



Kerala Tidings

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From the Provincial's Desk

My Dear Friends in the Lord,

I participated in two memorable programmes in the New Year 2023. One striking event was a small book release during the well-conducted Annual Day of Loyola School, Mukundara. The School over the years have perfected the art of staging excellent programmes. The release of a 75 page book during the event was amazing. Mr Shyju Alex, an accomplished free-lance trainer and poet, gave creative leadership to a project called "Ente Malayalam". It was aimed at shaping the capacities and skills of students in Malayalam and they came up with wonderful pieces of literature. This small book has a few significant words by way of foreword from Sachidanandan, the eminent literary person. The second event was the closing of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Pius X ITI, Edathua. The collective effort of the alumni, parents, teachers, students and the Jesuit management was seen all over. There is very good enrollment of students in the ITI. They staged an exhibition on the occasion and it was very well received by the school students. The local Panchayat President noted that Pius X ITI has risen up like a phoenix. There is great credibility on the part of the institution and those who give the lead manifest competence and confidence. This is the way forward for scripting successful endeavours. I invite all of you to grow in credibility, competence and confidence.

E. P. Mathew, SJ
Provincial

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Devasia Kuzhuppil: President Loyola Social Welfare & Charitable Society & Director Loyola Inst. of Commerce, Poovar

Fr Salvin Augustine Kachirayil: Principal, Loyola ICSE School, Sreekariyam

Fr Syriac Panjikaran: S.M. Farm, Pariyaram

Fr Vincent Pereppadan: Director, Sneharam, Anjengo

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY 2023

- 04 : Final Vows of Fr Augustine Peedikamalayil
- 05-07 : Visitation, St Michael's, Kannur
- 10 : Loyola, Chennai
- 15-27 : JCSA, XLRI, Jamshedpur

MARCH 2023

- 04 : Meeting of Secretaries and Commission Heads (Christ Hall, Calicut)
- 05 : Consult, Christ Hall, Calicut
- 08-11 : Visitation Loyola, Sreekariyam

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FINAL VOWS

Fr Augustine Peedikamalayil will pronounce his final commitment in the Society on 4th February, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Samanvaya Jesuit House, Kanjirappally. The AKJM, Samanvaya Jesuit community is extremely happy to invite you all for the Final Vows, and requests your prayers for Fr Augustine.

Please inform **Fr Wilson** the Minister or **Fr Antu** the Administrator about your participation.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

Schs Francis Paracka and **Nikhil George Paruvananickal** have been approved for the Holy Orders.

Sch Francis Paracka will be ordained a Deacon on the 19th of February, 2023, by **Most Rev. Dr Thomas Dabre**, Bishop of Poona, at De Nobili College, Pune.

Sch Nikhil George Paruvananickal will be ordained a Deacon on the 18th of February, 2023, by **His Grace Anil J.T. Couto**, Archbishop of Delhi, in the auditorium of St Xavier's School, Delhi.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

Christ Hall community wholeheartedly welcomed **Fr K.C. Thomas** and **Fr John F.J. Manipadam**, the new members of our community. The Province Curia organised a two-day training programme for the treasurers of the province. Republic Day celebrations were held at Christ Hall. **Fr Varghese Malpan** was the Chief Guest for the Flag Hoisting ceremony and **Fr Anto Dioneceus** delivered the Message for the day. Christ the King parish celebrated BCC fest and the Catechism Day in a grand manner. All the former parish priests of the Christ the King parish were honoured and a cultural programme was held. Sahrudaya Club celebrated their 64th Annual Day in Christ Hall campus with variety entertainment. Christ Hall welcomed **Fr M.K. George**, the Regional Assistant, and many other guests both Jesuits and relatives.

Shin Kallungal

CHRISTURAJA A.L.P. SCHOOL

The Republic Day was duly celebrated on 26th January. PTA President Mrs Shaijy Roshan presided over the function. Headmaster Shri Varghese hoisted the flag on the occasion. **Father Joe Mathew**, School Manager, delivered the Republic Day message. Mother PTA President Mrs Shanti Jose extended felicitations on the occasion. The students then performed a beautiful mass drill.

