



# Kerala Tidings

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## From the Provincial



### 'Dream in Progress'

Anoop G. is an 'old boy ' of St Joseph's School, Calicut. He is one of those rare people who would slog for his alma mater with no motive other than gratitude. Along with many other staunch supporters of the school, he made the 225 year Jubilee celebration in 2017-18 a historic event.

Anoop and team are now on another mission. For their next gathering they are building a gurukula model class room right under the tall rain tree in the courtyard of the school. It is being prepared as an open air one under the sacred shade of the tree, facing the door of mercy of the Mater Dei Cathedral on the east side and the grand entrance to the school on the west side. It is a project sponsored by the 1996 batch-mates and is racing against time to get ready for their re-union on 19 August, 2018.

What struck me most about this is the board kept near the construction site. 'Dream in progress'.

What could have been a routine caution, 'work in progress, keep away', has been turned into a dream. This is indeed the challenge for all us. How do we translate all that we do into the language of our larger dreams for Justice, Peace and Love?

Thanks, Anoop, for teaching us to dream even with stone and cement!

*M. K. George SJ*

### TRIPURA MISSION BECKONS

In August 2018 the Kerala Province takes a leap of faith by sending two of our men, **Frs Babu Paul Kurisinkal** and **James Morais** to Agartala diocese, Tripura. Our long deliberations and communal discernment gave us confidence. God's abiding providence gives us hope. The Jesuit 'Magis' urges us to take on the new mission.

Do say a prayer that this experiment becomes a fruitful one in spreading the love of our God and being 'companions in a Mission of Reconciliation and Justice'.

*Provincial*

### APPOINTMENTS FROM ROME

**Pope Francis** has created two Jesuit Cardinals: **Cardinal Luis Ladaria, 74**, (Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) and **Cardinal Pedro Ricardo Barreto Jimeno, 74**, (Archbishop of Huancayo, Peru).

**Pope Francis** has appointed **Mons. Felix Toppo, 71, (JAM)** as Archbishop of Ranchi. He had been the bishop of Jamshedpur since 1997, and will take over from **Cardinal Telesphore Toppo** who recently reached retirement age.

**Fr Sebastian Painadath** has been appointed by **Fr General** as a member of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations.

### APPOINTMENT BY POSA

**Fr Dolichan Kollarath**: Lecturer in the Social Science Dept., Philosophy Faculty of JDV, Pune, residing in DNC, Pune.

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS

**Fr Joye James Karimathil** has been nominated as a member of XUB (Xavier University Bhubaneswar) Governing Board and XIM for a period of three years. Congratulations, Fr Joye.

His Excellency **Mar Joseph Srampickal**, with the consent of Fr. General, has appointed **Fr Jijimon Puthuveettilkalam** to the office of Consultant to the Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain. Congratulations, Fr Jiji.

**Fr Devassia Kuzhuppil** has been transferred to St Mary's Church, Ayyampuzha as Asst. Vicar by the Bishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese with effect from June 18, 2018.

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### AUGUST 2018

- 01 : Consult in Aluva
- 04-05 : Superiors' meeting, Christ Hall
- 06-07 : Loyola, Poovar; Aicuf Centre
- 13-14 : Bangalore - ISI
- 15 : Loyola College, Alumni Batch meeting
- 16-17 : Visitation, St. Xavier's College
- 19-21 : Visitation, Loyola Institutions
- 27 : Trivandrum
- 28 : Visitation, Trichy

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### JUBILEE YEAR OF ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

The core committee headed by **Fr Prince Clarence**, is giving shape to the Province-level programmes. Communities and institutions are encouraged to plan programmes at the local level.

**Sch Jose Pittappillil** has applied for ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood. If you have any useful information to help **Fr Provincial** in taking a decision, kindly inform him before August 25.

