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From the Provincial's Desk

STILL WE HOPE!

We are in the midst of continued lockdown. I found a thought-provoking cartoon clip in the social media. Satan triumphantly announces, "With Covid-19, I closed your churches." The Lord responds, "On the contrary, I just opened one in every home." The message is poignant, and asks us to look at our church life in new ways. The global pause is calling us to a conversion – to find God's presence in our homes, to enjoy togetherness even while keeping a distance, to stop for a while in the midst of frantic rush, and to relish quietness in a noisy world. Are we talking about social distancing? Not quite! This terminology is not so innocent in a land laden with the virus of untouchability and unapproachability. What is intended is safe physical distancing. We may also need psychological distancing – to stay away from boredom, fear and anxiety that a lockdown can cause. True distancing must lead to spiritual closeness and communion with all. It is heartening to see many of our men and institutions responding generously and imaginatively to alleviate the sufferings of the people in distress. The situation has forced us to cancel or postpone many province-level programmes scheduled for April-May. But that is only a small sacrifice compared to what many of our brethren undergo. Let us be messengers of hope.

EP Mathew, SJ

APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL

Fr Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza (KAR) : President of JCSA (POSA)

Fr Ajit Kumar Xess : Provincial of Ranchi Province

Fr Boniface Panna (MAP) : Rector, Satya Nilayam, Chennai

Fr Sebastian Jeerakassery (DEL) : Assistant General Treasurer, Rome

APPOINTMENTS BY POSA

Br Antony Arockiam (KHM) : Administrator Sadhana Institute, Lonavala

Fr Anthony Andrade (DEL) : Spiritual Guide, DNC Philosophers

Fr Anthony Mattapallil (PAT) : Spiritual Director, DNC Theologians

Fr Antony Dias (BOM) : JESA Secretary

Fr Boniface D'Souza (KHM) : Spiritual Director, Vidyajyoti, Delhi

Fr Jose Jacob Maruthukunnel (KER) : Co-Tertian Instructor Kandy Tertianship

Fr Joy Karayampuram (PAT) : Coordinator of "Safeguarding work"

Fr Midhun J Francis (KER) : Study of Arabic and Urdu at Henry Martin Institute, Hyderabad

Fr Siji Chacko (PAT) : JCSA Communication Coordinator (additional charge)

Fr Sunil Padannamakkel (KER) : Treasurer, Vidyajyoti, Delhi (additional charge)

APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS BY PROVINCIAL – List 2

Fr Abraham Pallivathukal : Spiritual Ministry, Santhinilayam, Kottayam

Fr Augustine Mekkunnel : Minister & Bursar, St Xavier's, Thumba

Fr Devassy Paul Ponthempilly : Sabbatical
Br George Vattukulam : Pius X ITI, Edathua
Fr Immanuel Koyan : Atmamitra, Kalady
Fr Jacob Kumminiyil : Socius to Novice Master and Minister, Loyola, Aluva
Fr James Pullokan : Spiritual Ministry, Lumen-Jyotis, Kochi
Fr Joe Mathew Kunnathoor : Acting Director, Samskriti, Pariyaram
Fr Jose Choorapoikayil : Manager, SM Farm & Ezhimala Farm, Pariyaram
Fr Jose Kadankavil : Bursar, AKJM Kanjirapally, Sp. Ministry, Samanvaya
Fr Joseph Puliparambil : Principal, Loyola School, Sreekariyam.
Fr Kuriakose Puthanapra : Spiritual Ministry, Lumen-Jyotis, Kochi
Fr Manesh Thottathuvilakom : Samskriti-Sahajeevanam, Pariyaram
Fr Mathew Kuzhickattumyalil : Nirmala ITI, Pariyaram
Fr Rachans Lukose : Novice Master and Superior, Loyola, Aluva
Fr Reji Kunnatheth : Priest-in-charge, Cheruvikkal parish, Loyola, Sreekariyam
Fr Rubil Martin Mampuzhackal : Pius X ITI, Edathua
Fr Saji Kandassamkunnel : Administrator, Santigram & Family Counsellor, Santigram, Kalamaserry
Fr Wilson Mulackal : Director, Family Counselling Centre, Pachilakad
Fr Wilson Puthuserry : Sabbatical

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All the Province-level programmes scheduled for April-May 2020 stand cancelled. These include the Province Retreat (May 02-10, 2020), Province Assembly (May 11 and 12), Scholastics' Retreat (May 20-28) and the common holidays at Pachilakad (May 13-20).

