



Kerala Tidings

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From the Provincial

ON COMMITMENT

In April, two of our men made their final commitment. In May, one more will do the same. These two events have churned my mind and my heart. How committed are we the 'finally committed'?

It strikes me that the whole universe is sustained by the commitment of various people. For believers, it is the faithfulness of God to his covenant with his people that keeps the universe going. It is the commitment of a million persons across the world that makes the lives of 7.6 billion people smooth. Think of a mundane, every day activity like a train journey. But for the total dedication of a hundred or more people thousands of lives would be lost in a matter of few seconds. Total commitment sustains life.

Think of a half-hearted commitment. The story of Ananias and Sapphira in the Acts of the Apostles is truly insightful. Half-hearted commitment brings death. Most often, slow and unnoticed death. Death of institutions, values and people.

Unfortunately, the world today is marked by men and women committed half-heartedly to people, causes, the cosmos and God. Leaders in all spheres, who are called to be servants, are notoriously self-centred masters.

In a world where the credibility of religious and priestly life is fast disappearing, full commitment to God and his people and transparency in life is urgently called for.

M K George SJ

APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL

Fr Jose Cecilio Magadia (PHI) as the next Regional Assistant for Asia Pacific.

Fr Melvil Victor Pereira (KHM) as the Regional Superior of Kohima Region.

Fr Sunny Kunnappallil as Rector of Loyola, Sreekariyam, Trivandrum.

APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Anil Kochumethikalam : Tertianship, Kandy
Fr Baby Chalil : Prasanthi, Pachilakad; farm-in-charge

Fr James Thottakath : Loyola Jesuit House, Sreekariyam

Fr Jose Valuvettickal : IRC, Pariyaram

Fr Kuriakose Puthanapra : Sameeksha, Kalady

Fr Prince Panachithara : Aicuf State Chaplain, and Associate Director, Atmamitra, Kalady (resides at Aicuf House, Trivandrum)

Fr Saji Kandassamkunnel : House Coordinator, Prasanthi, Pachilakad

Fr Thomas Erinjery : Superior, Eachome, Jesuit community, and Manager, Sarvodaya school.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

MAY, 2018

- 01 : LIPI meeting in Kannur
- 03 : Skill Training Programme
- 04 : Province Consult, Calicut
- 05 : APT meeting in Kalady
- 07-08 : Visitation: S M Farm, Pariyaram
- 10 : Young Priests' meeting at Pachilakkad
- 11-14 : ISI-Bangalore: REGAE meeting
- 16 : Meeting with Scholastics at Pachilakkad
- 18-19 : Province Assembly, Calicut
- 21- June 07: Visit to the US

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ACTING PROVINCIAL

Fr Provincial writes; "From May 21 to June 7, 2018, I will be visiting Holy Cross College, Worcester, Fr Sanil Mayilkunnel at Baltimore and my sister and family in Houston. During my absence from the province, Fr P T Mathew SJ, is appointed the acting Provincial."

FINAL VOWS

Fr Biju Vadakkumchery will make his final commitment in the Society on May 20, 2018 at Christ Hall, Calicut. It will be during the community Mass at 6.30 a.m.

PROVINCE ASSEMBLY 2018

The Coordinating Committee, Province Assembly 2018, extends a warm welcome to all.

The specific objectives for the Assembly are the following:

- To update the members of the Province on the apostolic planning process since 2013
- To become aware of the process of identifying the Universal Apostolic Priorities of the Society
- To finalize the Apostolic Plan of the Ministries of the province
- To examine the status of the Commissions in the Province and to empower each Commission and functioning.
- To foster teamwork and collaboration in the ministries.

The Assembly will begin at 9 am on 18 May and end at 4.30 pm on 19. Kindly mark your calendar accordingly and make sure that you remain for both the days.

DEBIT CARD FACILITY FOR JESUITS

Kerala Province has decided to provide debit card facility for Jesuits who require frequent online transactions. Arrangements have been made with YES Bank and NIYO Services. This card will be accepted at all VISA/ Master card/ Rupay merchant outlets.

If you desire to get a debit card, please send a copy of your Aadhaar card and voter id through your House Minister to the office of the Province Treasurer before May 10, 2018. The mode of operation and other details will be sent to you through e-mail later.