Joe Mathew

SOCIO-RELIGIOUS CENTRE (SRC), CALICUT

SRC had a number of programmes & activities in the month of January. 50 participants had their 5 -day training programme organised by Kudumbashree. The entire team of Marian Retreat Centre, Anakkara, had their stay at SRC, for the Bible Convention held at St Joseph's Church, Kozhikode. **Fr Joe Mathew** directed the Retreat for the General Curia team of MSMI Congregation. A one-day Recollection for the Religious & Priests was organised by SRC. The SRC team has taken up the responsibility of mentoring & hand-holding the Catechism children of Kozhikode Diocese. The team had a two day programme for around 100 Catechism children conducted by **Frs Toby, Joe Mathew, Deepak & Renny**. The action plan is charted out for the entire

year. Fr Deepak continues to make himself available for Confessions, talks & classes for various religious groups.

Renny Abraham

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

In St Joseph's Boys' Hr Secondary School, the month of January was really hectic and colourful. The school reopened with the 61st State Youth Festival. Our school was one of the venues for the Youth Festival. Our students did well and scored 39 points for the Kozhikode District and contributed our best to secure the Gold Cup. Bicentenary Football Tournament organised by the Alumni Association was a great success (16/1/2023 to 24/1/2023) in which 14 teams participated. Though St Joseph's lost in the semi-finals the children enjoyed the tournament thoroughly. MMHS, Koottayi, Tirur, were the winners and MCC HSS, Calicut were the runners-up. We appreciate the Director **Fr Philip** and the entire Alumni Association for the great effort taken for the success of the tournament. The School Day was celebrated with **Padmashree K.K. Mohammad** as the Chief Guest. He appreciated the contribution of Jesuits in the field of Education. We honoured the three retiring Staff Members: Dr Joshy Antony, Mr Phillip Joseph and Headmaster Mr P. T. Johny, during the celebration of the



230th Annual Day.

In Loyola School, the KG kids' Sports were conducted in the school. The students of the lower sections were taken to the Fire Station and Planetarium, to have a first-hand experience of each place and its functioning. Students of UP section were taken to the Zoological Museum as part of their annual field visit programme. Personnel from the Cyber-cell Department arranged self-defence training sessions and classes for our boys and girls. The republic day was celebrated in an impressive manner with Major General Krishnan as the chief guest. We conducted football and basketball competitions among different houses and gave away prizes to the winners.

Ramlal

SARVODAYA, EACHOME

Sarvodaya had the School Day celebration on 20th January. It was a well planned, and executed

programme. Thanks to the hard work of the organisers, staff and students! We have a new sound system in the school now. It was initiated by the PTA and the alumni sponsored the amount. Our Teachers contributed their share. The amount was collected by the Principal, **Frs Biju, Salvin** and the PTA team under the leadership of Mr Shiju Maruthanani, the PTA President. Thanks to the efforts of the team and to the supportive generosity of the sponsors!

Jacob K.

LOYOLA, ALUVA

We began the New Year 2023 with Midnight Mass celebrated by **Fr Adhul**. We had a Christmas-New Year gathering with our neighbours. The novices performed a few items which were well appreciated by our neighbours. The novices had a Socio-Cultural Analysis course by **Fr Benny Chiramel** for three days. We joyfully celebrated novice **Dilan Davis's'** birthday on the 7th. We gathered together for group Dynamics for the betterment of our life in the Novitiate. We went for the book-release function of **Fr M.K George** on the 21st and the name of the book is "Politically Religious, Religiously Political". We celebrated Republic Day with a solemn Mass and flag hoisting by **Fr P.S. Antony**; the message was delivered by novice Dilan Davis. Many Jesuits as well as others visited our novitiate: **Frs Midhun, Baby Mulluparambil, Jose Pittapillil, Deepak** and his parents and brother, **Anto Dionecious, K.M Joseph** (Jam) and Mr Abraham Mathew. We ended the month with a Recollection Day guided by **Fr Immanuel Koyan**.

Joffin & Alfin

SAMEEKSHA, KALADY

On the *Dharmasameeksha* series, Mr Subabu gave a talk on the need of meditation in daily life. Ten researchers of History spent five days at Sameeksha pursuing their historical research. **Frs Midhun** and **Dolichan** spent a few days here. The Bishop of Innsbruck, Austria, spent a day with us. **Fr Sebastian Painadath** conducted online sessions for students in Germany. He gave a talk on Sree Narayana Guru's *Ātmōpadēśāatakam* at Kalady. **Fr Toby** conducted several NLP courses here. Anil takes care of the roof repair work at Atmamitra and Sameeksha.

