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APPOINTMENT BY FR GENERAL

Fr Thomas Karimundackal: Dean of the Faculty of Theology, JD, Pune (Appointed by Fr General, with the approval of the Dicastery for Culture and Education)

APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Peter Mulluparambil: Revisor, Calcutta Province (Appointed by the Provincial of Calcutta with the Approval of Fr General)

Sch. Albin Paul Namattathil: Loyola, Aluva

Sch. Cicil Shaji Valiyakarottu: Scholastics' Summer Programme Coordinator

Sch. Dileep Joseph Adacherry Pawath: Province Scholastics' Forum Coordinator

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

July 11: JEA meeting, Sreekariyam

July 13: JESCOM meeting (Online)

July 18-19: Consult, Lumen-Jyothis, Kochi

CONGRATULATIONS!

On 25 June 2026, **Fr Midhun J. F. Kochukallan** successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, titled *"The humanity of Jesus towards Fraternity: A Perspective for Christians and Muslims in Dialogue,"* at the Faculty of Missiology, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, in a session moderated by Prof. Ambrogio Bongiovanni.

Fr Thomas Karimundackal, S.J. has been awarded the prestigious *International Rahner Fellowship* for the 2025-2026 academic year in recognition of his outstanding scholarly achievement, intellectual engagement, and contributions to theological and philosophical inquiry in the spirit of Karl Rahner. The Fellowship is conferred in Innsbruck, a place closely associated with Rahner's academic and spiritual legacy.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE

The Christ Hall community was vibrant and full of life throughout June, marked by new arrivals, joyful milestones, and a solemn farewell. The community warmly welcomed Scholastics **Adolf Johnson** and **Tomson Tom**, who have joined Christ Hall as they pursue their postgraduate studies at Devagiri College. We also extend a warm welcome to our new juniors, **Joel Abraham** and **Judson Joseph**, who successfully completed their novitiate in Belagavi and pronounced their first vows on 21 June. They have begun their Juniorate at Vidyaniketan, Thiruvananthapuram. The community bid a fond farewell to Regent **Anil Xaxa**, thanking him for his dedicated and active service in the Migrant Ministry. We wish him every blessing in his future ministry. The community joyfully greeted **Fr Henry pattarumadathil**, our Provincial, on 28 June, as he completed his first year in office. We offer him our prayers and continued support. In a beautifully colourful celebration, the community honoured our jubilarians: **Fr M. J. Augustine**, **Fr Thomas Panikulam**, **Fr E. J. Thomas**, and **Fr Mani Manimala**. The festive spirit of the community was further heightened as we celebrated the birthdays of **Fr K. C. Thomas**, **Fr K. P. Mathew**, **Fr Wilson Puthussery**, and **Fr John F. J. Manipadam**. **Fr Jose Jacob** left for Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, where he will assist with the month-long retreat for the Tertiaries. On 26 June, **Fr Varghese Anikuzhy** was honoured as the Chief Guest for LA Fest '26 at Loyola School, Sreekariyam. Returning after thirteen years, he expressed immense joy and was deeply moved to witness the remarkable growth of the institution. The community deeply mourns the passing of **Fr Abraham Pallivathukkal, SJ**. His death is a great loss to the Society of Jesus, the Jesus Youth Movement, and the Charismatic Renewal in Kerala.

Family members, friends, Jesuits, and countless faithful gathered to pay their final respects. The Funeral Mass was presided over by **His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr Alex Vadakumthala**, Bishop of Kannur. May his soul rest in eternal peace. The construction of Christ the King Church is progressing steadily. The monumental cross has been successfully erected at the top of the structure, and work on the sanctuary is currently underway. New parish council members have been elected to serve a two-year term. We offer them our congratulations and prayers as they take up this leadership role in our parish community.

Wilson Puthusseriy

ST JOSEPH'S, KOZHIKODE

St Joseph's Boys' Higher Secondary School, Kozhikode, began the academic year with a vibrant *Praveshanolsavam* 2026, welcoming new students with traditional *Chendamelam* and colourful celebrations. A historic milestone was reached as the Government approved the school as a co-educational institution. In its 233-year history, the school welcomed its first girl student, Ms Sivani K., to the Plus One Computer Science batch. The school also celebrated Award Day 2026, honouring outstanding achievers in the SSLC and Plus Two examinations, scholarship winners, and Rajya Puraskar recipients. The programme was attended by Mr N. K. Hareesh, Secretary, Kozhikode Municipal Corporation, and distinguished alumnus Mr B. Vijayan, IAS (Retd.). In observance of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the school



hosted the inauguration of *Operation Toofan*, the Kerala Police's anti-drug awareness campaign.