- **Meeting of Superiors and CCA** is scheduled for August 15 and 16, 2020 at Christ Hall.
- **Felicitating our Jubilarians and New Priests:** August 15, evening (during the meeting of Superiors and CCA).
- The Province Finance Committee will study the budgets of individual houses and apostolates as soon as the lockdown is lifted.
- **Fr General** is expected to visit Kerala Province in February 2021. He is combining his visit with the JCSA meeting (21-28 February 2021) at Trivandrum. Further details will be communicated later.

MEDICAL BULLETIN

Fr Thomas Anthraper was becoming very weak and

so was in the ICU at the Nirmala hospital for a week. He has improved and was shifted to a room, but his condition is unstable.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL/ CHRIST THE KING PARISH, KOZHIKODE

Christ the King parish, along with the Jesuit community of Christ Hall introduced a rapid action team called "Covid-19 Preventive Action Team" at the very beginning of the outbreak of the pandemic. The idea was to prepare the parish community to be aware of the dangers of Covid-19 to prevent its spread and to keep physical distancing. Our team consisted of 22 religious sisters and 42 laypeople organized in seven groups. Activities included preparation of sanitizer, stitching of face masks, distribution of food packets and essential commodities to the poor, financial aid to the families in distress, liturgy and other other spiritual inputs streamed online, and an entertainment programme called *Interlude - 2020*. The spirit of AMDG is evident in all groups.

Our 'Magis Youth' prepared 1800 bottles of sanitizers and distributed to the families in the parish and also



handed over to the District Collector. Another team prepared 40,000 masks and supplied food packets to police personnel for fourty days. Financial help was given to 50 families thrice. A team of Jesuit scholastics led by **Schs Rosan** and **Savy** joined the religious sisters in introducing *Interlude 2k20*, an entertainment programme for our parishners. **Frs Dominic Palakeel** and **Midhun Francis** are active in the Online Liturgy.

Raju Augustine

SCHOLASTICS IN QUARANTINE!

The scholastics from DNC Pune, VJ Delhi and SSC Sitagarha arrived at Christ Hall Calicut well before the lockdown. As prescribed by the state government they all underwent 14 days' quarantine at SRC. The scholastics then started their annual retreat under the

graceful guidance of **Fr Midhun Kochukallan** to use the lockdown period fruitfully. After having joined the



community the scholastics started helping out in the Province Infirmary. To make the lockdown days more creative and meaningful, the scholastics, under the guidance of **Frs P T Mathew** and **E P Mathew** ventured into a serious theological reflection on “Church, Sacraments and Priesthood during lockdown period” and came out with a paper. The scholastics were encouraged to take up online courses. We all now pursue various courses to equip ourselves for various ministries. Apart from various duties in the community, the scholastics joined **Fr Raju Vattaparambil**, parish priest, in the preparation and packing of masks and hand sanitizers. **Sch Anjo** organised a quiz competition for the community.

Rosan

ST JOSEPH'S, KOZHIKODE

The lockdown due to COVID-19 forced us to go for a simple life style. Taking cue from the prohibition and proscription of the civil and ecclesiastical authorities, we had to cancel the celebration of the feast of St Joseph, our heavenly patron. One sad news – still we have not got reconciled to it - of this month is the demise of one of our Std X student, Alfin P. (15). While bathing in the sea near West Hill with some of his friends he was carried away by the rough sea on 19th April. The rescue team consisting of the police and the fire force could trace the body only on the following day. His untimely death left the entire school community and the West Hill Parish in deep sorrow. May his soul rest in peace.