Sebastian Painadath

LUMEN-JYOTHIS, ERNAKULAM

Lumen Community celebrated Christmas/New Year in a meaningful though simple manner. People from the neighboured joined us in these celebrations.

Newman Association commemorated **Fr Abraham Adappur**, the late Chaplain, during its first meeting in the New Year 2023. Most of the members paid tribute to

Fr Adappur while sharing their fond memories of him as an authentic religious, true teacher, great mentor and a prophet of contemporary times. He was regarded as a beacon of light both for the Society of Jesus and for the public as well.

LIPI organized a book launch of **Fr M.K. George's** latest work titled "Religiously Political and Politically Religious: Reflections for Education", published by Christian World Imprints, Delhi, and with an excellent



foreword by Lida Jacob IAS (Retd). The book was released by **Most Rev. Dr James Anaparampil**, Bishop of the Diocese of Alappuzha and accepted by Ignatius Gonsalves, the President of Indian Catholic Press Association. The book is highly reviewed and appreciated. Other dignitaries such as Prof M.P. Mathai, Prof Neena Joseph, Dr K. Babu Joseph, Judge P. Daniel, Dr Jacob Thomas, IAS (Retd.), Fr Paul Thelakkattu, and the friends and relatives of the author, the faculty and staff of LIPI, Snehasena, the members of Newman Association and Lumen Residential Association were present on the occasion.

Fr Binoy was away in Pune to give a presentation on the "Theological Significance of Peace and Reconciliation: Areas for Research and Writing", for the Forum of Jesuit Theologians of South Asia (FSAJT). He also attended the annual JHEASA Meeting held at St Aloysius College, Mangalore.

Fr Sheise visited several Schools in the southern districts as part of "Snehasena", "Tik Tik Life" promotional campaign. He gave a two-day programme, "TOAST" (Transform Oneself through Art, Stories and Theatre) for the nursing students of Holy Cross Hospital, Kottiyam. He also conducted Street "Theatre Workshops" for the students of two departments of Loyola College, Sreekariyam, Trivandrum.

Devassy Paul

SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

In the month of January, a number of programmes were conducted in Thanmaya Media Centre and Santhi Family Counselling Centre. **Fr Roy** conducted an Art Workshop

for the students of Devagiri Public School, Kozhikode, as part of the Students' Art for Peace (SAP) programme. He also conducted an Art Workshop for the members of CARP in Thanmaya Centre. Santhi Family Counselling Centre is in full swing under the guidance of **Fr Sunny**. We request your prayer for **Sch Libin** as he is going to appear for the B.Ed. Commission Practical Examination in the month of February.

Libin Mathew

LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, SREEKARIYAM

The College organised the Golden Jubilee Memorial Lecture and the Dr Mariamma Memorial Endowment Lecture in January. Prof Mohan G. Gopal, Constitutional Law Jurist and Advocate, Supreme Court, and Mr Beji George, IRTS, CMD, HLL Lifecare Ltd., were the speakers on the themes "Decoding battles over the Constitution" and "Trends in Healthcare Technologies and their Impact on Society" respectively. A consultative meeting on the impact of NEP on the future direction of higher education was held at Loyola. Dr Simon Thattil, the IQAC Coordinator, University of Kerala, highlighted the prospects of attaining autonomous status, and initiating new programmes in the college to navigate smoothly in the changing times. **Frs E.P. Mathew, Sunny Jose and Binoy Pichalakkatt** represented the KJS and the Kerala Jesuit Higher Education Commission. **Dr Mani Augustine Tharappel** from Sophia University, Japan, was also present. It was unanimously agreed that the College should speed up its developmental plans to survive and keep itself relevant in these turbulent times. **Fr Sheise** offered Street Theatre Workshops for our students of Sociology and Counselling Psychology Departments. The workshops were well appreciated by the participants. Women Cell has organised programmes on 'Engendering Ourselves' by Dr Anishia Jayadev (Associate Professor, Institute of Management and Governance). The cell also organised an online interface session on 'Prevention of Intimate Partner Violence' by Dr Ashwini N.V., Director, Mukhtha Foundation. The College had Its Annual General Body Meeting of the Alumni Association on January 26. The Alumni Association honoured the Golden Jubilee and Silver Jubilee batches on the occasion. The presence of the retired teachers, including **Frs M.K. George and Joye James**, made the day unique and memorable. The first online TOT on Premarital Counselling was successfully completed, and 40 out of 55 trainees who completed 50 hours of instruction gathered at LES to receive their certificates. Adv Sathidevi, Chairperson of the Kerala State Women's Commission, inaugurated the session. LES, in collaboration with Skills, organised this TOT. A voluntary fraternity named "Oppam" was formed on the occasion to coordinate the engagements