KERALA JESUIT -CIRCULATION

We are renewing the address-list of 'Kerala Jesuit', our family magazine. Kindly send the addresses of your family members and friends to the Editor before 20th May 2018.

We also request you to contribute creative writings to

improve its readability and to make it more attractive articles on Jesuit life and spirituality, Jesuit Heritage, Jesuit saints, reports of ministries and institutions with relevant photographs, News and views from the Province, etc.

For all communication regarding 'Kerala Jesuit', kindly use this email id: wishesfrombiju@gmail.com or Fr Biju George SJ, Sarvodaya Jesuit House, Eachome P.O, Wayanad - 670721. WhatsApp & Mob. 9539149899.

Biju George

CHANGE OF E-MAIL ID

Fr Sheise, the new Director, informs that the following email id will be in use for official communications with Snehasena, Tik Tik Life and Yathra Publications: snehasenadirector@gmail.com

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

Fr Kurien Kunnumpuram made a flying visit to the Papal Seminary, Pune, and returned with renewed theological vigour. Christ Hall was the venue for an Advanced Managerial Training programme that was organized for members of the Province. The two-day programme was guided by Fr Joseph Puliparambil, our management expert. Christ the King parish, under the leadership of Fr Anto Dionicius, kept the parish children busy with a week-long training programme titled *Vachana Nalam*. Fr Benny Chiramel is presently in SRC conducting a Spoken English course for selected participants till May 6. Kerala scholastics have given a break to their summer camps and exposure programmes and have gathered in Christ Hall to re-animate themselves before proceeding for their holidays and retreat. All the senior fathers and brothers have been keeping relatively good health in the month of April, thanks to the attentive care of Fr Jose Thaiparambil and team. Christ Hall is getting ready to welcome our Province men to the Province Assembly later in May.

Vysakh

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

After serving thirteen years as the principal of St Joseph's ICSE School, Fr Xavier Veliyakam has handed over the responsibility to Fr Ramlat. Fr Xavier will be remembered as a man who made efforts to upgrade the school, to obtain permanent affiliation and to nurture the school in its infancy. He will be leaving for SICJ, Trivandrum by the end of May to take up his new assignment as Spiritual Director of the Juniors. The annual outing of the community was to Bharananganam via Pala and Ponkunnam, where

we received warm hospitality from the families of **Frs Jose Mathew** and **Sooraj**. We were privileged to celebrate a solemn High Mass in St Alphonsa's Shrine, Bharananganam on April 8, Sunday. **Rev Fr Mathew**



Chandrakunnel, Rector of the Shrine, introduced us and spoke about Jesuit contributions to the Church. Around 1200 students took part in the entrance test to seek admission to classes V and VIII in the Higher Secondary School. The interview and admission process are going on under the directorship of **Fr Thadeyoos**. Construction work and maintenance work are progressing in both the schools. Another floor in the ICSE School and new rooms for administrative use in the Higher Secondary School are the additions. The Jesuit House has got a new look and additional guest rooms under the supervision of **Fr Philip**. **Fr Anto** was away on a Province mission to study the possibilities in Tripura. Fr Jose Mathew took part in the JAAI meeting in New Delhi and Fr Ramlat participated in a workshop on "Healing the Inner Child" in Anugraha, Dindigul.

Sooraj Dominic

S.M.FARM, PARIYARAM, SAMSKRITI

Sanskriti organized a Life Skills Training through Salt Camp (Social Awareness and Leadership Training) for students of classes 10, 11 and 12 at IRC, Pariyaram. 46 Christian students hailing from 18 parishes of Chirakal area participated in this five-day camp. The visit to 'Hope', a rehabilitation Centre for the sick and old, created awareness about the suffering people in our society. Scholastics **Jithin Joseph, Rojas Thomas, Savy, Amal, Rejoy Johny**



and **Vysakh** formed the team of resource persons. Samskriti Sahajeevanam (SSJ) was a beehive of activities during the month of April. Five members from Sahajeevanam 'Kalari' represented in the martial arts fest conducted in New Delhi, and Kumari Divya was chosen as state representative of student police cadets. The 'Kolkali' team of SSJ performed in different temples. St Michael's school, Kannur sent 30 high school students for a three-day leadership training, and **Fr Augustine** from AKJM arranged a two-day camp for 39 students. A five-day Salt Camp was organized for 54 students from all over Kerala in collaboration with S.H. Welfare Association. Eight scholastics and seven candidates had their exposure programme at SSJ, and they helped to improve the infrastructural facilities at the Centre. Thirty students from our neighborhood spent one day at SSJ guided by our scholastics and candidates.