Joseph Edassery

S M FARM, PARIYARAM

Two months of lockdown due to Corona gave an opportunity to every member of the community to be more productive. Many in the community could make Online Retreat in the last week of Lent. Soon after Easter, **Fr Joe Mathew** began giving Online Retreat

to many others. **Fr Immanuel** gave a retreat to Jesus and Mary sisters in Chalil, Tellichery. Though Nirmala ITI was closed, the Principal and staff members helped the students to be in touch with their subjects through **Online Classes**. This is complemented by Zoom meetings and discussion sessions. Exams also are being held online. The community is organizing exercise sessions for its members; it is mostly in the form of collecting and cutting firewood and stocking them in the shed under the able guidance of **Fr C T Jose** and **Sch Jenophine**. Some made use of the occasion to prove their culinary skills in preparing porotta, chicken biriyani, rice pathiri, chakkakuru shake, and ice cream. **Online English Course** led by Fr Joe Mathew was another initiative; 280 students have already registered for it, and all of us are part of it as mentors. **Fr Rajesh** has taken up some renovation activity in the Samskriti-Sahajeevanam. A new cave is getting ready to attract school children who come for exposure. **Fr Shelton** is involved in vegetable cultivation and its outcome is seen on our dining table. Samskriti, in collaboration with ward number 17 of Pariyaram Grama Panchayath, has started a new initiative called **Krishi @ 17** in order to make the entire ward self-sufficient in vegetables and other items. As part of it, volunteers are distributing seeds and giving guidance to people to start vegetable cultivation in their house premises.

Immanuel Koyan

LOYOLA, ALUVA

During the past two months, life in the novitiate was not as it was in the beginning! The notable changes are: we have no ministry outside and no classes by any visiting professors. And the conferring of the Ministries of *Acolyte & Lector* on the First Years, scheduled to be held on March 19, and the Visitation of **Fr Provincial** had to be postponed. Going out is severely restricted. Most disappointing of all, the *Mission & Hospital Experiments* have been cancelled. For the rest, things move on as usual!

In early March we had a course on *Social Awareness* by **Fr Benny Chiramel**. This course helped us to widen our social perspectives and approaches. We celebrated with due solemnity the feast of our patron, Saint Joseph. **Fr Sheise** was the main celebrant, and gave a thought-provoking homily. **Fr Mariyathas**, the Novice Master-designate of Sri Lanka, was with us for a few days. We had a very fruitful interactive session with Fr Mariyathas. Besides, he also taught us some hymns in English. As the whole country went into a lockdown, we as a community started Special Rosary & Adoration

every day to seek divine intervention to stop the spread of the deadly pandemic. **Fr Jacob Madukkakuzhy** gave a course on *Religious Vows* to the Second Years, and with this course they have begun the final phase of their preparation for the *First Vows*. Meanwhile, all the First Years had the joy of delivering 'panegyric' in the refectory.

On April 2, a new 'Service Team', with **Poly Martin** as beadle, assumed charge. Since we could not go out for Holy Week Service, we conducted all the sacred ceremonies in our chapel. It was a deeply moving spiritual experience for all of us. We were happy to be associated with the 'Pineapple Ministry' of **Fr Toby**. Pineapples supplied by Fr Toby were distributed to around 300 families in our neighbourhood. After the *Holy Week* we had a week of 'semi-holidays' during which we conducted a special seminar by ourselves. The First Years presented a paper each on 'the Early History of the Society of Jesus'; and the second Years presented 'Integration Papers' on '*Religious Life and Vows*'. It was a uniquely challenging experience for all the novices. **Fr Rachans**, the Novice Master-designate, is presently making his annual retreat at Sameeksha, Kalady.