Loyola School, Kozhikode, reopened on 1 June with a joyful welcome for students, followed by the Kindergarten *Praveshanolsavam* on 3 June. World Environment Day was observed with awareness programmes, competitions, and a "Plant a Sapling" campaign. The school also hosted *Loyola Laurels-26*, recognising nearly 140 students for academic excellence,

and the district-level inauguration of *Operation Toofan*, launched by Chief Guest Merin Joseph under the SPAD project. Other highlights of the month included a World Cup Promotion Rally, the PTA General Body Meeting with a parenting session by Dr Abdunnasar U. K., the celebration of Reading Day with writer Jeevan Job Thomas, and the Investiture Ceremony on 24 June, where the newly elected student leaders assumed office.

Roy Alex

SARVODAYA/TUDI, EACHOME

The school campus is active, noisy, and lively with the reopening of the school. Our house looks rejuvenated after the painting and maintenance of the surroundings. The construction of the school building and the noon-day meal building is progressing rapidly. Thanks to you for your prayers. The campus has been very active with memorable football matches. Each section of the school had its own matches, marked by a spirit of cooperation and healthy competition. Our students found great joy in participating and in encouraging one another. The Sarvodaya Candidacy resumed on 1 June with the reopening of the formation programme. Our five second-year candidates resumed their classes, while four first-year candidates arrived on 6 June. The community warmly welcomed and accommodated all nine candidates. The first-year candidates are currently preparing for their Plus One studies and have secured admission to Sarvodaya School. All the first-year candidates are participating in the Charismatic Retreat at XTC, Pachilakkad. We wish them God's blessings as they begin this new stage of formation.

The TUDI campus became lively with the arrival of our students at the Arivuda Boarding House. We celebrated Environment Day by starting a vegetable garden and planting fruit trees. The Balajyothe Children's Club, sponsored by ESAF Bank, also joined us in this venture. Dr Aiswarya, an Ayurvedic doctor, guided us through various yogasanas on International Yoga Day. We also held poster-making and essay-writing competitions as part of the International Anti-Drug Day celebrations. Antony Vaidiar and his team conducted a free Ayurvedic medical camp on 28 June.

Jacob Kumminiyil

S. M. FARM/SAMSKRITI/NIRMALA ITI/IRC, PARIYARAM

We had grace-filled days as **Fr Henry Pattarumadathil** made his first Provincial visitation to the community during the second week of June. We had **Fr Peter Mulluparambil** for the Revisor's visit to the community. We welcomed **Deacon Christy J. P.** to our S. M. Farm community. We celebrated his birthday with the

community on 29 June. IRC conducted charismatic and Ignatian retreats with a good response from the laity. **Fr Prince Clarence** is away for four weeks in Ireland for retreat ministry. **Fr Polson** is doing well and greatly contributes to the retreat ministry through celebrating Mass and hearing confessions. Ignatian Contemplation and Meditation for the Laity was organised at IRC during the first week of June. Thirty-three participants took part in the programme. This is the first programme of its kind to be organised at IRC. **Frs Prince Clarence, Rachans** and **Joe Mathew** came together to offer the programme and guide the participants.

Nirmala ITI, Pariyaram, is preparing for the annual examinations for its trainees, which are scheduled to begin in the middle of July. We had campus interviews conducted by Popular Automobiles. Also, the Electrician and Technician in Power Electronics Systems trainees have received offer letters from Kaynes Technologies India Ltd. Admissions for the 2026 batch are now open. **Sch. Affin** has joined Samskriti as a Regent and is staying at Jesuit House, S. M. Farm. Samskriti, Pariyaram, has started regular Nonviolent Communication training workshops on the second Friday, second Saturday, and Sunday of every month. In July, the workshop will be held on 17, 18, and 19 July. At S. M. Farm, various farming and cultivation activities are underway. **Fr Jose Pulinthanath** is back to normal after meeting with an accident when the Activa he was riding suffered a tyre puncture.