of the new trainers. The newly initiated 'LES Master Trainers' to augment the training department at LES is gaining momentum with increased demand for training sessions on diverse topics.

The 62nd Annual Day of Loyola School was celebrated on 20th and 21st January, with great pomp and show. It was for the first time in the history of Loyola School that the Annual Day was conducted on two different days. On the 20th Annual Day was organised for the LKG - Std II classes in which Dr P.S. Indu (Professor & Head of the department of Community Medicine, Govt Medical College, Kollam) was the Chief Guest. On the 21st, the Annual Day was conducted for Standards III - XII and **Justice Basant Balaji** (Additional Judge, Kerala High Court) was the Chief Guest.

Sunny Kunnappallil

VIDYANIKETAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Juniors started the New Year with a Triduum guided by **Fr Xavier Tharamel**, which gave us spiritual strength and rejuvenating experience. We entered our third term and **Fr John Francis** started taking classes for us. Pongal celebrations and Province Day celebrations of Ranchi and Darjeeling provinces helped us taste and experience the beauty of diverse cultures. We celebrated Republic Day with a splendid parade and other ceremonies which aroused patriotic feelings in us. **Fr Manesh Jerald** was our Chief Guest for the day. Juniors are busy with study and intense preparations for the Academic Day. We were glad to have **Fr Salvin Kachirayil** the PCF with us for one day.

Charis & Thomas

AADI, ATTAPPADI

After a long pause of three years, due to Corona pandemic, AADI celebrated the much awaited Tarumitra ECO-FEST 2023, on the 18th and 19th of January, on the theme 'Eco-Friendly Life for the Protection of the Environment', in collaboration with ESP partners, Attappadi Unit. Adv Samsudheen, MLA Mannarkkad, lighted the Inaugural Lamp. There were many prominent leaders of different fields in and around Attappadi who were present for the two-day Eco-Fest. **Fr Joe Mathew**



inaugurated the second day. **Fr Deepak Edattu** and **Fr Renny (JAM)** gave the felicitations. On the first day of the Fest, **Fr Mathew Aerthayil** welcomed all and delivered the Presidential Address. On the second day, around 1000 students from various schools and colleges participated in the Eco-Fest. There were some attractive Eco-Competitions held for the students, to make them aware of the need of protecting our Mother Earth. Mr P.N. Unnikrishnan (Retd. IFS Officer) and Mr Ameen Ashsan S.A. (Director, Puma Environment Education Centre) presented papers on 'Eco-Friendly Life for Environmental Protection' and 'Conservation of Biodiversity' respectively. On this occasion students with Life- achievement were also honoured with a trophy and certificates. The Eco-Fest was concluded with cultural performances by students. Over 80 students from 15 colleges from various parts of Kerala came and worked as volunteers. A steering committee, consisting of the local people helped in the organization of the Event. **Fr Rephin Kamal** was the Coordinator of this successful Eco-Fest 2023.

Rephin Kamal

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD

The prenovices returned to XTC after their delightful Christmas holidays on 4th January. Prenovices **Akshay** and **Edmund** from Tripura were with us for one month in XTC. Thanks to both for their very inspiring presence! We prenovices had a tribal exposure programme in TUDI for two days under the leadership of **Fr Jacob Kumminiyl**. There was a three-day Retreat organized for the plus two Jesuit candidates of St Joseph's, Calicut, after their Christmas holidays. **Fr Prince** guided the Retreat. We also had few introductory sessions on Transactional Analysis by **Fr Wilson**. We are grateful to Frs Jacob, Wilson and Prince.

From February onwards our XTC building will be Solar powered (5Kw Grid system). We prenovices are preparing for our Annual Retreat which will commence in the first week of February, directed by **Fr Deepak**. We request your prayers.