Adolf, Poly & Tomson

LUMEN-JYOTHIS, KOCHI

The *Lumenites* are coping with the "house arrest" due to Covid lockdown. We manage the daily household chores by ourselves. This is also taken as an ideal time to grow vegetables. **Frs Abraham** and **Binoy** made the LIFE LINE retreat during the Easterweek. **Fr Sheise** is held back at the Jesuit Community in Dindigul after his retreat in Sirumalai. He made use of the lockdown to offer a retreat for the JMJ Sisters. **Fr Roy** and his team organized *CARP Covid Creations*, an online Art Camp titled "Care Strokes." Twelve artists participated in the camp and their paintings are uploaded in the YouTube for viewers.

Fr Abraham took initiative for a compassionate move to meet the *LORD-IN-NEED* in collaboration with the Doctors' prayer group in Lumen which he leads. The group meets on every Monday for prayer and to reflect on how to meet the Lord both in professional as well as in private life. During the lockdown they decided to reach out to the poor and the needy, especially those in misery with no earning. A total of Rs 1, 50,000/- was collected and served out to 30 families with Rs 5000/- each.

The offices of LIPI and Snehaseena are closed for more than a month and so the staff are working from home.

As the press is shut down due to Corona, a combined issue of *Ezhuthu Magazine* (April-May) has been published online for free. The softcopy is available in www.ezhuthu.org and also in the social media including whatsapp, facebook, etc. We request all our men to reach the e-copy to maximum contacts. LIPI, in collaboration with the **Peace and Reconciliation Network** of the JCSA, is launching an e-magazine (English) in view of fostering inner peace. The idea has been in the pipeline for a few months, and the Covid lockdown has come as an opportune moment to actualize it. The first issue (Covid Special) is planned to be delivered online in the first week of May. It is envisaged that the e-publication with a unique peace thrust will address people worldwide who can work as catalytic agents in the promotion of peace. We have received positive responses from various corners and have set up an advisory-editorial board with eminent scholars and writers.

Binoy

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

While the corona virus is wreaking havoc across the world, we at AKJM School are doing our bit to help and spread positivity and cheer. As the school year ended abruptly, at first we were at a loss. But, thanks to the social media, our teachers and students were kept connected. Our students have been enthusiastically sharing various productive things they were doing at



home much to the satisfaction of the teachers. Advance technology has helped the staff of AKJM School to sing a song together from the comfort of their own home. We were enthusiastic to be part of the community kitchen organized by the Kanjirappally Grama Panchayath; the staff and students joined together to prepare lunch which was served to the poor people, guest workers



police men on duty in an around kanjirappally. We have initiated two more projects namely **Mask Challenge** and **Kits for bedridden patients**. Masks are distributed to the poor people with the help of parents and well-wishers.

Kits with grocery, stationery items and other provisions are handed over to poor bedridden patients in nearby villages. We utilized the lockdown time to make our annual retreat. **Fr P T Joseph** has returned after his teaching in the US, but is continuing teaching his US students online but staying at Kattapana. **Fr George Sebastian** is presently in Bhuvanewar where he had gone for a series of programmes.

Varkeychan Mecheril

SAMEEKSHA /ATMAMITRA, KALADY

In the wake of the lockdown of the country to protect the citizens the Sameeksha community too was forced to stay back home. **Fr Sebastian Painadath** returned on 8th March from his Missio-ministries in Germany just before the crisis exploded. **Fr Shin Kallungal** returned from Tirupati after his LLB Semester exams before the national lockdown was announced. Both of them went through strict 14 days quarantine at home. All programmes at Sameeksha have been cancelled. However, the *Dharmasameeksha* took place on 14th March with **Fr Toby** presenting the topic “problems of the teenagers” enriched with examples from his experience of guiding teenagers. Fr Toby and his team were giving NLP to a batch of school teachers in New Delhi when the restrictions were enforced. The programme was called off and the team returned to Kalady to spend two weeks in isolation. Fr Toby’s mother expired on 18th March, and a month later, his cousin, who was like a second mother to him, too expired.