Joe Mathew

LOYOLA, ALUVA

The month of June was filled with many new experiences and abundant blessings. It began with a time of spiritual nourishment as the novices made their annual retreat at Pachilakkad from 31 May to 7 June under the guidance of **Fr V. T. Jose**. On their return journey from Wayanad, the novices visited the Christ Hall community and enjoyed a joyful time of fellowship with the Jesuits there. During the month, **Fr Rachans**, along with **Fr Prince Clarence** and **Fr Joe Mathew**, conducted a three-day Ignatian contemplative retreat for lay people at IRC. On 10 June, we were delighted to welcome nine first-year novices from four different provinces: Ranchi (1), Hazaribagh (3), Jamshedpur (2), and Kerala (3). They were accompanied by **Sch. Steve J.** and **Sch. Poly Martin**, who also began teaching Malayalam to the newly arrived novices. On 11 June, we celebrated the belated birthday of our Novice Director, Fr Rachans. Then, on 19 June, with a solemn Eucharistic celebration, the first-year novices officially began their First Probation under the guidance of **Fr Gracious**. At the same time, the second-year novices commenced their Sunday parish



ministry in different parishes. The novitiate community joyfully participated in the Central Zone Gathering of Jesuits held at Sameeksha on 23 June, where the novices led the prayer service. Following the gathering, under the guidance of Fr Gracious, the novices visited the birthplace of Adi Shankaracharya and the nearby stupa. We were also blessed by the presence of **Fr John Francis**, who has been staying with our community for a few months. In addition, Mr Akhil from Christ Hall has been staying with us while receiving treatment for his eyesight. On 26 June, we celebrated the birthday of one of our first-year novices, Naveen. We were also grateful for the presence and generous assistance of **Schs. Charis, Joffin, and Babatto**, who spent time with us during the month, helping in various ways.

Jeevan Joy

SAMEEKSHA, KALADY

Fr Provincial made his visitation in early June. These were days of grace for the Jesuit Community. The Ernakulam Zonal Jesuits held a get-together on 23 June at Sameeksha. We bade goodbye to **Fr Binoy Pichalakkattu** from our zone and welcomed **Fr Stephen Chundanthadam** to our zone. We commemorated the 40th anniversary of Sameeksha. We thanked God for **Fr Sebastian Painadath** for completing 60 years as a Jesuit. We bade goodbye to **Fr Xavier Tharamel**, as he has been transferred to Vidyajyoti, Delhi. In the Dharmasameeksha Series, Prof. C. T. Francis spoke on the first chapter of the Gita. We assembled the Jnanasameeksha students from Kalady, Trivandrum, and Kannur for their final seminar.

Manesh Gerald

LUMEN-JYOTHIS, KOCHI

In spite of the gloomy and rainy days, the apostolic activities of Lumen Jyothis kept our spirits alive. The visitation of **Fr Henry Pattarumadathil**, the Provincial, was an ideal opportunity for deeper reflection on our ministries of publication such as the Ezhuthu Magazine, Pax Lumina, Snehasena, and TikTikTik Life, and the activities of the Research Cell. The need for coordinated

action and ensuring personal and financial support were highlighted. June was also a month in which there were many birthdays of our community members. **Fr Deslin Paulson** was remembered on 1 June, and by the middle of the month he left for studies in Liturgy in Rome, the Eternal City. This year **Fr Binoy's** birthday on 9 June was specially remembered with a pre-lunch celebration with our collaborators and later with a dinner in the evening. On 19 June, **Fr Anil Kochumethikalam** was felicitated by the collaborators and all the attached members of the community. The birthday of **Fr E. P. Mathew** was an important item of the gathering. **Frs Anil Kochumethikalam** and **Rosan Periakottil** gave a Spiritual Orientation Programme for 1,500 students of Classes 2 to 12 in four different age groups at St Paul's International School, Kalamassery, on 1 and 2 June 2026. Fr Anil gave a few sessions on some of the important Ignatian prayer methods for 240 students of Philosophy and Theology at St Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha, on 10–12 June 2026.

