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APPOINTMENT BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Raju Vattaparambil: Coordinator of the Commission for Service of Faith

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

September

- 8 – 9 : Consult, Christ Hall, Kozhikode
- 10 : Meeting with Fr John Kennedy SJ (Conference Secretary for School Education)
- 14 : Blessing of the building at Arnospadiri Academy, Velur
- 22 : Platinum Jubilee celebration of Sarvodaya School, Eachome
- 24 – 28 : Visitation, Tripura
- 28 – Oct. 2 : Visitation, Delhi

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fr Sooraj Sebastian Kuzhimullil was ordained by **Mar Remigiose Inchananiyil**, Bishop of Thamarassery, at Christ the King Church, Christ Hall, Malaparamba, Kozhikode, on August 29, 2026. Fr Sooraj Sebastian extends his heartfelt gratitude to the Christ Hall



community for organizing the ceremony meticulously and to all the Kerala Jesuits for gracing the ceremony with their presence and prayers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Place & Date of Ordinations:

- Dn Savy George Thazhathuveetil:** St Sebastian's Forane Church, Thodupuzha - December 26, 2026
- Dn Anjo Alappat Palathingal:** Little Flower Church, Olarikkara - December 28, 2026
- Dn Frangle Xavier B.R.:** Loyola, Sreekariyam - January 3, 2027
- Dn Christy J. Peter Arasarkadavil:** St Joseph's Forane Church, Punnappara, Alappuzha - January 9, 2027

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE

This month enriched Christ Hall with a variety of celebrations and gatherings, bringing the community together in joy and fellowship. On the occasion of the feast of St John Maria Vianney, the Christ the King Parish Council and catechism students honoured the community priests in gratitude for their dedicated pastoral service. A gathering of former Jesuits was organised and coordinated by **Frs Georgekutty and Joe Pulickal**, offering a joyful occasion to renew friendships, cherish shared memories, and strengthen their continuing bonds with the Jesuit community. The Provincial and Socius joined the gathering and interacted with the participants. The former Jesuits expressed their appreciation for the initiative and their desire to remain connected with the Province and collaborate in its future initiatives. The Independence Day celebration was marked by the unfurling of the National Flag by **Fr K. C. Thomas**. The Onam celebrations brought great joy and vibrancy to the community and parish. The parish-level Onam celebration was conducted with great enthusiasm, featuring traditional games, an

energetic tug-of-war, and a sumptuous *Onamsadhya*, fostering a spirit of fellowship and togetherness. The community-level Onam celebration with the staff was also a memorable occasion, marked by joyful participation and warm fellowship. We also had the pleasure of hosting a get-together of the Old Boys of Mount St Joseph, which brought together 13 Jesuits from Japan, Karnataka, Madurai, and Kerala. The gathering was a wonderful and enriching experience for the participants, who also joined the community and parishioners in the Onam celebrations.

The SRC organised and conducted two Ignatian retreats for religious. In collaboration with St Joseph's School, Calicut, the SRC Migrants Outreach Services organised a hockey tournament for migrants. Fourteen teams participated, with teams coming from different parts of Kerala, including Alleppey and Kannur. **Fr Jose Jacob** returned from Shembagannur after rendering his services for a month to the tertians. **Fr Wilson Puthussery** presented a philatelic exhibition at the YMCA, Kottayam, during the Annual General Body Meeting of the Kottayam Philatelic and Numismatic Society (KPNS) and donated 10,000 stamps to the KPNS Stamp Bank to encourage young people to take up stamp collecting. He also created a unique *Pookalam* with 1,000 floral-themed postage stamps from 100 countries for the Onam celebrations, which received wide media attention and public appreciation.