Sameeksha offered all the jackfruits of the compound to the needy neighbours; the offer was taken



enthusiastically and there were reports on this noble gesture in the secular dailies. Atmamitra launched a **Pineapple Challenge** campaign to support the pineapple farmers (to avoid their farm produce going waste during the lockdown) and to help the struggling people and the caregivers. The idea was to collect loads of pineapples from farmers and to reach it to people in the neighbourhood of Jesuit houses, families in 19 Panchayat wards/divisions, community kitchens, old age and children’s homes, police personnel, hospital staff, etc. Atmamitra started it in a symbolic with the first load (2.6 tonnes), and our friends and benefactors soon chipped in with four more loads (10.4 tonnes). The project benefitted more than 5500 families over and above the personnel in various institutions mentioned above.

Atmamitra has cancelled all its summer training programmes till 20th of May and has started telecasting free talks and sessions over various online platforms to engage people in lockdown. All together, 14 such seminars took place on 8 topics of which Fr Toby gave 9 seminars on 5 topics. **Fr Joye James** talked on Child Rights and POCSO from ISI Bangalore, and it was attended by nearly 100 people and was well appreciated. There are now demands for more sessions on the topic of Child Rights and POCSO and Fr Joye James will be delivering it in English soon.

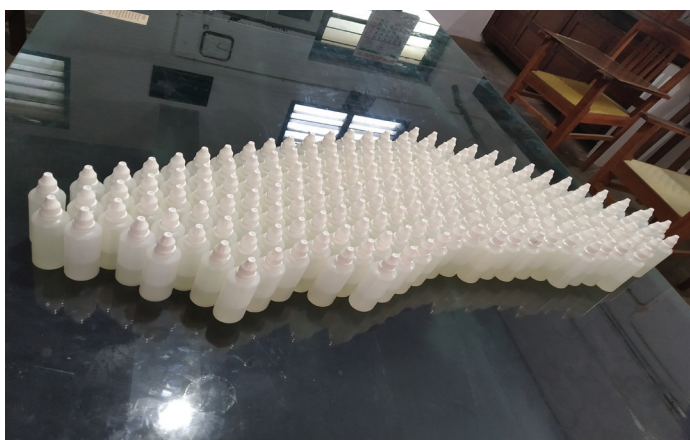
Toby

ST XAVIER’S, TRIVANDRUM

As the world has come to a standstill due to the Covid-19 outbreak, we at St Xavier’s College joined the rest of the world with our “widow’s offering” of preventive measures. The staff of the Department of Chemistry developed a handy and less expensive method of making ‘hand sanitizer’ when there was scarcity of the same all over. We were among the pioneers to introduce this new method to the public in Kerala. The small video



the production process was uploaded on the YouTube, and it was viewed and appreciated by thousands of people. We gave awareness classes at the neighbouring parishes and trained them to make the hand sanitizer. We made 500 bottles of hand sanitizer and distributed



them freely at Fathimapuram parish, the adopted village of the college. The construction work of the new college auditorium and the administrative block of XIM has been resumed after two weeks of lockdown. [

Biju Joy

AADI, ATTAPPADI

As part of Lok Manch work, AADI with its partners organized a campaign on Coronavirus by distributing leaflets in various tribal 'Oorus' and offering tele-counselling. Our staff members worked as 'Corona Cell Volunteers' in the Tribal Speciality Hospital, Attappadi for one week. Our staff ensured that the tribals in our area got ration and other food items from the government.

During the lockdown **Fr P.S. Antony** made his online retreat staying at Nellipathy parish for eight days. The rest of us stayed indoors completely. Two staff members were unable to go home and so stayed with us and

helped in updating AADI documentation and library under the guidance of **Fr Mathew Aerthayil**. In three weeks we succeeded to complete the labelling of over 1000 books in the alphabetical order. We thank **Fr Biju Vdakumchery**, Librarian of JDV, Pune, for providing expert guidance. The staff also helped in the AADI eco-reserve under the supervision of **Fr Binu Michael**. Our cook was unable to come for work for a month due to the lockdown, and that gave us an opportunity to prepare food by ourselves with the help of our staff and a lady from the neighbourhood. All AADI programmes in April-May including the National Tribal Fest had to be cancelled due to the lockdown situation.