**Augustine Mathew Kolathupadavil**, from Adimaly (Idukki diocese) joined the novitiate on 16th July 2018

**Abel Jacob Karukappally**, a first year novice, left the novitiate on July 5, 2018.

**Fr Vincent Pereppadan** has got admission with full scholarship for the Organization and Leadership (EdD) programme in the School of Education in the University of San Francisco beginning in Fall 2018. He will be travelling soon to U.S. We wish him well.

## MEDICAL BULLETIN

**Fr Raju Vattaparambil** donated his kidney to a kidney patient on 30.07.2018 at Lisie Hospital, Kochi. The recipient was Mr Billy M K (41), a local transport bus driver from Chennikkara (Thrissur), who was suffering from chronic renal failure due to snake bite. Both are recovering, and your prayers are requested.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A two-day National Seminar in honour of **Fr Kurien Kunnumpuram** is being organized. Dates: October 17 and 18, 2018. Venue: SRC, Christ Hall, Calicut. Organizers: **Fr Kuruvilla Pandikattu** (email: kuru@jdv.edu.in; mob: 9679959565) and **Fr P T Mathew** (email: matpampa@gmail.com; Mob: 9496262396). Interested Jesuits may kindly contact any of the organizers.

## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

**Fr Vernon D' Cunha SJ**, the Regional Assistant, made his maiden visit to the Province, and began with Christ Hall on July 25. Jesuits from Attapady, Calicut and Wayanad joined us for the cluster meeting with him. We were fortunate to celebrate his birthday during his visit. The Annual JEA meeting was held at Christ Hall. SRC got a facelift as the former library hall of Christ Hall on the third floor was converted to beautiful living rooms. **Fr Sooraj** prepared the community for the feast of St Ignatius with an inspiring and challenging recollection talk on **Pope Francis and Ignatian discernment**. **Fr P T Mathew** was the main celebrant at the solemn feast day Mass for the Christ the King parishioners. **Fr Lisbert**, the regional assistant, returned to Christ Hall after spending two weeks in the ayurvedic hospital and is taking the prescribed rest in Christ Hall. He will be leaving for Rome on August 1. **Fr Samuel Rayan** was hospitalized for a couple of days due to low level of haemoglobin.

*Jethin*

### SARVODAYA, EACHOME, TUDI

Arivuda Tribal boarding was reopened on June 1 with 41 students. Sr Rani FCC and Miss Mini P.K serve as the wardens. This year we have 6 SSLC and 6 plus two students. TUDI plans the inauguration of the academic year in the boarding along with Onam celebration on August 18. Wayanad experienced heavy rains in July resulting in flood. People were evacuated from the low lying areas to relief camps.

In June -July TUDI organized three Capacity Building programmes for the Lok Manch community leaders





from three Panchayaths. The focus was on the areas of PESA (Panchayath Extension to the Schedules Area) 1996, Social Audit, Monitoring and Writing Skills. Forty community leaders of Lok Manch Wayanad participated in the state level conference on Community-based Disaster Management held in Trivandrum.

*Baby Chalil*

### ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

After 15 years of selfless and committed service at St. Michael's school and the community, **Fr Gracious Stephen** bade goodbye to us. He is fondly remembered as a kind and noble person who worked tirelessly for building up the school and serving the Church. For many, he was a guide, mentor and leader. Expressing our deepest gratitude, the community along with SM Farm community, organised a thanksgiving mass and a farewell party in his honour. **Fr Binu Michael** left St Michael's to join AADI, Attapadi. We are indeed indebted to Fr Binu for serving the school as a teacher in higher secondary, and as minister of Jesuit community. He will be remembered for making our campus more attractive with the motto 'Green, Clean St Michael's'. Thank you Fr Binu.