The month concluded with the ordination of **Fr Sooraj Sebastian Kuzhimullil**, a joyful and grace-filled occasion for the entire community. We also joyfully celebrated the birthdays of **Fr T. M. Joseph**, **Fr Jobin**, **Fr Sooraj Sebastian**, and **Fr Mani Manimala**. The community also had the privilege of welcoming several distinguished guests during the month, including **Bishop James Raphael Anaparambil**, **Bishop Mar Stephen Chirappanath**, **Bishop Mar Remigios Inchananiyil**, **Fr M. K. George**, **Fr Sunny Jacob**, Provincial of Jamshedpur, and our friends from Japan; **Fr Alex Varikamakil**, **Fr John Joseph**, **Fr Salichan**, Chancellor of Sophia University, and **Fr N. V. Thomas**.

Wilson Puthussery

ST JOSEPH'S, KOZHIKODE

August unfolded at St Joseph's School and Loyola School, Calicut as a month of academic focus, patriotic pride and festive joy. While the First Terminal Examination kept the students engaged in their studies, the school community also found moments to celebrate and come together. Independence Day was observed with great enthusiasm and national pride, highlighted by a graceful march-past by the NCC cadets. The month culminated in a

vibrant Onam celebration on 21 August, with a variety of cultural programmes and traditional activities that brought alive the joy and spirit of Kerala's harvest festival. The month of August was also a memorable one for Loyola School, Kozhikode. The Independence Day celebration on 15 August was observed with great joy and pride. The campus came alive with a colourful and disciplined parade by the Scouts and Guides, reflecting the values of discipline, service and patriotism. **Fr Roy Alex Kuzhimannil**, Principal, hoisted the National Flag in the presence of students and parents, followed by a meaningful celebration of the nation's freedom and the responsibilities that come with it. The school also celebrated Onam with great enthusiasm and splendour. A special Onam gathering for the staff and PTA Council members was organised on 20 August, featuring a variety of entertaining and engaging programmes, followed by a sumptuous *Onamsadhya*.



The First Terminal Examination, which had kept the students engaged academically through the month, concluded successfully on 21 August. The completion of the examination was followed by a grand Onam celebration on the same day. The special Onam Assembly featured a colourful array of traditional games (*Onam Kalikal*) and cultural programmes, creating an atmosphere of joy and celebration across the campus. The serving of delicious *payasam* added a sweet note to the festivities, while versatile singer Arun Menon graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Roy Alex

SARVODAYA/TUDI, EACHOME

Sarvodaya campus was busy in the month of August as the students had their first term examinations. We lost a few days of classes due to red alert declarations. The new building for the primary section of the school is coming up faster, though it was slowed down because

of the uncondusive weather. Our candidates were at Pachilakkad for their onam celebration. Onam was celebrated in the school with cultural programmes and *payasam*.

The month of August was full of many activities in TUDI. We had an Advisory Committee meeting on 5th of August. The presence of **Fr George Thenadikulam** and **Fr Baby Chalil** made it more meaningful and effective. It helped us to remember and cherish the past and orient ourselves towards the future. TUDI's General body meeting was held on 14th August. The interaction with **Fr Provincial** and sincere discussion created a new enthusiasm. We celebrated Independence Day in a grand manner; **Fr Jacob Kumminiyl** solemnly hoisted the national flag in front of our *Kalakendra*. All our students went home for holidays after the Onam celebration on 20 August. A group of tribal people and TUDI are busy with paddy cultivation.

Jacob Kumminiyl

ST MICHAEL'S AIHSS, KANNUR

Ronith, a Class 9 student, was selected for the Kerala State Sepak Takraw Team and will represent Kerala at the Sub-Junior National Championship in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir. The school celebrated Independence Day with flag hoisting, a student march-past and patriotic programmes, while also honouring retiring teachers for their valuable service. The school also celebrated Onam with traditional activities, including *floral carpet making, games, Pulikali, Onasandesham* and *Payasam*. The construction of the new library building, named '*Hopkins Library*', is in its final stages. The school conducted the "*I Love Hopkins – My Book, My Library*" Book Challenge, encouraging students to contribute new books in English, Malayalam or Hindi. The response from the students was overwhelming, with hundreds of books being collected for the new library. The Peace Club and the Nallapadam Unit jointly extended support to families in need by providing financial assistance to parents affected by cancer and to students who had lost a father or mother. Onam kits were also distributed to financially disadvantaged students, bringing joy and support to their families during the festive season. Kudos also to **Fr Raju Vattaparambil** for releasing a beautiful Onam song titled "*Malayalakarayil Ninnu*," sung by popular singer Mr Madhu Balakrishnan. We wish Fr Raju continued success and hope that he will create many more beautiful songs in the future.

