



# Kerala Tidings

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## From the Provincial's desk

My Dear Friends in the Lord,

The month of May is special for us in the Province this year. It is because after a break of two years we are looking forward to the joy of coming together for the Province Assembly scheduled for May 28 and 29. The focus of our Province Assembly this year is to review our ministries from the perspective of Universal Apostolic Preferences and Province Apostolic plan. What is new in this exercise, one may ask. Fr General recently observed, "There is nothing new, everything new," as far as the UAPs are concerned. The mission of reconciliation and justice expressed in our past documents gets a new impetus through the UAPs to go deeper into the mission, observes Fr General. So let us come with renewed vigour to be part of the deliberations and be strengthened by the joy of coming together. The month of May is a time for special Marian devotion. Be assured that I have prayed for all of you at the shrine of Lourdes.

*E.P. Mathew, SJ  
Provincial*

## APPOINTMENT BY FR GENERAL

**Fr Anil Pereira** (presently West Zone Novice Master) as the next **Provincial of Bombay Province**. Congratulations Fr Anil Pereira, SJ

## APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Joseph Pulickal**: St Joseph's Community, Kozhikode  
**Fr Mathew Kuzhickattumyalil**: Christ Hall Community, Kozhikode

**Sch Nikhil Paruvananickal** : Lumen-Jyothis, Kochi

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### MARK THE DATES

#### May

- 11-19 : Retreat at Poomala, Wayanad
- 20-27 : Holidays "Koottu" at XTC, Pachilakkad
- 28-29 : Province Assembly, Christ Hall, Kozhikode

### LET US PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS

(26-4-22) for the second time in a week, Pope Francis cancelled his scheduled appointments on Tuesday, April 26. "Due to pain in his knee, and on medical advice, Pope Francis has interrupted his activities planned for today," the Vatican press office announced. The Pontiff has been increasingly troubled by knee pain, which has been attributed to strained ligaments. *Catholic World Last week* 25 April-1 May 2022

## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE

The provincial had the official visitation in the Christ Hall Community for three days and it was a time of special blessing for all the community members. The Birthday of **Frs Joe Mathew** and **Shin Kallungal** was celebrated in a fitting manner. **Fr Chandy** was given a grant farewell from the Christ Hall Community as he is appointed as the Superior to animate and technicalize two departments of Watershed Program and PG Course on Natural Resources Management at Ahmednagar, Pune. We are happy to welcome **Fr John Manipadam** as he spends his holydays here at Christ hall. Many of the

Fathers and scholastics had visited Christ Hall during the month of April. Fr Joe Mathew directed an eight day Ignatian retreat for the sisters Sacred Heart at SRC. Fr Shin Kallungal has successfully completed his LLB studies. An Art Camp was organized for the students of Christu Raja L P School for four days. It was conducted by **Fr Sheise** which was well appreciated. A meeting of the Alumini of the Christu Raja L P School was organized



and it was a time for reunion for many of old students. The Holy Week was observed with special solemnity in our Christ the King Parish. As part of the preparation of the Holy Week, four days of retreat was conducted in the parish. It was led by Fr Wilson Kuzhithadathil V.C., the Director, Jubilee Retreat Centre, Puduppadi. The ceremonies were marked by huge participation of devotees, meaningful liturgy accompanied by celestial choir singing and active participation of the Jesuits from the Community. The synodal Journey with its three phases (family, BCC and Parish) has now concluded in our parish with a huge success. The Parishners actively



participated in each levels and hope it will surely lead to a synodal parish with Communion, Participation and Mission. **Fr Deepak** guided a one month Ignatian retreat to the three Reparatrix Sisters of the Sacred Heart and one brother from the Congregation of Sons of Immaculate Conception. Remembering **Fr Varkeychan**

for his selfless service in the infirmary for a week in the absence of **Fr Jose Thaiparambil**.

*Shin Kallungal*

### **ST JOSEPH'S, KOZHIKODE**

All our candidates in the Jesuit house went home for summer vacation.

The Theory exams of the HSS section in the St Joseph's Boys' Higher Secondary school are completed. Students are preparing for the practical exams. The SSLC students of the school have completed their public examinations. The renovation work of the classrooms is going on. A new toilet block is being built to provide better sanitary facilities to students. A Cricket camp has started to train students who have keen interest in cricket.