**Fr Vernon D' Cunha**, the Regional Assistant, visited our community on July 26. The combined celebration of the feast and the Diamond Jubilee of **Fr TM Joseph** in the Society of Jesus was celebrated on 31 July with a solemn Eucharistic celebration, felicitations and festal dinner. The Jesuits of St Michael's were honoured on the eve of feast of St. Ignatius by the staff and the students. Earlier, **Fr Provincial** inaugurated two new smart computer labs in the school. In his inaugural address he congratulated the collaborative venture of the management, staff and the P.T.A. Celebrating the Spirit of FIFA World Cup, St. Michael's, in collaboration with the Press Club, organised a friendly football match. Mr. Si Vikram IPS was the chief guest and Mr. Gurmeender Sigh, commander of Territorial Army, was the guest of honour. The Old Boys' Association conducted an awareness class for the higher secondary and high school students on Adolescent Problems. The Department of Excise conducted a class for the higher secondary students on the problems of drugs among students.

*RJ Mathew*

### LOYOLA, ALUVA

The presence of **Fr Vernon D'Cunha**, one of the Assistants Ad Providentiam, on the feast day gave us special joy. He celebrated the festal Mass with us, and later addressed us. Since Loyola was chosen as his residence during his visit of the Zone, we had ample time to interact with him. His personal warmth, simplicity & affability have inspired all of us. Thank



you very much, Father! The feast day was all the more joyful as we, the entire Loyola Community, joined the Lumen Community for a Zonal celebration & lunch. As part of the preparation for the feast, we had a special recollection under the guidance of **Fr Xavier Tharamel**.

Our new first years joined the community on July 3 after duly completing their First Probation under the guidance of **Jack Achan**. Soon after, we were privileged to have a Course on Yoga & Meditation by **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil**. Thank you Fr Sunny! **Augustine Mathew Kolathupadavil**, a new novice, joined the novitiate on July 16. **Deacon Vivien Andrew Pattamana** of Calcutta Province is staying with us for a few months for his diaconate ministry. His Ordination is scheduled to be held at St Xavier's Church, Aluva, on September 29. He wants to brush up on his Malayalam in view of his Ordination & First Mass. **Fr Kensy Joseph**, a new priest belonging to the British Jesuit Province, offered special Mass for us on July 26h. Other distinguished guests of the month included **Sch Ryan Birjoo** from the US, **Schs Lijo & Stevenson** and **Fr Ranjit George**.

*Affin & Poly*

### SAMEEKSHA, ATMAMITRA, KALADY

Dr. Vasanthakumari, Professor of Vedanta at SSUS conducted a well-researched seminar on the peace message of the sages of India in the Dharmasameeksha series of inter-religious dialogue. **Fr P T Mathew** took the Jnanasameeksha students through the Social Teachings of the Church. **Fr Vernon D'Cunha**, the General Assistant, visited us on 30th. The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated with a talk by **Fr Shin** on Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network at the get-together of friends and the Religious of the local communities.

**Fr Xavier Tharamel** conducted a session on the meaning of religious symbols for the students of AKJM Kanjirappaly. He gave a recollection to the novices at Aluva. **Fr Sebastian** taught the Jnanasameeksha students of Kannur and Trivandrum a course on the mystery of the Trinity.

*Sebastian Painadath*

## LUMEN / SNEHA SENA, KOCHI

The feast of Ignatius Loyola was celebrated by Lumen Jesuit community with its collaborators, priests and religious from neighbourhood and the staff. Golden Jubilee of **Frs Abraham Pallivathukkal, Mathew Nambiaparambil** and **M J Thomas** was also celebrated along with the feast. In solidarity with those who suffer due to the flood in different parts of Kerala, the celebrations were on a low key. **Mar Jose Puthenveetil**, auxiliary bishop of Ernakulam-Ankamaly Archdiocese was the chief guest. **Fr Kensy Joseph**, the newly ordained Jesuit from the British Province, was felicitated and he gave an inspiring account on mission and its contemporary challenges. **Fr Sheise** led the prayer while **Fr Anil** looked after the food department. **Fr Roy** welcomed all to the festal gathering.

