to welcome people into the heavenly banquet. Though my life with him was short, Fr George has left behind immortal memories in my heart with his unembellished life. It is the same feeling that most people share about the undecorated and exemplary religious life of Fr George. He left us for his heavenly reward on January 13 after a brief period of illness.

Fr George was born on August 8, 1938 in Alappuzha and joined the Society of Jesus in 1955. He had his novitiate at Beschi College, Juniorate and Philosophy studies at Sacred Heart College Shembaganur. After completing his theology at De-Nobili College, Pune he got ordained there itself on March 17, 1967. A major portion of his priestly life was spent as pastor in various parishes, mostly in the dioceses of Calicut and Kannur. The parishes he served include



Pattavum, Mattul, Cherukunnu, Azhikode, Beypore and Malaparamba. Fr George was a wonderful pastor who always engaged in the lives of people entrusted to his care. People fondly remember him as a wise and gentle priest who cared for them with compassion deep concern. Even in his retired life at Christ Hall, Fr George showed great enthusiasm to visit his former parishioners and to maintain close relationship with them. He used to walk with a meditative rhythm, and never in a hurry. In his quiet manner Fr George slowly walked into the lives of his parishioners and inserted himself into their hearts.

Fr. George remained a Latin teacher at Beschi College, Dindigul for a long time. He was my grammar teacher for a year at Samanvaya, the Pre-Novitiate House. Our batch mates always felt that the 'rough and tough' style of Wren and Martin grammar book does not go along with the innocent nature of Fr George. However, it was his simple way of teaching that broke the hardness of Wren and Martin and we could easily follow him. He was a brilliant teacher who had a wonderful, compassionate way with the students and a rare sense of humour that drew them to him. He had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge which always kept him busy with reading and asking innocent questions. His students remember him as a mentor who taught not only English grammar and Latin but also valuable life-lessons that guided them to success.

Fr George was a simple man who enjoyed the simple things that life offered. He enjoyed the spiritual enrichment of simplicity till the very end of his life. He could make life comfortable with very minimum needs and he never bothered about a secure life. I never heard him speaking ill of anybody. He was a virtuous man who never had any complaint in life. Even after retirement he served as spiritual father at the Divine Union Vocationery at Mulayam. From 2014 he had been taking rest in Christ Hall, Calicut.... In Fr George we have lost a committed Jesuit and a Zealous missionary who radiated joy on his smiling face. We now pray that God reward him as he has journeyed to meet his Lord face to face.

*Roy Alex*

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