In Loyola school, the annual day and the name-changing ceremony were celebrated with much fanfare. The ICSE exams are going on since April 25. Students are attending ongoing football and basketball camps. A one-day workshop was organised by the Energy department of the government of Kerala to train 62 students in assembling and repairing fused LED bulbs. The school also organised a three-day theatre and personality development workshop to enhance soft skills and acting skills of students.

*Ramlal*

### **SAMEEKHSA, KALADY**

**Fr Anil** gave a one-month Ignatian Spiritual Exercises to the novices of the Missionaries of Sacred Heart Congregation at Kanjoor from 7 April to 7 May 2022. All the community members helped out in the local parishes during the Holy Week. A group of migrant labourers from Orissa had their Holy Week Liturgy at Sameeksha in the Oria language. Several individual retreatants come for retreats here. NLP programmes of Atmamitra are well attended. **Fr Sebastian** gave an online talk on the Bhagavad Gita to the Ex-AICUFers' group.

*Sebastian Painadath*

### **AADI, ATTAPPADI**

**Fr Mathew Aerthayil** participated in a two-day Lok Munch South Indian level training at Chennai. AADI with the view of preserving and promoting the traditional Adivasi art and culture, re-started the *Kalasangam*, a cultural troupe with twelve new members. They come here every fortnight from Saturday to Sunday for

training. **Fr Rephin Kamal** did his Lenten ministry at Nellipathy parish. The short visits of **Fr Bastin Vattanky** and **Fr P.S. Antony** to AADI indeed were moments of happiness. A two-day training was organised by AADI for the LOK NANCH Attappadi unit. A special thanks to Ms. Soumiya Vincent (State level trainer, Kerala) for being the resource person. AADI conducted a seminar on 'Culture and Environment' for the tribals at Mully in collaboration with Carmal Sisters. Fr Rephin Kamal had been out of AADI for a four-day Ignatian Leadership training programme in Bangalore. Seven trainees from Mercy College, Palakkad, Christ College, Irinjalakuda and Rajagiri college, Kalamassery began their internship at AADI and a group of thirty MSW students from S.B.College, Chenganassery came to AADI for their NGO visit.

*Rephin Kamal*

### SANTIGRAM-ICTA, KALAMASSERY

On 28th April, we bid good bye to **Fr Saji Kandasamkunnel** who, after 2 years of service as both Family Counsellor and Programme Director, was leaving for Pariyaram to take up his new assignment as Manager of ITI. With his very practical mind, he used to handle lots of technical issue with ease; and equally, take care of the kitchen, providing meals both for the Jesuits and the programme participants. We will miss his presence and his expertise.

Right now, we are in the midst of a shortened 15-day PEACE PROGRAMME, with eight participants - five from Kerala and three from outside the state. Though, originally, we had planned a one-month programme as in the past, since many congregations were slowly waking up and organizing their own programmes after a nearly two-year gap, we were forced to cut down to 15 days. Though we are only halfway through the programme, the participants seem to have profited much from the experiences far. Today was a break-day. When they went out they met some of their old comrades and apparently the response from the old friends were that these were looking very much transformed and happy.

*Ephrem Thomas*

### THANMAYA CENTER, KUMARANALLOOR

Thanmya center has become active with various seminars and training programs organized by different NGOs and groups. Thanmya Legal Aid center distributed

200 food kits to the poor families of the locality. The center has initiated to acquire disability certificates for 590 students in collaboration with the District Education Department and District Medical office. It intervened with respective Panchayaths to release Government scholarships for deserving students.

**Fr Roy M. Thottathil** conducted art camps in Loyola Poovar and in Maria Therese Scrollini School in North Paravoor. He also conducted a workshop on Indian Christian Art in Marthoma Yuvajna Kendra, Adoor and participated in 'Summer Muse' an art event organized by CARP in Neericode parish attended by 15 CARP artists and 50 students.


*Roy M Thottam*

### LOYOLA, POOVAR

A group of Jesuits from Trivandrum region involved in the higher education had a meeting at Loyola Poovar in the first week of April. It was aimed at a collective brainstorming with regard to the future programmes at Loyola. It was highly effective and useful. Summer programmes and life orientation programmes have are going on for the last 10 days. Fortyseven students are taking part in it. Two Jesuit Novices **Babatto Baby and Alfin Augustine** who are here for their pastoral experiment are also helping out in the camp along with a group of youths from the Poovar parish. **Fr Roy M.Thottathil** added more colour to the canvass of the summer camp by being a resource person for two days. Three Jesuit Juniors from SICJ **Schs Praveen, Rins**

**Pope's Intentions**  
May 2022

**For Faith-Filled Young People**  
We pray for all Young People, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, & the dedication to service

 **Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**  
INDIA

**and Abey** paid a visit to Loyola for the first time and had a beautiful boating experience in the Poovar lake. **Fr Binu Kaduthalakunnel** went to Trichy last week for his M.Phil convocation. He had completed the course in 2019 with distinction. Fr Binu attended an Ignatian leadership programme (ILP) last week which was held at Shembag.