A collection of relief materials and money for those who suffer due to the flood, especially in Kuttanad area, is initiated by **Fr Pallivathukkal** with the support of the community and the people of our neighbourhood. Fr Roy participated in an exhibition of paintings titled 'Mercy Dews' that was held in Durbar Hall, Lalitha Kala Academy Art Gallery Ernakulam. Artist-priests and religious who formed an art movement called CARP (Company of Artists for Radiance of Peace) was behind the venture. The exhibition was sponsored and supported by KCBC Media commission. CARP is planning to take the mission of value formation of students through art in schools through SAP – Students Art for Peace. Newman Association organized its monthly seminar on "Current trends of terrorism and communalism in Kerala." The August issues of Sneha Sena and Tik-Tik Life have announced a painting competition for children on Indian Epics in collaboration with the Central Zone of the Department of Posts. **Fr Wilson Puthussery** was with us for a few days to pursue treatment in Lisie Hospital.

*Vincent Pereppadan*

## LIPi

LIPi organized a preview-release of the movie 'Kanthan-The Lover of Colour' directed by Sherif Easa on July 16 at Don Bosco Theatre, Palarivattom; Daya Bai, the social activist, appears in the lead role. The 77-year-old portrays the role of Ithyamma, the grandmother of Kanthan, a twelve-year-old orphan. The film is

based on the real life of Adivasis in Wayanad. Shot in Wayanad itself, it depicts the life of tribal people and the discrimination they face. The Raoula language spoken by the Adivasis in Wayanad is a unique feature of the movie. Prof. M.K. Sanu, Daya Bai, John Paul, Pramod Kooveri, Sebastian Paul, Sherif Easa, Fr Paul Thelakkattu, PC Cyriac IAS, and Dr Jacob Thomas IAS participated in the panel discussion after the release.

*Binoy Jacob*

## LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

**Fr Vernon D'Cunha** visited us on the July 28 and all the Jesuits of Trivandrum region gathered in Loyola for a cluster meeting and a fellowship dinner in the evening. The community celebrated the feast of St Ignatius Loyola with a prayer service followed by felicitation and a delicious lunch in the Indoor Stadium of Loyola School. **Fr Xavier Veliyakam** was the chief guest on the occasion. The Junior School teachers had one-day training in confidence building to face the challenges they face in the school environment. Loyola College of Social Sciences prepared a syllabus for pre-marital counselling for the Minority Commission. The commission appreciated the work done by the College and entrusted to it the first training programme of Counsellors. A Yoga Club was set up in the College as follow-up to the International Yoga Day, and **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil** has accepted to be the Yoga Trainer for the staff and students of the College. Prof. Michael Tharakan was the chief guest at the College Day Celebration on July 27. **Frs Joye James** and **Sabu Palathanadil** went to attend the meeting of International Association of Jesuit Universities in Bilbao, Spain.

*Sunil Padannamakal*

## ST XAVIER'S, TRIVANDRUM

St Xavier's Campus is once again back to its normal rhythm with the first years at SXC and XIM starting their classes. The fresh batch of Vidya Niketan Juniors too began their academic year. SXC is preparing for the NAAC accreditation process on war-footing leaving no stones unturned. The College office was given a much needed face lift prior to the NAAC visit and it appears elegant and spacious providing an ambience for serious and dignified work culture. Kudos to **Fr Shibu** who supervised the renovation work. **Fr Biju Joy** has been appointed to a permanent post in the Department of Chemistry.

**Fr Dominic Joseph** officially handed over Kochuthura Parish to Fr C. Joseph of Trivandrum Diocese on July 8 after successfully completing a year and a half as its Parish Priest. During his tenure he completed the construction of a beautiful and well built Parish Hall in a record time of seven months without leaving any debt. Congratulations Fr Dominic. Xavier Outreach Services, the social



activity wing of St. Xavier's College, signed an MoU with Kadinamkulam Panchayath for providing counselling services to the students of the local schools. As part of that XOS organised a one day seminar for the teachers and PTA officials of various schools. Dr. Justin Padamadan, a well known psychologist, took class on the topic, 'Children and Mental Health'.