Mathew Aerthayil

SANTIGRAM, KALAMASERRY

Fr MJ Thomas made a quick trip to the African continent, in Feb-March and gave two retreats – one to a group of sisters in Tanzania and another to a group of priests and laypeople in Kenya. And very smartly, he managed to get back to India before the Covid threat intensified. Back in India, he rushed down to the Holy Family Centre at Velur for a retreat to a group of participants, and to Sameeksha, Kalady for another – the fourth in a series of retreats. From January to Mid-March, **Fr Wilson** was taking weekly classes at the Sahrudaya College of Irinjalakuda diocese – giving training in Counselling for the degree students and in Family Counselling for the PG students. Fr Wilson managed to provide for the community in spite of the lockdown hurdles. With Toby's generosity and organizational skills, we got an abundant supply of pineapple. We also went around and supplied fruits to the families that come for daily Mass and to the religious houses nearby. **Fr Ephrem** conducted a Group Therapy session at Santigram in January. All other programmes have been suspended due to the lockdown.

Ephrem

LOYOLA SCHOOL, MUKUNDARA

Loyola School has been approved as a centre for the ICSE Board Examination this year. Twenty students appear for the exams, and due to the pandemic threat three exams are pending. The management had initiated rigorous Spoken English Classes for the teachers, but it was affected by the lockdown. The admission process for the new academic year also is affected. The school maintains good contact with our staff and students in spite of the lockdown. Every day we have special adoration for an hour in the evening and we pray for the world to be protected from the spread of the virus.

Manesh

JEEVIKA MIGRANT WORKERS' MOVEMENT

It was indeed difficult times for the migrant workers during the period of the lockdown spending days in congested rooms, sometimes not having proper food, without money and worrying about their families back home. I was away and got back only just before the lockdown and so had to stay in isolation. However, Jeevika was able to keep contact with the migrants in all possible ways, giving them guidance, direction and hope. The social media became very useful. Jeevika acted as a helpline centre and could stay connected with nearly 200 stranded migrants in different groups across Kerala. We gave them instructions about the availability of food and other necessities of life, and also did some counseling. Through our networking with Jesuits and other NGO's, we tried to bring their concerns to the attention of the government. Jeevika joined other organizations in submitting a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Kerala indicating the issues and problems of migrant workers. We could distribute about 200 kg of rice to nearly 170 guest workers staying at Angamali area and provide financial help to some families to buy rice and groceries. Some north-Indian states have offered financial aid to migrant workers from there, and we have circulated these offers among the guest workers. Many of them have benefited from them.

Shin

SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

Covid-19 overthrew the plans of each one of us at Satya Nilayam, just like everyone else out in the world. The staff and the administration were ready to conduct the exams hoping to avoid inconvenience for the foreign students. But the exams had to be postponed complying with the government directives. The community came up with new plans in the changed situation. The annual retreat for all the staff and scholastics was organized under the guidance of **Fr Michael Alosanaya SJ**, our spiritual director. Easter was celebrated in a moderate way in spiritual communion with all the faithful who would miss Easter in churches. During the second lockdown, following social distancing norms, the community avoided common celebration of Mass and celebrated it only in living groups. The same was done for our meals. Presently, second-year scholastics are acquiring additional skills through two online courses and first-year scholastics are spending time in self-study to finish their integration paper.

Jaison Joseph

GYANODAY, PATNA JUNIORATE

In March the juniors were called for conducting the entrance exam for the LP section students in St Xavier's School, Ara. It was a memorable and valuable experience for all of us. Later we had a course on 'Research Methodology' by Fr Martin Porres SJ in preparation for our research papers. We had our Assistency level exam also in March.