*Binu Kaduthalakunnel*

### **ST MARYS SCHOOL, JAMPUIJALA**

The school reopened for the academic year 2022-'23 on 19th April with a strength of 244 students after three week closure of annual holidays. This year the first batch of eight students will be appearing for the board exam. The hostel is full with 125 students. **Fr Babu Paul** conducted holy week ceremonies in three villages in Kokborok language, the language of the locality.

*Jose Choorapokayil*

### **ST XAVIER'S SCHOOL, KAILASHAHAR**

The birth of a new Jesuit school in Tripura was celebrated on 18 April 2022. The new St Xavier's English Medium School is situated in an eight-acre plot at Bhagavan Nagar on the outskirts of the small town of Kailashahar, the district HQ of Unakoti District in North Tripura. The school had a modest 'Pravesanotsav' on 18th with an initial student strength of over eighty. Students were admitted to five classes - from Nursery to Std. II. The plan is to let it grow slowly upto Std XII following the CBSE syllabus. **Fr James Morais** is the present Principal while Sr Roja SJA serves as the Headmistress. The presence of **Fr T.V. George** as the working Principal in the initial phase has helped create a conducive academic environment. His mastery over Bangla was an asset in interacting with the parents. The school is the culmination of a long process of intense search for a suitable plot of land at a reasonable price. The Tripura team owes much to the tireless efforts of Fr James Morais in purchasing the land and completing the construction of the school building on a war footing under the guidance of **Fr Thomas Mathew** of Kohima Region. A formal inauguration of the school is being planned for a later date, probably in June or July.

A hostel for students also is attached to the school mainly to cater to the Tribal students from remote villages. Though planned for a small number, the demand for hostel accommodation is exceeding its capacity with nearly 30 students already admitted.



We are on a scholarship-mobilisation drive since many Tribal student are unable to pay the full fees. Meanwhile, the interest that the wider public and the Tribal communities show is a sign of hope. Fr James, along with the two sisters, has shifted his residence to the new school/hostel complex. With the opening of St Xavier's School, the number of Jesuit centres in Tripura has risen to three.

*P. T. Mathew*

### **SNEHARAM, ANJENGO**

The final selection of our students for the three JWL Professional Certificate Courses, namely the Learning Facilitator, Peace Leader, and Creative Writing and Design was done on March 27, 2022. Now all of them are in their seventh week of coursework. We are grateful to the Jesus Youth group members who have volunteered to support us as facilitators for the course on 'Creative Writing and Design'. We have enrolled 97 new GEL students and with the previous batch of students who continue in the Learning Management System (LMS), now we have 122 active students in total. Right now, we are collaborating with Good Shepherds Bodhini and School of Democracy, both in Wayanad; Tripura Mission; Loyola College of Social Sciences; Cheru Resmi Centre-Valiathura; Good Shepherd Sisters-Vizhinjam; and Holy Spirit Church-Mampally. We are looking forward to supporting these sub-centres now with a view to upgrading them as JWL centres in the near future. We are looking forward to getting support from both Jesuit and non-Jesuit partners as was done earlier by Fr Dominic, Manesh, and John Manipadam.

The entire Kerala Lok Manch team was present in a zonal training programme at ICSA-Chennai. There was the release of a book containing the modules used in the second phase of LM Kerala prepared by the Kerala Team. Fr Baby Chalil got introduced to the Zonal team as the State Coordinator of Kerala Lok Manch. The three

years budget was presented by Jayanta, the National Coordinator of the new project titled “Ensuring Social Protection and Building Climate-resilient Communities (ESP-BCC). All the participants, especially the State Coordinators, reiterated the need for collective action to achieve the objectives of the third phase.