*Biju Joy*

### VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM (SICJ)

We, **Jaison** and **Tomy**, began our academic year with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by our new superior **Fr Arulanandam** (MDU). This year we have thirty-five juniors from ten provinces and a region. **Fr Jose Thachil** gave us an orientation -cum- community building. Both of us are busy teaching Malayalam to the other Scholastics. We had Trivandrum city darshan guided by **Fr Williams**, our Dean, and we started our Gramapravesham on July 14. We were privileged to meet **Cardinal Rainer Maria Woelki**, Archbishop of Cologne, Germany, at a meeting of the religious in Trivandrum. We also started the novena in honour of St Ignatius and celebrated the feast meaningfully.

*Jaison, Tomy*

### AADI, ATTAPPADI

AADI organized a combined celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius and a farewell to **Fr James Morais** on July 29. Fr James was given a tearful send off by the parish community and the AADI family which included Tribal leaders, politicians and many others. It was indeed a memorable occasion for all of us. **Fr Binu Micheal** joined the community on 22nd and was given a warm welcome. He was accompanied by the entire St Michael's community. Fr Binu has already started with his creative involvements in AADI. The third phase of "Cadre Formation" of Adivasi/Dalit youth will be organized during the Onam holidays with the help of ISI, Bangalore. Tarumitra is more active now in all the schools and colleges of Attapady as Mr. Akhil Shaji is specifically taking care of it.

AADI gave a send off to Ms. Charitharmayi who has been serving as Lok Manch coordinator. We welcomed three new staff members too: Mr. Vibinlal, the Coordinator for Lok Manch, Ms. Tiby Boban, Counselor and Ms. Prema, Field staff and incharge for Children's clubs. A group of 43 community leaders from Attapady attended the State-level Lok Manch Conference held at Trivandrum. The Conference was ably organized by **Fr Benny Chiramel**, and was assisted by Mr Akhil Shaji and Mr Vibinlal, staff of AADI. **Fr P S Antony** is the new head of the Attapady Lok Manch unit. Fr Antony attended the zonal level JESA convention held at Secunderabad, and conducted an Orientation Programme for the MSW students of Bharathiar University and also gave

motivational classes to students at Chindakki and Coimbatore.

The foundation stone for the new church building at St Antony's Church, Nellipathy will be laid by **Bishop Peter Abir**, bishop of Sultanpet on August 12. All Jesuits are invited to the parish feast on August 10-13.

*P S Antony*

### XTC, PACHILAKKAD

We the Pre-Novices had a two-day long course on 'Awareness and Healing' by **Fr Rachans**. We shared our fears and anxieties during the sessions and felt the joy of healing through the course. The first recollection of this year was guided by our Superior **Fr E J Thomas**, and invited us to take the journey towards sainthood through a simple lifestyle. We also had the privilege of listening to Dr Sajivan, a radiation scientist who shared with us about his faith journey while being a scientist. **Fr Saji Kandassamkunnel** gave us a two-day course on 'Teen Relationship and Attraction' which was very useful and informative. Currently, we all are engaged in the preparations for the feast of St Ignatius through novena, decorations and cultural programmes.

*Abbey Jose*

### PIUS X ITI, EDATHUA

The month of July gave us a great experience of torrential rain. The floodgates of heaven were opened and the entire Kuttanad was under water. The ITI and the Jesuit residence were not spared. The whole compound was under water. The flood water entered our chapel, living rooms, dining room and kitchen besides the classrooms, staffrooms and labs. We had to move out to the parish guest house on July 19, thanks to the hospitality of the priests of the parish. By 22nd the water level came down and we started removing water, mud and dirt from the house and ITI which was accumulated during the flood. We moved back to the residence on 23 after a cleaning up operation, for mud and dirt had accumulated through the flood. Many lost their lives, houses, animals and cultivation. Rainwater became the only source for drinking and cooking.