E. P. Mathew

LOYOLA SCHOOL, SREEKARIYAM

The highlight of the month was **LA FEST 2026**, the largest inter-school cultural festival in Thiruvananthapuram. Organised entirely by the Class XII students with the support of Class XI, the festival showcased the leadership, creativity, and organisational abilities of Loyola students. A memorable feature of



this year's event was the presence of former Principal **Fr Varghese Anikuzhy** and former Vice Principal **Fr Joseph Edassery**, whose return brought together numerous alumni, making the festival a joyful reunion of the Loyola family. Sixteen leading schools from across the city participated, and the students' exemplary coordination earned widespread appreciation. The Annual Awards Day was celebrated with Shri V. V. Rajesh, Mayor of the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation, as the Chief Guest, who honoured students for their achievements in academics, sports, and co-curricular

activities. Another significant milestone was the inauguration of the school's new Games Turf by Shri Ramesh Chennithala, the Home Minister of Kerala. On the same occasion, he inaugurated *Loyola Operation Toofan*, the school's disaster preparedness and community service initiative, and presented the *Toofan Warrior Badge* to the Principal, **Fr Salvin Augustine**. The month also featured the inauguration of *L Talentum Kalolsavam*, the Junior School's cultural festival, by renowned dancer and actress Dr Vinduja Menon. In addition, the school launched *LTV (Loyola Television)*, a communication platform designed to keep parents, alumni, and well-wishers connected with the school's major events, achievements, and activities.

Salvin Augustine

ST XAVIER'S COLLEGE, THUMBA

St. Xavier's College, Thumba, reopened on 1 June for second- and third-year students. As the semester examinations, originally scheduled for May, were postponed, the campus remained occupied with examinations throughout the month. Admissions to the first-year programmes are currently underway under the supervision of **Fr Shibu Joseph**. Since the admission process is expected to continue for a few more weeks, first-year students have been given a study holiday until regular classes begin. On 5 June, to mark World Environment Day, Xavier Outreach Services (XOS), led by **Fr Dominic**, organised a tree-planting programme at Sneharam, where students distributed and planted tree saplings, reaffirming the College's commitment to environmental stewardship. A major highlight of the month was the Second International Cultural Exposure Programme (23–26 June 2026), jointly organised by the Department of English and Xavier Outreach Services (XOS) in collaboration with ITE College East, Singapore. The programme brought together 20 students and two faculty members from Singapore with 20 student buddies from St Xavier's College for four days of cultural exchange, community service, environmental initiatives, and intercultural learning, fostering friendship and global citizenship.

The College also welcomed **Fr Xavier Savarimuthu**, of Calcutta Province, who is conducting a comprehensive review of the institution to strengthen its systems, prepare for NAAC accreditation, and support its journey towards academic autonomy. During his visit, he met with various stakeholders and teams to identify strengths and address institutional challenges. **Fr Biju Joy** sustained a minor leg injury after a road accident but continues to supervise the College's infrastructural development with admirable dedication. The community also bid farewell to **Sch. Rejoy Johny**, who completed

his studies at the Digital University and has proceeded to Vidyajyoti, Delhi, for theology. We remain grateful for his many generous contributions and wish him every blessing. **Fr Sunny Jose** has remained occupied with management quota admissions, while the month concluded with the celebration of International Yoga Day under the auspices of the SGOU Learner Support Centre, promoting holistic well-being among learners.

Joel Thomas

TRIPURA MISSION

Our schools reopened on 15 June after the summer vacation. St Mary's School maintained a 100% pass rate for Class X for the fourth consecutive year, thanks to the dedicated work of **Fr Vysakh Titus**, Principal, **Fr Babu Paul**, Manager, and the team of teachers. This achievement is particularly noteworthy, as all the students are from various tribal communities. The school received government approval for a higher secondary section at this opportune time. A new batch of Class XI students began their classes in mid-June. The timely completion of a new building facilitated the upgradation. Two Jesuit candidates for Tripura are in the first batch of Class XI; one is from Mizoram, and the second is from Odisha. The Tripura Jesuit Team was fortunate to receive a regent from the Province after years of waiting. **Sch. Amal Babu** arrived on 11 June and has been assigned to St Xavier's School, Kailashahar. He teaches at the school and also assists in the boys' hostel.

P. T. Mathew

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD

The month of June opened quietly as the novices were immersed in their annual retreat under the guidance of **Fr V. T. Jose**. On 10 June, Xavier Training Centre came alive with the joyful arrival of ten pre-novices, and soon an eleventh joined the family. The corridors that had been calm and peaceful now began echoing with new names and new faces. To help them begin their journey,



the scholastics, under the guidance of **Fr Jaison**, conducted an Orientation Programme from 11 to 16 June, introducing the pre-novices to the life and spirit of the pre-novitiate. It served as a warm and meaningful initiation into the formative process ahead.