Prenovices

LOYOLA, MUKUNDARA

The 13th Annual Day, *Dazzling Knights 2023*, was the focal point of the month. The celebration extended to two days, January 25 and 26. **Father Provincial** inaugurated the Day 2 celebration and graced the event with his vibrant presence and words of appreciation. The other notable guests at the event were the poets Dr Biju Balakrishnan and Mr Shaiju Alex. The commendable collaboration of all the stakeholders, the administrative staff, the teachers, students, non-teaching staff and the PTA, made the event a memorable one under the dynamic leadership of **Fr K.J. Thomas**,



the Manager. The Annual Day this year was a saga of spectacular performances, in-depth planning and laudable teamwork.

We had launched '*Ente Malayalam*', an intensive Malayalam training programme, to promote creative writing in Malayalam in the school. The sessions were facilitated by Sri Shaiju Alex, a talented poet and artist. The fruit of the training, an anthology titled '*Njangal Padithudangunnu*', was released by Fr Provincial during the Annual day. Sri Shaiju Alex enthralled the audience by reciting a few poems from the collection. The imagery and the allusions, conjured up by the budding poets, and their poetic instincts, drew the admiration of every one gathered there.

The school is getting ready for another major event—The ATL Exhibition, which is slated for 17th February, 2023.

Adhul Thomas

JESUIT COMMUNITY, KAILASHAHAR

The heated election campaign is warming up the winter cold days as election in Tripura have been announced. St Ignatius Parish celebrated its first *Parish Sabha* on January 7 and 8 at Jamtalibari. Parish Sabha is an annual feature of every parish in the diocese of Agartala. Parishioners scattered in different 'Mandalis' (sub-stations) come to a central place for two or three days of gathering, prayer, worship, cultural performance and a festive meal. People from six Mandalis under St Ignatius Parish came and stayed for overnight celebration. Fr Linus Baby VC guided the parish community through a half-day Retreat, paving the way for a spiritual renewal. **Bishop Lumen Monteiro** came on the first day itself and stayed with the Jesuit community. He was the Main



Celebrant for the solemn Eucharistic Celebration on the second day, during which 19 children received first Holy Communion and 15 adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation. A short Eucharistic Procession was followed by a fellowship meal for all, prepared by Jamtailbari Mandali. The cultural programme on the evening of the first day added spice to the gathering. **Fr James Morais**, the first Vicar of the nascent parish, coordinated the *Parish Sabha* with pastoral efficiency. Two village chapels, at Datucherra and Khasiabasti respectively, are nearing completion, thanks to the support of Kerala PDD. Two parishioners have been sent for a three-month Catechetical Training under FIAT Mission at Trichur.

St Xavier's School reopened after the winter holidays in the first week of January. Before the holidays started, the school had put up a 'Winter Fest' with an exhibition and an afternoon of dance, music and drama incorporating the message of Christmas. It was the brainchild of **Fr Joseph Pulickal**, the Principal. The parents were enthralled by the superb performance of their little ones. Wi-Fi net work and android TV in the classrooms have been installed.

P. T. Mathew

BERCHMANS ILLAM, CHENNAI

We began the New Year with our Triduum guided by **Fr Jeyaraj Selvaraj (CEN)**. The visitation of **Fr Provincial** and **Fr Salvin** the PCF took place on the 8th. It was a blessed moment of sharing and accompaniment. Followed by that, we gathered with the philosophers at Satya Nilayam. We celebrated Tamil Nadu Regional Fest, PONGAL, on the 14th in a grand manner. During the PONGAL holidays, we celebrated Community Days. They were well organized and we all enjoyed them.

Praveen Babu

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

The mercury continued to dip in Delhi in the month of January, with temperatures hitting as low as two degrees Celsius for several days. The classes at Vidyajyoti resumed after the Christmas break on January 5. The third-year theologians rejoined the

community after their Diaconate Retreat two days prior to the commencement of the classes. The new service team, with Sch Oscar Daniel Raj of Calcutta Province at the helm, assumed office on January 7 during the Eucharistic Celebration. We were extremely happy to welcome our Provincial, **Fr E.P. Mathew**, who arrived here on January 7 for his visitation. **Fr Sunil** made his Annual Retreat in the second week of January and he continues to serve the community with renewed zeal and energy.