Mathew Aarthayil

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

The priests' meeting of Kannur forane was held at St Michaels Residence, and it began with a talk by Fr Gracious Stephen, our retiring headmaster. Seven Jesuit candidates are staying in St Michaels for one month, and they are being guided by Fr Binu with the support of the community. Fr Dominic, the Vocation Promoter visited the homes of a few prospective candidates in different districts. The school organized a gathering of the family members of the school staff, which was concluded with a delicious supper.

K J Mathew

LOYOLA, ALUVA

Fr Linto Kanichai assumed charge as the new Minister and Treasurer of the House and the Socius to the Novice Master, on April 27, the feast of St Peter Canisius. We wish Fr Linto all the best in his new ministry! We also place on record our deep appreciation for and gratitude to **Sch Lijo Pathickal**, for his marvelous service to the Loyola Community as Minister and Treasurer during the past year. 'Lijo Brother' has been an epitome of quiet efficiency and cheerful service.

We wish you, dear Lijo Brother, God's abundant blessings as you pursue your theological studies. **Fr E J Thomas**, an attached member of Loyola, formally concluded his glorious innings at Mary Matha Seminary, Trissur, and joined us on the 30th. He was formally 'brought' to Loyola by the Rector and half a dozen professors from the Seminary. E J Achan had endeared himself to the staff and the students alike, and so the farewell was quite tear-filled! **Fr James Pullokan**, another attached member of our Community has been with us for more than a month. He successfully underwent cataract-surgery for both his eyes, and is now convalescing here at Loyola. During the month, all of us novices were out for different Experiments. The first years have just completed our Mission Experiment; the second years are still doing their Hospital Experiment, and are expected back home by this week-end. Meanwhile, during the past weeks we were blessed to have quite a few Jesuit-guests.

Ajith Xavier & Steve Thomas

SAMEEKSHA/ ATMAMITRA, KALADY

In the month of April Sameeksha became very young! The premises were packed with school children attending several formation camps. They were moving around like butterflies enjoying the lush green ambience. The services of **Fr Toby** and his team are well received. **Fr Sebastian** presented the Gita spirituality to an inter-religious group of about 50 on the Dharmasameeksha series. At the end of the month a seminar was organized in tribute to Swami Siddhinathananda, who translated about 40 spiritual classics to Malayalam, including the Way of the Pilgrim and the Philokalia. Swami Swaprabhananda of Beloor Math shared some fond memories of Siddhinathananda whose 100th birth year is 2018. Frs Sebastian and Xavier attended the Jesuit Theological Forum at Bangalore; **Fr Xavier** took part at the ITA at Dharmaram. **Fr Shin** organised a night vigil adoration in thanksgiving for the youth retreat conducted in April as part of the Eucharistic ministry.

Sebastian Painadath

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

This year the POP (Pre-Ordination Programme) for the second year theologians of the southern provinces and Gujarat (20 Scholastics) is held from April 16 to May 15, 2018, at Marian International Institute of Management, Kuttikanam. The sylvan surroundings and salubrious climate of the place provide uniformity in writing Malayalam words/Hindi words proper ambience for serious study and personal reflection. **Fr Salvin Augustine**, our PCF is shuttling between Kanjirapally and Kuttikanam to make sure that everything is executed according to his meticulous

planning. This programme and his daily chores at AKJM keep Fr Salvin always on his toes. **Frs PT Joseph and Joe Pulickal** are the resident directors of the programme and their presence is very much appreciated by the scholastics. The school organized *Unarvu*, the summer coaching programme, to give specialised training to our athletes. The former students of the school are lending a helping hand to our staff to make this programme a success. Our campus looks fresh and green since we are getting good rain almost every day in the evening. **Fr Provincial** made a flying visit to us on his way back from Kuttikanam after conducting a session for the scholastics. We had a community meeting with him to evaluate the progress of the construction of the shopping complex at Samanvaya. The building will be ready for occupation by the middle of May.