Special thanks to Scholastics **Charis, David, Eby, Joffin** and **Alan**. Meanwhile, **Fr Wilson** continued to remain wonderfully occupied with his psycho-spiritual ministry, accompanying people not only from Wayanad but also from Bengaluru and even from abroad. Alongside this, he has also been successfully managing the Prasanthi Farm, where the banana and coffee harvests continue to bear fruit—quite literally. The formal inauguration of the pre-novitiate took place on 17 June and was presided over by Rev Fr Biju Thondiparambil, Parish Priest of St Jude Church, Panamaram. As June drew to a close, the pre-novices were blessed with a Charismatic Retreat led by Fr Jinto Thattuparambil of the Mananthavady Diocese, leaving them refreshed and spiritually energised. Thus, our pre-novices enter July with enthusiasm, renewed zeal, and cheerful hearts. Kindly keep us in your prayers as the journey continues.

Rina

LOYOLA SCHOOL, MUKUNDARA

The new academic year at Loyola ICSE School, Mukundara, began with renewed enthusiasm under the theme "Year of Joyful Learning." On 29 May, **Sch. Cicil V. Shaji** joined the Loyola Sadan community, marking



a joyful addition to the school family. The academic year was formally inaugurated with the celebration of the Holy Mass, invoking God's blessings on the school community. The school also welcomed Dr HariPriya R. J. Nair as Vice Principal (Academics), whose leadership is expected to further strengthen the institution's pursuit of academic excellence. As part of the Government of Kerala's anti-narcotics campaign, personnel from Neyyar Dam Police Station conducted an awareness programme for Grades VIII and IX under *Operation Toofan: The Narco Hunt*, encouraging students to make

informed and responsible choices. Another significant development was the introduction of the new school uniform, symbolising unity, discipline, and a renewed institutional identity. The school celebrated World Environment Day, Reading Day (*Vaayanaanandam*), the inauguration of the Skill Training Programme (*Talent Bubble*), International Yoga Day, and the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, providing students with opportunities for learning, reflection, and active participation. To support academic growth, **Fr Ivin Tomy** has generously been conducting Chemistry booster sessions for Grade X students on Saturdays. His systematic guidance and insightful teaching have provided invaluable encouragement and reinforcement, helping learners approach their studies with confidence.

Cecil Shaji

SNEHARAM, ANCHUTHENGHU

Sneharam has remained actively engaged in a range of community initiatives over the past three months. In collaboration with Adwana, KSMTF, LES, and the four parishes of the Anjengo Forane, the team conducted a survey of around 65 families affected by deaths related to the Muthalapozy Harbour. At the TUDI Fest in Wayanad, a 15-member Sneharam team presented a skit and a *nadanpattu* highlighting the challenges faced by coastal communities. The remedial education programme and the Global Young Researchers Academy (GYRA) have been successfully launched, serving nearly 100 students, including those from the extended centres at Kadakam and Mambilly, coordinated by **Fr Varkeychan** and his team. National Reading Day was observed with a motivational session by **Fr Binu**, and a football tournament was organised for the students, with winners receiving an ever-rolling trophy and medals. The Ensuring Social Protection (ESP) National Team, led by **Fr Roy Sebastian, SJ**, visited Sneharam as part of its Kerala outreach. Students from St. Xavier's College, under the leadership of **Fr Dominic Palakeel**, celebrated World Environment Day by planting trees on the Sneharam campus, while World Ocean Day was marked with a rally at Anchuthengu in collaboration with KSMTF. Sneharam also welcomed MLA Ramya Haridas during its senior citizens' programme, hosted the ESP Unit Meeting for Trivandrum, and continued its leadership training, pocket meetings, and monthly senior citizens' gatherings. The centre also received Humanities students from St Mary's Higher Secondary School, Vizhinjam, for an exposure visit, further strengthening awareness of its mission.

Shin K. J.