Relief camps were put up to provide shelter and food. The Archdiocese of Changanacherry and various agencies did great service in the relief work. The Jesuit community faced the difficult situation cheerfully. Elders in Kuttanad say this was the biggest flood after the historic flood of 1924 (the flood of 99). It is worth noting that Kuttanad has the lowest altitude in India, i.e. 7 feet below the sea level!

The ITI started functioning from July 24. Admissions to the ITI are going on. We were extremely happy to welcome our guests **Frs Baby Mullu, Anil, Gracious and Joy Arackal** (DEL). **Fr Joe Mathew**, Director of Technical Education, came to help us in the salary revision of our ITI staff.

*Mathew Pullattu*

### LOYOLA, MUKUNDARA

We are happy that one of our high school students has cleared the Navodaya entrance examination and secured her admission in the Navodaya School. The management has revised the salary scale of the entire staff. The school had a grand celebration on the feast of St Ignatius. Students from KG to 10th standard presented various entertainment programmes on the feast day. All the Jesuits were honored by the school. The management served a delicious lunch for the entire staff of Loyola school. We invited the neighbouring religious communities and diocesan priests to join us for celebration of the feast in Loyola Sadan. **Fr Gracious Stephen** was with us for the feast. He recalled the glorious memories of being here years ago to take classes for the then Loyola teachers.

*Manesh Jerald*

### SNEHABHAVAN, KOTTAYAM

A group of 26 students along with their parents and teachers went in 2 buses to participate in the Special Olympics conducted at LNCPE ground, Thiruvananthapuram. They returned with 9 Gold, 10 silver and 8 Bronze medals. Snehabhavan Special school at Gandhinagar campus remained closed for 2 months for summer holidays. Even during summer holidays 12 students were given computer classes at VTC, Aymanam. Pravesanolsavam was organized on June 5 with a Public Meeting which was inaugurated by Sri. Chandramohan, Municipal Ward member, and felicitated by **Fr Sony Thazhathel**, our President. SB students presented a cultural programme. On the reopening day, ECHO, the music troop of ATMA, a Cultural Organisation at Kottayam, presented a music programme for our students.

Documentation for accreditation of Snehabhavan Charitable Society was completed and submitted to the Department of Social Justice, and we are waiting for the outcome. Mr. Dominic Mathew, Regional Director, (Rtd)

Central Board for Workers Education, offered a one-day workshop on "Team Building" for all the staff. The Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programme organized gatherings of Persons with Disability (PwDs) at Manarkadu and Kanakkary with the support of local panchayaths. Concessions in the Railway, KSRTC and Private buses were applied for all members of 5 Core Committees. 90 persons from Core Committees and 2 students from the school obtained concession. Mentally challenged students are eligible to get Rs. 28500/ in toto annually from Social Justice Department through local self-government under different heads such as education, medical, transport etc. But panchayaths hesitate to give the full amount. This was addressed and as a result, Karapuzha and Vijayapuram panchayaths paid the full amount to deserving persons.

**Resource Centre** is a new initiative of Snehabhavan. Documents such as application forms, gazette notifications and relevant Government orders of different schemes for the welfare of the Persons with Disability (PwD) from State and Central Government and Non-Governmental Organisations are collected and documented at Snehabhavan. Anyone who requires the above can contact Snehabhavan, and it will be sent to them.

*Lizy James*

### INIGO SADAN, BANGALORE

**Sch Rosan** returned after a one-month training programme in mathematics organized by the Centre For Fundamental Studies, NISER, Bhubaneswar. He found the programme fruitful and he is getting back to the normal rhythm of college studies after the break. **Fr M K George, Br George Vattukulam and Fr Rachans** made their short visits to Inigo Sadan community, thus enhancing our joy.