Steevensen

LOYOLA NOVITIATE, ALUVA

The month of August was a blessed and joyful month for the Loyola Novitiate community. We began the month with a Life Skills Course conducted by **Fr Antony P. S.**

The course helped the novices to understand themselves better, particularly their attitudes, emotions, behaviour, and relationships. It was a valuable opportunity for self-awareness and personal growth. During the month, we also celebrated the birthdays of Janatan and Anuj, sharing moments of joy and fraternity as a community. On 8 August, we were very happy to welcome **Fr Henry Pattarumadathil**, our Provincial to the community. His presence brought warmth and happiness to the Novitiate and provided an opportunity for meaningful interaction, sharing, and encouragement.

The community celebrated Independence Day with great joy and enthusiasm. The national flag was hoisted by Mr Benny Stephen. Novice **Aldrin** delivered the Independence Day message, while Gulshan presented the message in Hindi. The celebration helped us to reflect on our responsibilities as citizens and our commitment to serving the nation. On 17 August, **Fr Vincent Pereppadan** visited the community and shared his experiences of XLRI. His sharing was inspiring and enriching, particularly in the context of formation and professional engagement. On the same day, we were especially happy to welcome **Fr Sunny Jacob**, the JAM Provincial, to our community. His interaction with the novices created a lively atmosphere and strengthened our sense of belonging to the wider Jesuit family. On 22 August, **Fr Rachans** left for Goa to participate in the meeting of Novice Directors. During the month, we also had our monthly recollection, led by **Fr Gracious**. The recollection provided a valuable opportunity for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal.



The celebration of Onam was one of the highlights of the month. The community celebrated the festival with great joy and enthusiasm. A special creative Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr Gracious, followed by traditional *nadankalikal* (games) and a grand *Onamsadhya*. The celebration reminded us of the values of unity, sharing, gratitude, simplicity, and togetherness. In the evening, the community went for an outing, which provided a break from the regular routine and offered an opportunity to relax, enjoy one another's company, and strengthen community bonds.

On 27 August, we began a course on the History of the Society of Jesus in India, conducted by **Fr Sunny Jose**. The course helped the novices to appreciate the history, mission, sacrifices, and contributions of the Jesuits in India, thereby deepening their understanding of and commitment to their vocation. During the month, four religious sisters and a layperson also made their retreat under the guidance of Fr Gracious. Their presence added a prayerful atmosphere to the community. We were happy to welcome them and to accompany them through our prayers during their retreat.

Gracious Stephen

SAMEEKSHA/JEEVIKA/ATMAMITRA, KALADY

During August 2026, Jeevika MWM continued its commitment to accompanying and supporting migrant workers in Kerala. The team visited hospitals to assist migrant patients, including Mr Esrafil SK, who suffered a heart attack, and Jyoti Kusulia, a 13-year-old girl who received free treatment after Jeevika's intervention. Jeevika coordinated the dignified repatriation of Late Mata Malik from Odisha, who died tragically in Kerala. The team also obtained the post-mortem report of Late Prakash Dandasena to support his family's compensation claim. Workplace follow-up visits were conducted, including with Mr Digambara Digal after his recovery. Two Jesuit priests began a month-long exposure to migrant ministry.