BERCHMANS ILLAM, CHENNAI

14 June marked a vibrant renewal for our community as our senior members, including the scholastics, returned from their summer vacations and a new batch of freshers joined the community. This year, we are delighted to welcome a total of 14 new scholastics into the community. The academic year officially commenced the following day, 15 June, with the reopening of the college. To help the newcomers acclimatise to their new surroundings, the community organized a City Darshan on 20 June. The city tour offered them a wonderful opportunity to visit some of the area's most prominent landmarks, including the Santhome Cathedral, St Thomas Mount, Little Mount, Besant Nagar, and Marina Beach. On the same evening, the community celebrated the birthday of Sch. Babatto in a grand and memorable manner.

Alen Madathaniyil

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

The new academic year began with renewed enthusiasm and hope. **Sch. Bijoy** was warmly welcomed into the community. An orientation programme, followed by a memorable Pune Darshan, provided the new members with an opportunity to become familiar with the community, its surroundings, and Pune's rich heritage, while fostering fraternity and a sense of belonging. With the commencement of the academic year, our apostolic ministries also resumed. We were delighted to host two CST brothers for an evening recreation, which strengthened the bonds of friendship through joyful fellowship. The community is now actively preparing for the forthcoming Ignatian Feast, working together in a spirit of prayer, creativity, and teamwork to celebrate the life and mission of St Ignatius of Loyola. We look forward to a year filled with growth, service, and God's abundant blessings.

Bijoy

HEKIMA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, NAIROBI

The vacation period at Hekima University College provides theology students with opportunities for pastoral ministry. After completing his first year of



theology, **Sch. Tomy Issac** is undertaking a six-week pastoral placement at the Communication Office of the Rwanda-Burundi Province in Kigali, Rwanda. In mid-June, Dn. Frangle arrived at Hekima University College to participate in the Collaborative Theology Initiative (CTI), a Jesuit inter-theologate programme on the theme "History and Charisms of the First Jesuits." Responding to Pope Francis' call for a synodal, contextual, and global theology, the CTI fosters collaboration among Jesuit theology centres and prepares students for theological ministry in the universal Church. This year's programme brought together 28 students from eight English-speaking Jesuit theology centres across Africa and Madagascar, Asia Pacific, North America, and South Asia. It offered an in-depth study of Ignatian spirituality based on sixteenth-century texts under the guidance of Fr Christopher Staab and an international team of faculty, including Fr Immanuel Foro, SJ, Fr Somy M. Mannoor, SJ, Fr Orobator, SJ, and Ms Catherine Waiyaki. The programme was coordinated by Ms Milady Casco of the Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University.

Frangle

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Abraham Pallivathukal (KER), 86/68
on 20.06.2026 at Christ Hall, Calicut

Fr George Rathnasamy (MDU), 100/78
on 28.06.2026 at Dindigul

Br Mariadoss Antonimuthu (MDU), 80/37
on 30.06.2026 at Dindigul

Mrs. Catherine Joseph Neelamkavil (71), the youngest sister of Fr John F. J. Manipadam, passed away on 11.06.2026 in London, Ontario, Canada



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

- 04 Manesh Jerald Thottathuvilakom
- 07 Sunny Jose Puthenpurayil
- 09 Jeevan Joy
- 16 Sunny Padinjarevarikattu
- 23 Antony P. S.
- 24 Shibu Malekunnel
- 24 Jose Pittappillil
- 25 Albin Paul Namattathil
- 25 Mathew Aerthayil
- 26 Francis Paracka
- 27 Ivin Tomy Thottappallil
- 27 George Karuppallyil
- 28 Salvin Kachirayil
- 28 Stephen Chundanthadam



August

- 01 Mathew Kaniyamparambil
- 03 Joseph Thakadiyel
- 06 Savy George Thazhathuveetil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

July

- 03 (2007) Joseph Mekat
- 03 (2015) Abraham Mannamkary
- 08 (1982) Antony Ponvelil
- 14 (1971) Willian Lonardi
- 14 (1996) John Paliathil
- 16 (2008) Stephen Chethipuzha
- 26 (1984) Joseph Pallithanam
- 26 (2005) Lazarus Edattel
- 27 (2011) Philip Panjikanan
- 28 (1978) Paul Kunnunkal
- 29 (2024) Mathew Puthiedom
- 31 (2016) Ambrose Parappuram