*Benny Chiramel*

## GESÙ, ROMA

The scholastics were part of the various paschal ministries during the Holy Week. The beautiful event after Easter celebration was the diaconate of our dear brothers. Thirteen Jesuit deacons were received into the Order of Diaconate by **Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle**, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of People, on 19th of April in the Church of Gesù. **Fr Arturo Sosa**, the General, and **Fr Johan Verschueren**, the delegate of Provincial of Rome (DIR), were co-celebrants. On the next day, they had a distinct chat with **Pope Francis** during the General Audience. We made



a pilgrimage on foot to the Seven Churches of Rome (the traditional pilgrimage) on Good Friday under the leadership of **Fr Henry Pattarumadathil**. The Gregorian University reopened after Easter vacation on 26th April with regular academic activities.

*George Karuppallyil*

## REPORT FROM FR PROVINCIAL

I am happy to inform that I had a pleasant journey from Calicut in the wee hours of 10 April. The first stop over was at Munich where I met the Provincial of the Central European Province. A year ago various provinces of Germany, Austria, Lithuania-Latvia, and Switzerland have been amalgamated into one unit known as the Central European Province with the Provincial office at Munich, Germany. I also had the opportunity to

visit the Mission Offices of Missio, Munich and Aachen and the Jesuit Mission Office at Nuremberg. The main objective was to seek support for the Tripura Mission. It is definitely not an easy task in the current scenario of Church and the changing socio-political situation of Europe. I also made use of the occasion to visit the Bishop of Osnabruck, the diocese from where Arnos Padiri came and his home Parish Oestercappeln. The next stop over was at Paris to visit Fr Vibin and Sch. Rojas and their respective Superiors. They both are doing well and making good progress in their respective studies. A visit to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes was a memorable one. The evening hours of spring time and the devotional ambience of this holy place is very valuable. I will proceed to Rome on 3rd of May where I have been given appointments to meet Fr General and the various offices in the Curia. I will be back in the Province as planned on 20 May 2022.

*E.P. Mathew*

## ALUMNI/AE NEWS

The 3rd JAAK (**Jesuit Alumni/ae Association of Kerala**) conference will be held on 22nd May 2022 at St Xavier’s College, Thumba, Trivandrum from 09.30 am to 04.00 pm. The conference will deliberate on the theme “**Relevance of Ignatian Vision in the Contemporary World**”. It also will deliberate on the organizational machinery of the Alumni/ae association spread across the globe with a view to boost up the unit activities at the grass-root level with a global perspective. It is an occasion for the various units in the Province to get to know the activities of various units. We expect maximum participation from each unit with a minimum of ten participants from each unit. So kindly ensure maximum participation from our units. Brochures and registration forms will reach you soon.

*Jose Mathew*

## ACCOMPANYING/BRIDGING DIFFERENT PERSONS IN DIFFERENT PLACES

On March 25, 21 Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy were accompanied in their Retreat, and after the Feast day Mass, all of us there celebrated my Golden Jubilee as a Priest. The next day, our 23 Juniors celebrated my Golden Jubilee in style and our Companions in the College Community joined us. The Sacred Triduum for 170 English-speaking persons was conducted in Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, directly opposite RUSSIAN HOUSE. We

prayed that God would perform a marvellous deed and bring about Reconciliation and Peace between Russians and Ukrainians. We also prayed for the well-being of Srilankans.

On Easter Monday, First Holy Communion was administered to an 11-year-old girl in Ernakulam. Then came visits to Loyola-Trivandrum Old Boys of my Regency days (1968-69) in Kottayam, Palai, Kanjirapally and Changanacherry -- some well and some unwell -- and also visits to two Former Jesuits and the wife of a departed Former Jesuit. The sad passing away of a St Michael's-Cannanore Old Boy of my Regency days (1966-68), a distinguished Medical Doctor in Ernakulam, whose last call to me was to wish me for Easter, brought together a number of Old Boys and we prayed at his home.

Some of us Kerala Montfort-Yercaud Old Boys went to Tuticorin where 110 Old Boys participated in the Get-together which included the Divine Mercy Mass in the morning. After having received a fresh Invitation -- St Michael's-Cannanore Old Boys' Get-together on May 21 & 22 -- here in Christ Hall, my home for 6 years, I am enjoying meeting old friends, Jesuits and others. A pleasant surprise -- Bro. Thomas Montfort S.G. is our Guest here on his Feast Day. God always provides! Thanks be to God!!!

*John F.J. Manipadam*

### **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

I have completed my pastoral service in Neyyatinkara diocese. I had a very warm and rich experience from the parish. People were very loving and friendly towards me. I am really indebted to Rev. Fr Robinraj, the parish priest, who guided me well in the parish. I was humbled by the deep faith of the parishioners. Being the Assistant Parish priest in St John of the Cross Church, Anthiyoorkonam and its three substations, I had a variety of experiences. As I move from the parish, I had a great feeling to equip myself in order to be effective for the service of people of God.