Joseph Edassery

AADI, ATTAPPADI

AADI had its visitation by **Fr Provincial** and we also had our General Body meeting along with that. AADI got 12A registration this year and has applied for 80G certification. We conducted intensive spoken English course for 34 adivasi and dalit youth from April 3 to 14. **Scholastics Joemon, Frangle and Vyshak** conducted SALT camp for 45 students. We also organized a drama camp followed by "Ooruunarthal Kalathajatha" through 40 hamlets and junctions in Attappady. The troupe performed in the "TUDI Utsavam" under the leadership of Mr Akhil, the Coordinator. Preparations for the 7th AADI *Deshiya Adivasi Mela*, May 5 and 6, 2018, are going on. **Padmasree Lakshmikuttyamma, Dayabai, Christudas Gandhi IAS, Fr Robert Athickal, Fr Rappai Poothokkaran** and many dignitaries have consented to participate. Adivasi groups from other States also will be performing. Trainees from TISS, Mumbai, Loyola, Chennai, Al Ameen Law college, Palakkad, Sahya Jyothi College, Kumily, MES College, Erumeli, Holy Cross college, Calicut, nine Capuchin regents, and many volunteers are working round the clock for the success of the Adivasi Mela.

Lenin Antony

IGNATIAN RETREAT CENTRE, PARIYARAM

The Outreach program of IRC is well received by the parishes in the Dioceses of Thalassery and Verapoly. We had four outreach programs so far, and their effect is seen in the increase of residential programmes at IRC. We found it difficult to accommodate the large numbers, as a result. The Additional Skill Acquisition Programme of the Higher Education Department of Kannur District found IRC an ideal venue. Over 100 teachers from the higher secondary schools participated, and the District Collector himself was present. We organized three directed retreats for

the religious which attracted priests, sisters and brothers from different congregations. **Fr Kannadan** keeps himself busy with various spiritual ministries.

Raju Augustine

LOYOLA, MUKUNDARA

The month of April has given a new face lift to our school. **Fr Tinu** has joined the community, and his vibrant personality is being felt both in the residence and in the school campus. We had teachers-training sessions in the school for a month under the leadership of **Frs Kallepallil, Tinu** and **Manesh**. The training session has not only increased the confidence level of our teachers, but also added to their vigor to handle the language comfortably. It has also creatively assisted them in putting up cultural programmes, thus lifting up their spirit of unity and collaboration. The school is getting ready to receive new students. **Fr Antu Xavier** has been here with us sharing his expertise in naming all the trees and plants on the campus.

Manesh

LOYOLA POOVAR GOLDEN JUBILEE VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

Golden Jubilee Valedictory Function of Loyola Poovar was held on April 16. The celebration began with Jubilee Eucharist, with **Rev Fr Edison Y M**, Chancellor, Latin Archdiocese, Thiruvananthapuram, as the main celebrant. Several priests including **Fr M K George**, Provincial, concelebrated. Fr Edison in his message recalled the commendable contribution of **Fr Antony Manipadam**, the founder of Loyola Poovar to the socio-economic-educational and cultural transformation of Poovar and its surroundings, and also mentioned the contributions of other Jesuits thereafter. Fr M K George, Provincial, presided over the Kala samskarika Sammelanam which was held in the afternoon. **Fr Bastin Joseph**, the Forane Vicar delivered the inaugural address. Ms V S Bindu, the noted writer, was the Chief Guest, and **Frs Joseph Kallepallil, Joye James, Pious Vachaparambil, P T Augustine, Binoy Pichalakkattu** and other dignitaries extended felicitation. **Frs Polson, Babu Paul, Sunil and Dominic Joseph, Tinu** and **Rubil** enriched the occasion with their presence. Fr M K George, Provincial, released **Ormakalile Manipadam**-a memoir (edited by Mr Shaiju Alex and **Fr K J Thomas**) giving the first copy to Mr Hudson, a long-time associate and well-wisher of Loyola Poovar. Prizes and scholarships were distributed to the winners of different events. The programme came to an end with an excellent cultural show put up by Loyola students. Two of our novices, **Steev** and **Ajith**, were here for their month-long Mission Experiment. Their presence and active involvement especially in the Jubilee



celebration was appreciated by all. We are also grateful to our scholastics **Nikhil, Dijin** and **Rojas** for staying a week at Loyola as part of their summer involvement and conducting a camp for the youth.