The Vidyajyoti Jesuit Community organised a half-day Recollection for the clergy of the Archdiocese of Delhi on January 12, which witnessed the participation of three bishops and about fifty Priests of the archdiocese. The community celebrated the Pongal Festival with traditional pomp and gaiety on January 7. In addition to a meaningful celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we also had several fun-filled games and a festive meal to mark the occasion. The third-year theologians are busy with their preparations for the Ad Auds examinations as well as their Diaconate Ordination. The mid-semester examination for the first-year and second-year theologians will begin in the first week of February.

Ivin Tommy

TISS, GUWAHATI

A group of Professors and students from Marquette University, USA, visited the community and had an interactive session at the research centre (NESRC), which was very fruitful. **Sch Savy** presented a seminar paper at Satya Nilayam Research Institute, Chennai, on the topic "Social Media and Interculturality: Boon, Bane or Reflection". The fourth semester has begun in TISS with new rigorous academic work. **Fr Melvil Pereira**, Regional Superior of Kohima Region, made his annual visitation to the community, which was a very graceful period.

Frangle

NEWS FROM SCH GEORGE KARUPPALLYIL

This New Year has blessed me with the Mass celebrated by the Holy Father in St Peter's Basilica on 1st of January. The short period of time with him and his passionate words became a page in the book of my life to be remembered for ever. "I am also George and a Jesuit; ask the Lord for the courage to be a good Jesuit and human". Fr Keith Abranches (GUJ), the Rector, re-joined the community after 5 months of pastoral ministry and language training in Pescara, Italy. The community gratefully remembers Fr Cecil Azzopardi (DUM), the Pro-Rector for his selfless service and commitment during this period. The Gesu community had a grand get-together with the Gregorian community on the 7th. We are thankful to the generous invitation of



Frs Grummer James (UMI), the Superior, and Edward Czaja (PME), the Minister.

The Gregorian University reopened after the Christmas vacation on the 9th. We have entered into the seriousness of the semester ending and exams from 26th January to 10th February. We kindly request your prayers and spiritual accompaniment during this journey!

PROVINCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE (PDD) UPDATES

As a follow up of the approval of Photovoltaic projects for TUDI, AADI, Anjengo and Poovar, technical teams are deputed to set up the systems in all these places. Efforts will be made to generate local contribution which is a requirement for project accomplishment. It can generate community participation and ownership. Project implementation will be completed by the end of February 2023.

German Jesuit Mission who sanctioned the Photovoltaic systems, has been happy with our interactions. Based on their request we have furnished a note detailing our project priorities.

PDD Team visited Poovar, Anjengo, Mukundara and St Xavier's, and held detailed discussions with the Directors on the field realities and the needs.

CSR Project Commitment from Federal Bank has been a key accomplishment during the month. A project for scaling up Nirmala ITC is being developed. Starting job-oriented technical courses for the youth will be the focus. Skilling the youth is a priority area for Federal Bank.

Discussions on probable projects were taken up with senior social development consultants like Dr Roy, former Senior Professor at School of Gandhian Studies, MG University, Dr JG Ray, currently Professor at School of Bio-Sciences, MG University and former Director of Bio-Sciences School, and Dr CJ Paul, Senior Consultant in Gender and Institution Development. Project possibilities which are identified in various sectors and projects are being drafted. Contacts of these consultants with funding partners and international donors are a great possibility. Climate change related interventions

and scale-up of our current Migrant Outreach Services are visualized.

We have a gold mine of data on the issues of youth. This was our realization as we were sitting with **Fr Toby** at Atmamitra. It was agreed that we will have a scientific and systematic analysis and tabulation of the data. Based on this analytical understanding, we are intending to develop a State-level Project for Youth Accompaniment, focusing on drug abuse. All our Counselling Centres could be linked to the Programme. School-based campaigns could also be aligned to the Project.