*Rejoy*

### SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

On the Feast of St Thomas, Satya Nilayam Community made a pilgrimage to St Thomas Mount. We had a Eucharistic Celebration on the mount. Ignite-2018 was a competition organized in view of the Feast for the various parishes where our brothers go for ministry. Fourteen parishes and nearly 200 persons participated in the various activities. In order to promote Eco-Awareness, we organized a Plastic Free Campus Day, and a large quantity of plastic waste from the campus was removed. **Fr E P Mathew** participated in the world assembly of the Jesuit Higher Education meeting held in Bilbao, Spain, July 8-12. Nearly 300 delegates from the six Conferences participated in this well-planned assembly held at Deusto University, Bilbao. **Fr Sunny Padinjarevarikattu** had a brief visit to our community.

*Sebin*



## DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

We got several good showers in the month of July. We celebrated St Thomas Day with a solemn Syro-Malabar Mass. **Fr Dollychan** who rejoined the Faculty of Philosophy this year, presided over the Holy Eucharist, and **Dn Midhun** preached the homily. We had a stimulating lecture on 'Nature and Intrinsic Values' by **Fr Louis Caurana SJ**, Dean of Philosophy in Gregorian University, Rome. The community discernment session to discuss the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society was ably moderated by **Fr R C Chacko**. Fr Dollychan took a course on Philosophical Anthropology for II BPh students. We celebrated the birthdays of Scholastics Jose, Sinesh and Ivin this month. The community is gearing itself for the feast of St Ignatius with a nine-day novena.

*Sinesh George*

## VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

With the arrival of the two first year Scholastics the number of Kerala Jesuits in VJ has gone up to three. The new academic year commenced on July 9 with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas SFX, the Secretary General of CBCI. He spoke on the theme "Theology as a search for truth & holiness". The freshers had an orientation programme at the Jesuit residence. **Fr Chandu Kumblankal**, after two weeks of treatment in hospital, is back in the community with improved health and renewed spirit. The one-day Delhi Dharshan took us through the historical monuments in Delhi. **Fr P. R John** (AND) arranged a visit to the Parliament while it was in session. After the prayerful and meaningful nine days of Novena to St Ignatius, we had a grand feast celebration of our Founder on July 31.

*Lijo Antony*

## LOK MANCH, JESA AND SNEHARAM

A two-day State-level Conference of Lok Manch was held on July 20-21 with the theme 'Community-based Disaster Management'. The Lokmanch partners and other stakeholders from all the three units and from various other centres in Kerala participated. The Conference analyzed the reasons behind the failure of the disaster management systems in Kerala and highlighted proposals for remedying them. The conference was inaugurated by **Dr P T Mathew SJ**, and was chaired by **Fr Sannybhai SJ**, the National JESA Coordinator. Renowned persons like Dr Udayakumar and Shri

Sajan Venniyoor led the discussions. A draft statement for policy dialogue initiating further discussion and action involving State and Non-State agencies is being finalized to follow up the recommendations of the



Conference. **Frs Baby Chalil, James Morais and P.S. Antony** took the trouble of accompanying the participants from Wayanad and Attappadi.

The JESA General Body had its meeting at LES, Sreekariyam in which our lay collaborators and co-workers also participated. It was an occasion to review our social action activities in the light of the Apostolic Plan. Our gradual progress in collaborating and networking with other Jesuit and Non-jesuit organizations has been noted. The first zonal level follow-up meeting of JESA National Convention, 2017, was held at Satyodaya, Secunderabad, July 9-11. Efforts are being made to prepare a common action plan of collaboration to accompany the Dalits and Adivasis, and State-level peoples' manifestoes for the South Zone.

Sneharam has witnessed a mass protest demanding Muthalapozhi Fishing Harbour safe for fishermen. There were four deaths in the sea at Anchuthengu-Mampally area in a fortnight. Two mass protests were organized by the local fishers, and Archbishop Soosa Packiam and the neighbouring clergy participated. Many Lokmanch leaders were playing supportive roles during the 'Thuramudakki Samaram'. The three day strike abstaining from fishing and fishing-related business was a great opportunity for community mobilization.