K J Thomas

JEEVIKA - MIGRANT WORKERS MOVEMENT

Jeevika organised a few legal awareness meetings at both Perumbavoor and Kalady. A programme called *Mera dosth* - an interfacing encounter with inter-state migrants and children held at Sameeksha as part of the Atmamitra summer camp was highly commentable. It really helped the children to change their attitude towards the migrants. Jeevika participated in the strategic planning and evaluation of Jeevika MOS at Kozhikode. The other services like legal aid and medical care for the inter-state migrants continue relentlessly. MOS, SRC organized Easter Eucharist with migrant workers at Peruvayal parish. Fr Jaison the Parish priest and **Fr Jose Thachil** concelebrated the Mass which was attended by about 40 migrant workers. **Sr Rose r.a.** and **Sr Gracy SCN** along with the volunteers made the arrangements, and were helped out by the brothers from Devagiri. After the Mass there was cake cutting and refreshments followed by a session of tribal dance and songs. All present joined the dance and made it a memorable day for the migrant workers, especially those who were new arrivals.

PWPN & EYM

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network & Eucharistic Youth Movement organised a five-day Convention named, **Eucharistia 2K18**, a Eucharistic encounter meet for the youth at the Divine Retreat Centre, Muringoor. Nearly 300 youth from all over Kerala participated. **Bishop Joseph Mar Thomas**, the KCBC Youth commission chairman, inaugurated the Convention, and **Cardinal Cleemis** officially launched the movement. **Cardinal George Alenchery** and many other bishops blessed the Convention with their presence and interaction sessions. **Fr Jagdish Parmer SJ**, the National Director of PWPN, was the

energizing force. Eminent speakers who are well connected with youth handled the sessions. **Fr M K George**, our Provincial, **Frs Toby** and **Raju Augustine** too found time to join the Convention and handle sessions. It was jointly organized with a group called “*Eucharistia Mission*” that is affiliated to PWPN & EYM. **Fr Jagdish** and **Fr Shin** together gave a recollection talk to the priests of Alappuzha Diocese as part of PWPN & EYM ministry. A thanksgiving night vigil was organised by PWPN & EYM at Sameeksha in which nearly 20 volunteers of our PWPN & EYM participated.

Shin Kallungal

FROM INFANT JESUS CHURCH NILAMBUR.

For the preparation of the Holy Week we had three days of Ignatian Retreat in the parish. **Fr Baby Mulluparambil** joined me for the Holy Week, and his sermons inspired the parishioners. The Catechism teachers organised a five-day Summer Camp for the Catechism students, which was followed by First Communion in the Parish. **Rev Dr Paul P C**, the Provincial of Passionist Congregation, was the main celebrant. I thank our Province for supporting and encouraging me in doing pastoral ministry meaningfully.

Rabin

JESA-LOK MANCH, AND SNEHARAM

A team of two Jesuits, **Frs John Messi** and **Shawn**, visited all the Lok Manch organizations in Kerala as part of an ongoing attempt to support documentation of LM activities at the grassroots. It was yet another opportunity for all the LM partners to be part of the national level processes of Lok Manch. Unit level expansion meetings of Lok Manch are getting over and Lok Manch partners are expected to gather for a planning meeting on 7th of this month for the proposed State Level Conference on Community-based Disaster Management. Fifteen out of the twenty students of Global English Learning (GEL) programme under Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) completed their entry level of the course and passed in their exam. Five more students are allowed to join the course in place of the withdrawn students. Lok Manch animators have already identified the aspiring candidates and they are being given preliminary training by one of the local GEL students and a current tuition teacher. The disaster management committee, in collaboration with ‘Janaranjana’, a youth club, installed a crude form of signal system at both the groynes of the Muthalappozhi harbour. This had the expected impact on the Harbour Engineering Department: they have started the work of removing the washed-up sand and the boulders, that endanger the fishers, from the mouth of the harbour. **Fr Augustine** will be monitoring the



collection of data regarding fish catch at Anchuthengu and Poonthura; it is part of a minor research under the theme ‘Safe and Sustainable Fisheries’ in collaboration with a team of Sussex University researchers. Right now, the Sneharam animators and LM community leaders are engaged in negotiating with the concerned authorities to support the victims of coastal erosion in Anchuthengu. **Fr Benny** is away in SRC, Calicut, conducting a Spoken English Course.