RESULTS - 2026

Name of the Institution	SSLC/CBSE/ICSE				PLUS TWO/CBSE/ISC							
					SCIENCE				COMMERCE			
	Appeared	Passed	A+	%	Appeared	Passed	A+	%	Appeared	Passed	A+	%
AKJM HSS, Kanjirapally	146	146	39	100	50	50	25	100	48	48	11	100
Loyola (ICSE), Mukundara	48	48	33	100								

Pope's Intention July 2026



For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



Obituary

FR ABRAHAM PALLIVATHUKKAL, SJ (“PALLYACHEN”)

A LIFE THAT SET HEARTS ON FIRE

(11.12.1939-20.06.2026)

The passing of Fr Abraham Pallivathukkal SJ, affectionately known as Pallyachen, marks the end of an extraordinary chapter in the spiritual history of the Church in Kerala. A pioneer of the Charismatic Renewal and a founding inspiration of the Jesus Youth Movement, he dedicated his entire priestly life to leading people into a living encounter with Christ. With his passing, the Church loses an inspiring religious priest; for the Society of Jesus, a devoted missionary; and for thousands of families and young people, a trusted spiritual father.

Fr Abraham Pallivathukkal, SJ, was born on 11 December 1939 at Karuvatta, Alappuzha District, in the Archdiocese of Changanassery, to the late Mr Cherian and Mrs. Annamma. The youngest of eight children, he entered the Society of Jesus on 17 May 1958 after completing his higher secondary education and was ordained a priest on 15 March 1971.

One of the Gospel passages that shaped Pallyachen’s life and mission was the journey of the disciples to Emmaus (Luke 24). After recognizing the Risen Lord, the disciples exclaimed, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road?” (Lk 24:32). Throughout his priestly ministry, Pallyachen became that companion on the road for countless people. It is therefore providential that he founded the Emmaus Renewal Centre which ignited a spiritual fire that continues to burn across Kerala, India, and the world.

The greatest strength of Fr Abraham is his amazing capacity to build relationships. He knew people personally; rejoiced in their achievements; carried their sorrows as though they were his own. This is beautifully reflected in the book *Njangade Swantham Pallyachen* (“Our Own Pallyachen”), published in May 2020 under the editorial leadership of Prof. Chackochan Njavallil. Nearly sixty contributors—his spiritual sons and daughters—share heartfelt testimonies. They narrate how an ordinary Jesuit priest became father, mother, brother, friend, mentor, and guide.

If one wished to understand the warmth and depth of Fr Pallivathukkal, one had to live with him. I was privileged

to do so for nearly six years, from 2015 to 2020, at Lumen-Jyothis, Kochi. Those years revealed the quiet holiness of his everyday life. When Fr Abraham Adappur, our senior-most Jesuit, became bedridden, Pallyachen would personally serve his meals and gently wash his plates afterwards. Whenever a member of the community fell ill, he would quietly appear with soup, fruits, medicines, or simply a reassuring presence. These unassuming acts of kindness beautifully embodied the Ignatian ideal of *cura personalis*—care for the whole person.

One of Fr Abraham’s enduring contributions to the Church was his role in the Charismatic Renewal in Kerala during the 1970s and 1980s. At a time when many renewal programmes tended to focus primarily on devotional practices and personal piety, Pallyachen introduced a vital dimension: social commitment. For him, authentic spirituality could never remain confined to prayer halls. It had to reach homes, hospitals, villages, and the margins.

What really inspired this vision? Its roots lay in the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. As for Ignatius, three questions

continually disturbed his conscience: “What have I done for Christ? What am I doing for Christ? What ought I do for Christ?” Yet his disturbances never produced despair. Instead, he transformed them into mission. He invited others to discern the signs of the times through the light of the Gospel and to respond creatively to the disturbances, both personal and societal. That spiritual dynamism became the foundation for the Jesus Youth Movement. Whoever came to him disappointed, returned with hope and meaning. Through the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spiritual direction, counselling, and the Anointing of the Sick, he became an instrument to heal the wounded hearts. He nurtured a culture, offered a way of life, and formed a Christian worldview rooted in love, compassion, discernment, and mission. The greatest challenge he leaves before Jesus Youth is to preserve and deepen this culture of love. The challenge he leaves before the Church and before the Society of Jesus is to sustain a civilization of love where faith naturally blossoms into service.

May Fr Abraham Pallivathukkal SJ—our beloved Pallyachen—rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

Binoy Pichalakkattu



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