Immanuel Koyan

LUMEN-JYOTHIS, KOCHI

The transfer of **Fr Binoy Pichalakattu** to Loyola, Sreekariyam, marked the conclusion of his significant service of twelve years. It was gratefully remembered through a series of meaningful farewell events. On Sunday 23 August more than fifty friends and well-wishers of Ezhuthu magazine gathered in the afternoon and shared their fine sentiments of gratitude to **Fr Binoy Pichalakattu**. **Bishop Jose Puthenveetil** of Faridabad graced the occasion. Many dignitaries and litterateurs spoke in glowing terms the contribution of Fr Binoy and the relevance of our publications. **Fr E. P. Mathew**, the new Director of LIPI was introduced to the guests. On Thursday 27 August the Newman association gathered for the Onam celebration. Mr R. K. Devakaran, a well-known poet spoke on the relevance of Onam celebration and its significance in contemporary context. The new office bearers of the Newman Association took charge and Fr E. P. Mathew will be the new Chaplain of the organization. On August 31 the Lumen community expressed their sentiments of gratitude through a special prayer service followed by a dinner. On 2nd September Fr Binoy offered a thanksgiving mass for the community of faithful who

gather every day for the Eucharist. On 3rd September, Fr Binoy was accompanied to Loyola, Sreekariyam by three of the community members.

E. P. Mathew

SANTHINILAYAM, KUMARANALLOOR

We were happy to have **Fr N. V. Thomas (JPN)** with us during his visit to the community. From 7 to 9 August, KJAF, the Jesuit artist forum, was held here, bringing together artists and participants for three days of sharing and creativity. **Fr Provincial** also visited during these days to meet the participants of the forum. Following the floods in Edathua, members of the Edathua community stayed with us for few days. In the aftermath of the floods, we also opened our doors to a few people from nearby areas who were affected by the floods, offering them a place to stay during those difficult days. On the 22nd, **Sch. Charis Xavier** left for Canada for his theological studies, and we wish him well as he begins this new stage of his journey. The month came to a close with the AICUF Onam camp and celebration, led by **Fr Baby Chalil**. The house was filled with the colours and joy of young people.

Poly Martin

LOYOLA COLLEGE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Loyola College organized the firstever PG Graduation Ceremony at its Educational Theatre on 11 September 2026. The ceremony was inaugurated by the **Honourable Higher Education Minister of Kerala State, Mr Roji M. John** and presided over by **Fr Henry Pattarumadathil**. LES major project, *Dialogical Democracy Initiative* (DDI), conducted its Social Audit after completing the second year of project



operations. DDI coordinators organised a three-day parish youth training programme on the method of Jesus and Pope Francis'. LES is delighted to share a milestone achievement. Under the visionary guidance and leadership of **Fr Ranjit** and Dr Natarajaha, the DDI team has spearheaded a deep, reflective initiative on the future of higher education. By bringing together representatives from Jesuit institutions across South

India over several collaborative phases, this immense effort has culminated in a groundbreaking charter. Unveiled by our Manager, **Fr Sunny Thomas** at Loyola on 25 August, 2026, the charter called *A Covenant of Care and Hope* is already gaining international attention, and we hope its impact continues to ripple onto the global stage. LES conducted two-day training camps for 1300 non-Christian students of Loyola School on 10 and 11 August. Another LES Project, *Constitutional and Democratic Initiative for Social Transformation* (CODE), organised street play on an anti-plastic waste management campaign. Loyola College is all set to host *LUMORA 2026*—Colour of Life, a flagship Intercollegiate Fest—a celebration of talent, creativity, knowledge, culture, and collaboration on 10, 11 and 12 September 2026.

Saji. J

ST XAVIER'S, THUMBA

The first week of August saw the college welcome its new batch of FYUGP (Four-Year Undergraduate Programme) students with a formal orientation and welcome programme organised for the freshers. Independence Day was celebrated on 15 August with the traditional flag-hoisting ceremony, during which **Fr Dominic** hoisted the national flag. The ceremony was organised by the Army and Naval Wings of the NCC. **Fr Ashok** from Vidyaniketan delivered the message of the day, reflecting on the significance of the occasion. During this period, **Fr Biju** spent a week in Indonesia, where he represented the Kerala Province at the World Jesuit Alumni Meeting. Onam festivities were held on campus on 22 August, with customary celebrations and a range of cultural programmes. During the Onam holidays, Frs Biju and Dominic proceeded to Mysore for their annual retreat and returned after the ordination ceremony at Christ hall. The Jesuit community had its own share of Onam celebration on 25 August.