Benny Chiramel

NEWS FROM SRI LANKA

The last Examination in the series ended on Holy Wednesday. From the next day, the Juniors were in different Parishes, helping during the Sacred Triduum and on Easter Sunday. I was invited to be the Celebrant at our Jesuit Church in Colombo. Most of the congregation consisted of the “old Faithfuls” who have known generations of Jesuits. On Easter Sunday evening in the Juniorate, there was a grand Get-Together of all the Jesuits in the Colombo-Negombo Area together with the Farewell of the Juniors. Since all our Juniors would be leaving the next day and since the house would be empty, I came to the Provincial Residence. I directed in Colombo the Annual Retreat of 10 Missionaries of Charity belonging to 5 different nationalities. They created such a good atmosphere that Our Lord bestowed multiple Blessings upon all of us. Then came my own peaceful and grace-filled Retreat. A few days ago, two school classmates of our Superior took him and some of us to the Wilpattu National Park where we enjoyed viewing a variety of animals, birds and reptiles. These days all the people of this country are being geared up for the celebration of VESAK (Pali: *Vesākha*, Sanskrit: *Vaiśākha*), the birth, the Enlightenment and the passing away of The Buddha. May we all have a good share in God’s gift of Wisdom!

John FJ Manipadam

GESU, ROME

The month of April began with much awaited spring

season. With it the normal life is back in Rome after the long winter. Our sixteen third year brothers were ordained deacons by **Cardinal Walter Kasper** and the whole event was a moment of grace. The whole celebration was live on Facebook and YouTube in order to make it available to all the dear ones throughout the world. **Fr Jijimon** visited Gesu and he really helped to get permission for the deacons to meet the Pope personally. We, the South Asian Jesuits, gathered to spend some time together at Biblicum. The fraternal gathering began with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr Joseph Puthenkulam who pronounced his last vows in April. The delicious meal was prepared by ourselves. Some of our first years and second years received the minor order of Subdeacon from **Fr General. Fr Guerrero Alves Juan Antonio** [the delegate of Fr General for Interprovincial Houses in Rome] visited Gesu and with much eagerness he met all the community members personally. With much joy Gesu launched its official website www.collegiodelgesu.info where everyone can get updated with all information and activities of our house.

Raphin Kamal

VISIT TO TRIPURA MISSION

We, **Frs E J Thomas, Babu Paul** and **Anto Muringathery** visited Tripura as we were delegated by **Fr Provincial** to explore possibilities of starting a mission of the Kerala Province. We met Most Rev Lumen Monteiro C S C, D.D., Bishop of Agartala Diocese, and we were accompanied by **Fr Hector D'Souza S J** of Kohima region. We reached Agartala on Friday, April 20 at 4 p.m. Fr Hector was waiting for us in the airport and Bishop had sent his vehicle to take us. As we reached the Bishop's house the Bishop himself came and welcomed us with a shawl. He took real trouble in his busy schedule to be with us for the next two days and to talk to us elaborately on the mission and the diocese and possibilities of our involvement in the mission. In the evening we visited the Bangladesh boarder and traveled along the city to have a quick look at it. Later after supper we sat together with the Bishop and he shared with us his expectations and gave us a summary of our two days programme. We spent the next two days visiting a few mission centres of the Diocese and attended a Confirmation ceremony and also visited some areas of possible Jesuit work. We met Fathers, Sisters, and some lay persons too. There is only one Diocese in the whole state of Tripura which comprises eight districts. Kailashahar is the district headquarters of Unakuti district, and it has no Catholic centre in it. The Bishop would like to have our presence in this area. We traveled to this area along with the Bishop and Fr Hector on April 21. We traveled