*Benny Chiramel*

## JEEVIKA MIGRANT WORKERS' MOVEMENT

Normal life of inter-state migrants in Kerala got disrupted with unemployment and poverty as the monsoon rains intensified in the state. Jeevika visited different labour camps to monitor the situation, and provided medical assistance to many of them. Jeevika along with the sisters of the Sacred Heart provided legal assistance to seven Odisha girls who were denied salary by their contractor at Cherthala. Jeevika initiated Malayalam and English literacy classes for migrant workers with the support of Ernakulam Literacy Mission. Over 40 migrants joined for the classes held at perumbavoor, Allapra and Kalady. **Fr Shin** participated in the South zone meeting of both JESA and KCBC, held at Kollam and Hyderabad respectively.

*Shin*

## STEPHEN CHUNDAMTHADAM FROM RISHIKESH

As a culmination of my sabbatical in Rishikesh I went on a pilgrimage to Gaumukh which was the origin of the river Bhagirathi. Earlier Gaumukh was the snout of a glacier out of which this river originated. Now the glacier has receded four to five km from Gaumukh to a place called Tapovan. Bhagirathi is called the Ganges from Gangotri onwards. Gangotri is one of the most holy pilgrim centres of the Hindus situated at an altitude of 10,000 feet. Gaumukh is at a distance of 18 km from Gangotri and at an altitude of 13,000 feet. The trekking through the narrow path negotiating the edge of huge rock mountains is difficult. There are frequent warnings against stones falling from the top of the mountains; landslides are common during the rainy season. This pilgrimage helped me to increase my trust in the Lord because human help is not possible in most of the places; the physical hardships I had to undergo during the trekking was the penance for my past sins and shortcomings. The namajapa to Lord Jesus, which I recited throughout, synchronized with breathing and was a source of strength and energy. After the sabbatical I hope to be back in the Province (Kanjirappally) by the 1st of August, 2018.

## BRITAIN: Jesuits announce major new research institute at Campion Hall

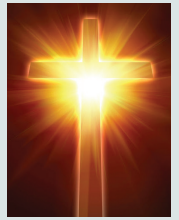
The Jesuits in Britain have announced that a new research institute called the **Laudato Si'** Institute (LSI) is being established at Campion Hall, the Jesuit permanent private hall of the University of Oxford. The LSI will be established during the academic year 2018-2019 and will formally open in September 2019. The aim of the Laudato Si' Institute is to foster interdisciplinary research arising out of the intellectual challenges presented most vividly in **Pope Francis'** encyclical letter Laudato Si', while being faithful to Ignatian traditions and reflective practice.

## CAUSE OF PEDRO ARRUPE BEGINS

The Diocese of Rome has opened the cause for the beatification of **Fr Pedro Arrupe**, the 28th Superior General of the Society of Jesus. **Father General Arturo Sosa** announced the opening of the process at the meeting of the International Association of Jesuit Universities in Bilbao, Spain, on July 11. "We are still at the beginning of the process, but **Mgr. Angelo De Donatis**, the Cardinal Vicar of Rome, has given the Diocese of Rome approval to open the process of beatification," Fr Sosa said. Arrupe was "a man of truth rooted in Christ and dedicated to mission, whose greatest miracle is that we are here today."

## GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

- Fr Sylvanus Tirkey** (MAP), 77/56, on 03.07.2018 at Bhopal.  
**Fr Lawrence Castelino** (KAR), 79/59, on 06.07.2018 at Mangalore.  
**Fr Claude D'Souza** (KAR), 87/67, on 07.07.2018 at Bangalore.  
**Fr Nilan Fernando** (SRI), 35/18, on 12.07.2018 in Sri Lanka.  
**Fr Arockia Raj Raphael** (MDU), 57/37, on 15.07.2018 at Dindigul.  
**Fr Joseph (Joe) Menezes** (PUN), 74/56, on 16.07.2018 at Shrirampur.  
**Fr Stephen (Steno) De Raffaele** (DUM), 84/65, on 17.07.2018 in Malta



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