I met the Bishop and expressed my heartfelt gratitude towards him for giving me the opportunity to work in the parish that belongs to his diocese.

Last Sunday I received the farewell and now I am in the Loyola community, Mukundhara. I am giving Orientation programme to the maths teachers in the school and teaching as well to the new batch of the

tenth standard students. I will be here for one more day. Then I plan to visit some Jesuit houses where I couldn't visit as a priest to offer Mass. After that, I plan to be at home for one week. As I contacted the Superior of the community in Nepal, he told me to reach there before 18 May. I am planning to take the flight on 17 May. From the airport, Superior will pick me up. I will come to Christ hall before I leave for Nepal. Thank you very much for your brotherly care and support.

*Steevensen Paul*

### **MIGRANT OUTREACH SERVICES, KOZHIKODE**

The month of April was flooded with activities for the Jeevika MOS team Kozhikode. It started with the distribution of study material kits to 65 children of migrants staying in 8 villages. On 4th of April 82 migrants gathered at Thiruvambady for Motivational and Capacity building sessions. And also



in Peruvayal 92 migrants were given Motivational classes on 16th April. Medical camps were conducted in Thottathinkadav for 59 migrants on 20th April and in Thiruvambady 52 migrants participated in the medical camp on 24th of April. Lastly on 29th April 52 migrants participated in the medical camp at the Medical College building site and on the same day evening 47 migrants gathered at Chevayur building site for the medical camp.



On 21st April the SRC team gave farewell for **Sr Asrita** SCN for her valuable services rendered for the Jeevika MOS during the past 9 months. Her contribution was highly appreciated by the SRC team. With her language skills she could largely influence the migrants for a better participation in MOS programs and meetings. She formed a choir team and trained them to lead the liturgy celebrations at Peruvayal church.

*Sr Grace*

### TOWARDS A CULTURE OF VOCATION PROMOTION

“The initiative is God’s. It is he who calls, and the person of faith responds. This receptivity to the appeal of God and the faithful response to it are still the core of all faith, for belief is possible only in the measure of our willingness to listen and to respond.”

Peter G. van Breemen, SJ., *Called by Name* (Dimension Books: New Jersey, 1976), p. 11.

**Vocation Camp II: 16-19 May, 2022,  
at IRC, Pariyaram**

Kindly send possible candidates to the camp

*Xavier Tharamel*

### OURS IN MEDIA

#### Fr Jijimon Puthuveetilkalam

“തിരുസഭാ നവീകരണത്തിന്റെ മൂന്ന് പാഠങ്ങൾ”, *ജീവനാദം*, പുസ്തകം 18, ലക്കം 19, 2022 ഏപ്രിൽ 14 & 21 (Combined Issue), p. 2, 15.

#### Fr Thomas Karimundackal

“Revisiting *Amoris Laetitia* in the «*Amoris Laetitia* Family year»: Pope Francis’ Theological Vision of Family and Marriage in *Amoris Laetitia*”, in *Indian Journal of Family Studies*, Vol. 23, No. 1, March 2022, 7-31.

### GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Ephrem Manikompel sister in law Mrs Rosakutty Simon (96) passed away on 12.04.2022.

Fr Jacob Madakkakuzhy’s sister in law, Mrs Jossy (65) passed away on 01.05.2022



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### May

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



#### June

- 01 Deslin Paulson Chelatt
- 03 Sabu Palathanadil

### IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

#### May

- 03 (2001) Lawerence Puthenpurackal
- 04 (2005) Dominic Puthenpurackal
- 04 (2017) Joseph Inchakal
- 04 (2019) Mathew Nampiaparambil
- 06 (2020) Thomas Anthraper
- 09 (1990) John Kurichiaparambil
- 12 (2011) Mathew Pallikizhakethil
- 14 (1974) Kuncheria Ettuparayil
- 16 (1987) George Perumpra
- 17 (2013) Abraham Madathiparambil
- 19 (1981) Abraham Manayanikal
- 21 (1988) Joseph Taffarel
- 22 (1982) Luke Uralil
- 23 (2017) Varkey Mampilly
- 26 (1966) Peter Caironi
- 28 (2009) Joseph Kizhakedom
- 29 (1992) Joseph Elanjipuram



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