Gyanoday welcomed Fr Donald Miranda, Provincial of Patna, for his official visit. He had an interaction session with all the juniors and he celebrated the Eucharist for us. Fr Tony Mattapally rejoined our community after being away for two and a half months in Pune teaching 'Ignatian Sources'. We all were shocked to hear the news of the death of Fr Dominic SJ on 20th; he was our Assistant Parish Priest. We all attended his funeral in XTTI. The same day the whole community entered into self-quarantine. We will remain quarantined till the end of our academic year (16th of April). From March 26th onwards we spent half an hour in Adoration praying for the whole world that the Lord may save humanity from the pandemic.

Steeu Thomas

INIGO SADAN, BENGALURU

We have been intensely preparing for our exams when the entire country came to a standstill. We welcomed the lockdown with the annual retreat in the community. With renewed spirit we went out to help the victims of the lockdown. The month of April reminded us of our novitiate experiments as we got involved in distributing food items to slum dwellers and migrant workers. We prepared nearly 150 meals per day for the construction workers who got stuck on our campus. Scholastics have been helping out in the Bishop's house, Arrupe Nivas (SJC) and in our own community. Love of God made us dream of the path of St Aloysius Gonzaga to become Covid-martyrs, but our fear of the police lathi restrained us! Yes, we broke the chain of corona, but not the love for our neighbours. A video of the community's relief works was made by **Sch Rejoy**.

Sooraj Sebastian

NEWS FROM NEPAL

The Nepal government also has imposed a strict lockdown all over the country to avoid a potential outbreak of the fatal covid-19 pandemic. Unlike the neighbouring China and India which are deeply affected by the pandemic, Nepal remains largely unaffected although a handful of cases were reported here and there. During the Holy Week the community made

an eight-day Ignatian retreat under the guidance of **Fr Daniel Bara SJ**, the newly joined member of the community. We had a muted Easter celebration, though the spiritual fervour was not lacking. I made an attempt to make an Easter candle by melting the used candles. The result was an oversized Easter candle which ultimately served the purpose.

We have drastically altered the community schedule in the wake of this unforeseen lockdown. We have the chaplet of Divine Mercy and one-hour Adoration every day to pray for the victims of the pandemic as well as for the care-takers. The farmer spirit within us woke up and took us to field, and we were tilling the field and planting new crops like tapioca, chilly and ginger. Since we cannot conduct regular classes for the students, we have initiated online classes using the app 'Google Classroom'. Many students have registered for this venture in spite of the poor internet connectivity in the country.

Ivin Tommy

ECOJESUIT-SOUTH ASIA DIALOGUE

The South Asian Eco Jesuit meeting was held on 24th April through ZOOM video conference from 10am to 11.30 am. Around fifteen members from different provinces participated. The following questions provided a framework for the meeting.

- i. How are you and the apostolate affected by COVID-19? A brief understanding of how people are at this point.
- ii. How do we understand the environment as part of the COVID-19 response?
- iii. What are our thoughts on how we can start and sustain a dialogue for change? How can we bring our current energy and focus on COVID-19 to critically engage for ecological action?

We started the dialogue with a brief sharing by the participants on how they and their work get affected by the lockdown and the changed context. Our sharing showed that people were not distraught but deeply concerned about what is happening in the country and elsewhere. All agreed that this initial step of listening to the local stories and their understanding is part of the process of "learning for networking". We are hopeful that we may be able to take the second step in the process by May 2020 and strengthen our network at a global level.

Shibu Joseph

OURS IN MEDIA

Fr A. Adappur, "ഭൂതകാലങ്ങളുടെ മറുപടി", *Bhashaposhini*, April 2020, 6-19.

Frs Thomas Karimundackal and Dolichan Kollareth, eds., *Reason: Faithful and True* (Essays in Honour of Dr. George Karuvelilil, SJ), Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2020. The book has two articles by Kerala Jesuits.