Joel Thomas

VIDYANIKETAN (SICJ), THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

For the first time in the history of Vidyaniketan, non-Jesuit guests were invited to the Founder's Day celebration. The Juniors organised a splendid cultural programme under the guidance of the staff members, while **Fr Jose Thachil** arranged a sumptuous festive meal for all. On the 1 August, the community held an evaluation and festive recreation. During the month, we were privileged to welcome several distinguished visitors. **Fr E. P. Mathew**, the former Provincial, **Fr Vincent Pereppadan**, **Bp Francis Serrao**, Bishop of Mysore, and **Fr P. T. Mathew**, Superior of the Tripura Mission, visited us and enriched us with their presence. On the 8 August, we celebrated the birthdays of our

Schs Joel and **Noha** (KAR). On the same day, the Juniors participated in the speech competition, with **Schs Gabriel** and **Joel** among those selected for the final. The final round was held on the 12 August, in which Sch. Gabriel won the second prize. On the 13 August, **Fr Dominic Palakeel** introduced us to the different dimensions of newspapers. We also had a yoga course conducted by two volunteers from the Isha Foundation. 15 August brought us a triple delight. First, with the whole Church, we commemorated the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Second, as citizens of India, we celebrated the 80th Independence Day. Third, as a



community, we celebrated the birthday of **Fr Anush D'Cunha**, Dean of Studies. We were also delighted to attend the Independence Day ceremony at St Xavier's College, where **Fr Ashok** (AND), Animator of the Juniors, delivered the message. After elaborate preparations, Onam (*Thakirthiyayi*) was celebrated on the 25 August. Fr Jose Thachil celebrated the Onam Mass for the community. **Schs Joel**, **Judson**, **Gabriel**, and **Adrian** (KAR) added to the joy of the day by organising Onam games and presentations on Kerala culture and the Kerala Province. With *Athapookalam*, *Sadhya*, *Dhotis*, presentations, and games, the celebrations concluded with a soothing Malayalam movie.

Gabriel Darlong

AADI, ATTAPPADI

AADI began providing Spoken English training to different schools and colleges. The classes are aimed at improving the communication skills of students, mainly tribal students, and building their confidence. The visitation of our Provincial, **Fr Henry Pattarumadathil**, was a time of grace which strengthened our mission. During his visit, we also held the General Body and Governing Body members' meeting. With the generous support of our friends and benefactors, we were able to distribute study materials to 150 students from 10 hamlets. We also distributed Onam food kits to 50 palliative patients. **Fr P. S. Antony** gave Life Skills training to the



novices at Aluva. He also conducted many motivational classes for 10th and 12th standard students from four schools, an Orientation Programme for parents, and sessions for NSS volunteers from MES College. He was the resource person for the Training Programme held for headmasters of Kollamkode Educational District. AADI celebrated the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola with the AADI family and collaborators with great joy. AADI celebrated International Indigenous Day, in which 49 tribal youths from Gujarat participated. AADI celebrated the Onam festival, in which 160 people participated. The regular meetings and training programmes of ESP were conducted this month, focusing on Good Parenting.

Rephin Kamal

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD

August at Xavier Training Centre was vibrant, busy, and filled with memorable moments. Soon after the Ignatian Feast, the prenovices enjoyed a movie outing, which provided a much-needed dose of entertainment and relaxation. The joy was short-lived, as preparations soon began for the First Term Examinations, which were held from 12 to 14 August. The community then celebrated Independence Day and the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady on 15 August with Holy Mass and a colourful Independence Day programme featuring flag hoisting, a march-past, patriotic songs, and an inspiring Independence Day message. The CMC Sisters from Avila Bhavan joined the community, adding to the joy of the celebration.