Deepak

MIGRANTS OUTREACH SERVICE (MOS)

The MOS Team hosted the Migrant Christmas Gathering celebration on 4th Dec., 2022, in SRC, Christ Hall. The celebration started with the Holy Mass. **Fr Vinay Ekka (MP)** was the Main Celebrant. **Fr E.P. Mathew**, (Chief Guest), **Frs Deepak, Renny (Jam), Sr Gracy** and **Mrs Alphonsa** (Counsellor) also joined the celebration and prayed for the migrants. The Carol singing, motivational and interactions sessions were organized for all the migrants. There was also the cultural programme after Lunch. It was nice to see all the migrants following their traditional dances and singing. There was a group of migrants who took great initiative for cooking and distributing food to all the migrants. Fr E.P. Mathew appreciated them for their great help and generosity. More than 300 hundred migrants attended the programme and they were from different parts of India. They were all given a Christmas gift arranged by Frs Deepak and Renny.

The MOS Team organized a Christmas Vigil Mass on the evening of 24th December. Fr Renny was the Main Celebrant. 100 Catholic migrants took part in the Celebration. After the Holy Mass, a group of migrants participated in Carol singing organized in the Christ the King Church, Malaparamba. **Sch Abishek Toppo**, played Mandar for the Choir. He also helped the MOS Team for different activities. The MOS Team also organized motivational and medical camp for the migrants from Assam and West Bengal.

Pope's Intention Feb 2023

For Parishes

We pray that Parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraterninty and welcome towards those most in need

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

INDIA

The Tug-of-war competition for the migrants was organized by the MOS and KISMAT Team on 8th January, 2023. There were five teams from different States. The Winner was the West Bengal team, and they were awarded Rs. 2,000 cash prizes. The Runner-up was given an amount of Rs. 1,000 as cash prize. There was also the follow-up of the case of Mr Mrityunjay. He is a migrant from Orissa whose salary had been held up by a Malayalee as part of a land deal. The MOS Team was trying to help him to get his money back. The team has filed a complaint against the middleman. The MOS Team invited a group of Domestic kitchen working girls for the Republic Day Celebration. They work in different convents in Kozhikode district. **Sr Gracy, Fr Renny and Sch Anup** gave them a session on "Life and Happiness". They enjoyed the session and the funny games organized by the MOS Team. There was a Holy Mass for the migrant girls on 29th Jan., 2023, organized by the MOS Team in Christ Hall domestic Chapel.

Anup Tirkey

TOWARDS A CULTURE OF VOCATION PROMOTION

"Our vocation to love God and express that love in doing His will includes a vocation to seek and find what He wills, to give Him the service of our intelligence as well as of our will".

Xavier Tharamel

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

- Fr Benjamin Tigga** (DUM), 70/51
on 08.01.2023, at Rampurhat, West Bengal.
- Br Michael Lopes** (GUJ) 78/55
on 10.01.2023
- Fr Arun Bara** (MAP) 33/13
on 10.01.2023, in Chhattisgarh.
- Fr Casper J. Miller** (Nepal)
on 15.01.2023
- Fr Paul Vaz** (BOM), 77/55
on 17.01.2023
- Fr Robert Menezes** (Bom), 76/48
on 26.01.2023
- Mrs Mariakutty Kappiarumalayil (93) wife of late Mr Pathrose the elder brother of Fr K.C. Thomas on 04.01.2023



Sr Margaret SIC (97) sister of Br Varghese Nedungatt (late) on 01.02.2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

- 01 Anil Kochumethikalam
02 Eby Shajan Parankimalil
02 Joel Thomas Chennothil
04 George Varangalakudy
05 George Vattukulam
08 Chandy Kumblankal
09 Dasappan Vattathil
10 Robert Shelton
10 Thomas Kuravanveliyel
14 Vincent Pereppadan
14 Jaison Joseph Cheruvuparampil
18 Charis Xavier Puthenpurackal
18 Lijo Antony Pathickal
23 Poly Martin Narikuzha
27 Deepak George Edattu
27 John Thottupattu



MARCH

- 01 George V. Thommithazath
02 Thomas Madathiparambil
03 Libin Mathew Puthukadath
05 Henry Pattarumadathil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

FEBRUARY

- 05 (1987) Joseph Edamaram
07 (2006) Jose Murickan
09 (1958) Aloysius Spinelli
09 (2015) Michael Thannivelil
11 (2011) Cherian Curiyicad
14 (2016) Paul Valiakandathil
17 (2019) Augustine Kallunkal
20 (2002) Antony Vachaparambil
22 (1982) Philip Veliath
22 (2021) John Vattanky
23 (2022) Mathew Pullattu
28 (2008) Antony Manjil



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