almost 5 hours to reach the place and we stopped for lunch at Kumarghat where the Holy Cross fathers have a parish, school and hostels. This is on the highway between Agartala and Shillong, the only highway in the state. Kailashahar is 45 minutes' drive from Kumarghat and it is near the border of Bangladesh. We visited Mr Johnson, a Catholic from Kerala, who is running a lab. He took us to show us some land about 5 kms away from the town, but most of us did not like the place. Kathalcherra is another Catholic centre in this area where the Holy Cross fathers have a big parish, school and hostels. We were there for the Confirmation ceremony on April 22. We visited some of the institutions and parishes in and around Agartala also. The oldest parish is at Mariamnagar and it was a Jesuit parish in the 16th Century. The people there claim their origin to the Portuguese. We went to the Pastoral centre and it is run by the Salesians. We also visited the School run by the Montfort brothers. We started our Journey back at 10 a.m. on April 23. A detailed report with our proposals will soon be submitted to Fr Provincial.

Anto Muringathery

OURS IN MEDIA

Fr George Nedungatt, "Fatima 1917-2017", in *Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Reflection*, March (2018), 234-238.

Fr K J Thomas and Mr. Shaiju Alex, Eds, *Ormakalile Manipadam-a memoir*, Tiruvananthapuram: Loyola, Poovar, 2018.

Fr Thomas Karimundackal, *A Call to Commitment: An Exegetical and Theological Study of Deut 10,12-11,32* (FzB 135), Echter Verlag: Würzburg, 2017.

He has published the following articles too:

- "The Sojourner, the Fatherless and the Widow in Deuteronomy," *Bible Bhashyam*, 43/3, September 2017, pp. 55-73.
- "Sabbath in the Hebrew Bible," *Asian Journal of Religious Studies*, 62/6, November 2017, pp. 5-13.
- "The figure of David in 1&2 Samuel," *Asian Journal of Religious Studies*, 63/2-3, March 2018, pp. 12-16.
- "Swastharavuka, Nirakularavuka," *Kairos*, 17/2, February 2018, pp. 8-9.
- "Making Ourselves Credible," *Francis Effect: Fifty-one Articles on Pope Francis' Insights*, ed. by Kuruvilla Pandikattu, SJ & Vadappuram M Jose, SJ, Papal Seminary, Pune, 2018, pp. 50-54.
- "The Incomparable YHWH: The Portrait of YHWH in Deut 10,12-11,32," *Journal of Sacred Scriptures*, Vol 12, March 2018, Pp. 9-28.

NEW PROVINCE

On Holy Thursday (29 March), **Father General Arturo Sosa** signed a decree establishing the new Jesuit Province of Canada (CAN) which will come into existence on 31 July 2018. The new province will unite the current Jesuit provinces of English Canada (CDA) and French Canada (GLC).

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Emil D'Cruz (BOM), 80/64, on 10.04.2018 in Mumbai.

Br Romuald Misquitta (BOM), 80/52, on 16.04.2018 in Mumbai.

Fr Bernard Bara (MAP), 77/58, on 19.04.2018 at Ambikapur.

Mr Thomas Vattanky (92), elder brother of Fr John Vattanky SJ (and uncle of Dn Bastin Vattanky) on 02.04.2018.

Mr Kuriakose Kandassamkunnel (78), father of Fr Saji Kandassamkunnel, on 13.04.2018.



N CHRIST WITH GLORY

MAY

03 (2001) Lawerence Puthenpurackal

04 (2005) Dominic Puthenpurackal

04 (2017) Joseph Inchakal

09 (1990) John Kurichiaparambil

12 (2011) Mathew Pallikizhakethil

14 (1974) Kuncheria Ettuparayil

16 (1987) George Perumpra

17 (2013) Abraham Madathiparambil

19 (1981) Abraham Manayanikal

21 (1988) Joseph Taffarel

22 (1982) Luke Uralil

23 (2017) Varkey Mampilly

26 (1966) Peter Caironi

28 (2009) Joseph Kizhakedom

29 (1992) Joseph Elanjipuram



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

06 Rojas Thomas Kalathil

09 Joseph Chiraparambil

10 James Robert Morais

14 Syriac Panjikanan

16 Joseph Thayil

17 Sunny Kokkaravalayil

18 Jomon Chappanthadathil

19 Rubil Martin Mampuzhackal

20 Binu Kaduthalakunnel

22 Sebastian Thengumpallil

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