- 1) Fr Thomas Karimundackal, "Faith and Reason: Revisiting Fides et Ratio from the Perspective of Karuvelilil, 17-25.
- 2) Fr Dolichan Kollareth, "Concepts and Experience: The Case of Shame", 97-108.

Fr Thomas Karimundackal

- 1) "Nobodies: Unnamed Women of Faith and Action in the OT," in *Bible Bhashyam*, 45/4, December 2019, 145-174.
- 2) "Praying For Others: How Does It Affect Us," in *Asian Journal of Religious Studies*, 65/2-4, March - August 2020, 175-181.

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Felix Tirkey (DUM), 52/28, on 02.03.2020 at Sahibganj, Jharkhand.

Fr Geoffrey Michael Meagher (HAZ), 77/59, on 05.03.2020, at Kolkata.

Fr Petrus Kerketta (MAP), 71/51, on 09.03.2020 at Ambikapur.

Fr Arakal Jacob (AND), 96/75, on 12.03.2020 at Secunderabad.

Fr Dominic Muthedath (PAT), 85/63, on 20.03.2020 at Patna.

Fr Andrews Koluvaan (DUM), 72/48, on 29.03.2020 at Nichitpur, West Bengal.

Fr Jose Javier Aizpun, SJ, 90 / 72, on 10.04. 2020 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He belonged to Gujarat province and later transcribed to Argentina.

Fr Michael Hawkins (DAR), 83/63 on 30.04.2020 at Toronto, Canada.

Mrs Thankamma Joseph (87), mother of **Fr Toby Kozhuppakalm**, on 18.03.2020 at Kunnangalam

Mrs Mariakutty (82), elder sister of **Fr George Sebastian** Vallocheril, on 29.03.2020.

Mr Chackochan Cherukuzhiyil (72), uncle of **Fr Sanil Mayilkunnel**, on 01.04.2020 at Kottayam.

Mr Pathrose Mulluparambil (89), father of **Fr Baby Mulluparambil**, on 30.04.2020 at Vazhavatta.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

06 Rojas Thomas Kalathil
 09 Joseph Chiraparambil
 10 James Morais
 14 Syriac Panjikaran
 16 Joseph Thayil
 17 Sunny Kokkaravalayil
 18 Jomon Chappanthadathil
 19 Rubil Martin Mampuzhackal
 20 Binu Kaduthalakunnel
 22 Sebastian Thengumpallil
 25 Reji Kunnatheth
 29 Rachans Lukose
 30 Devasia Kuzhuppil



JUNE

01 Deslin Paulson Chelatt
 03 Sabu Palathanadil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

MAY

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 04 (2005) Dominic Puthenpurackal
 04 (2017) Joseph Inchakal
 04 (2019) Mathew Nampiarambil
 09 (1990) John Kurichiarambil
 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



*Lord Jesus,
 What weaknesses did you see in us that made you decide to call
 us, in spite of everything, to collaborate in your mission?
 We give you thanks for having called us,
 and we beg you not to forget your promise
 to be with us to the end of time.
 Frequently we are invaded by the feeling of having worked all
 night in vain, forgetting, perhaps, that you are with us.
 We ask that you make yourself present in our lives
 and in our work, today, tomorrow, and in the future yet to come.
 Fill with your love these lives of ours,
 which we put at your service.
 Take from our hearts the egoism of thinking
 about what is 'ours', what is 'mine',
 always excluding, lacking compassion and joy.
 Enlighten our minds and our hearts, and do not forget
 to make us smile when things do not go as we wished.
 At the end of the day, of each one of our days,
 make us feel more united with you and better able to perceive
 and discover around us greater joy and greater hope.
 We ask all this from our reality.
 We are weak and sinful men, but we are your friends. Amen.*

Adolfo Nicolás S.J.

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PRAYER OF FR ADOLFO

The Prayer above was composed by Adolfo Nicolas. He celebrated his 84th birthday on April 29. His health has weakened further, we are informed. Please continue praying for him.

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