The examinations were followed by a Spoken English Course conducted by **Fr Syriac Panjikaran** from 17 to 22 August. It was an enriching opportunity for the pre-novices to enhance their communication skills and confidence. Meanwhile, **Fr Adhul** went to S. M. Farm Jesuit Community for his annual retreat on 16 August and returned on 23 August. The month of August also brought several visitors and friends to Xavier Training Centre. We were happy to welcome **Frs Baby Chalil, George Thenadikulam, Jose Manipadam** and **Augustine Peedikamalayil**, including **Schs Adolf** and **Tomson**, during the various days of this month.

Fr Provincial, Henry Pattarumadathil, accompanied by **Frs Deepak Edattu** and **Jose Pittappillil**, found time to visit us while they were on their way to a meeting in Eachome. Their presence brought



encouragement and warmth to the community. The Onam holidays, beginning on 23 August, were a lively mix of celebration, companionship, and outings. On 26 August, we celebrated Onam with great joy, especially as Fathers and candidates from Sarvodaya joined us, bringing the community together in full strength. Soon after the celebrations, nineteen of us (pre-novices and candidates) went out for lunch and a movie, making it another memorable day of companionship. On 29 August, we travelled to Calicut to participate in the ordination of **Dn Sooraj Sebastian Kuzhimullil**. Witnessing his commitment and joyful step towards priesthood was deeply inspiring and rekindled in us the desire to become faithful Jesuits. The month concluded on a reflective note with a recollection guided by **Fr Jose Jacob**. August thus came to a close with grateful hearts, renewed companionship, and a deeper enthusiasm for the Jesuit journey.

Belfin & Abel

ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY, VELUR

The Arnos Padiri Jubilee Memorial Research Centre will be inaugurated on Monday, 14 September 2026, Monday, at 3.00 p.m. by the Hon. Minister for Higher Education, Kerala, **Shri Roji M. John**. **Archbishop Mar Andrews Thazhath** will grace the occasion with his blessing message. The Vice-Chancellor of Malayalam University, Prof. C. R. Prasad, will deliver the keynote address. **Fr Provincial** will preside over the function. All are invited to this historic event at Arnos Padiri Academy, Velur.

George Thenadikulam

SNEHARAM, ANCHUTHENGHU

Sneharam has been involved in a variety of activities over the past two months. **Fr Varkeychan**, the

Remedial Education Coordinator, held a PTA meeting for the remedial education programme, where **Fr Binu Kaduthalakunnel** addressed the topic of parenting in the modern age. Both parents and teachers actively participated in the discussions. We launched a series of legal awareness programmes titled “*Niyamavedi*,” with the first session focusing on the POCSO Act. We also conducted several meetings regarding Ensuring Social Protection, which included a unit review meeting at Sneharam, a two-day state-level workshop at SRC Christ Hall, and a national zonal-level meeting at Navajyothis in Eranjipalam, Kozhikode. We are addressing issues related to Muthalapozhy, especially concerning recent accidents that resulted in the deaths of two individuals, while one person’s body is still missing. We are nearing completion of surveys regarding the situations of the families affected by the Muthalapozhy accidents. Our regular community leaders’ training programmes are ongoing, complemented by various field visits that enable us to participate in official meetings, such as those held by CWPRS. We celebrated *Onam* with a grand event for the remedial education children, ESP community leaders, and neighbours, which attracted nearly 100 participants. The celebration included games, *Thiruvathira*, and an *Onasadhya* for everyone. Furthermore, we organized a special *Onam* celebration for senior citizens that saw about 25 elders enjoying the games and the *Onasadhya*. Two batches of first-year MSW students from National College also visited Sneharam as part of their coursework. Fr Binu Kaduthalakunnel presented two research papers at a two-day multidisciplinary national-level seminar hosted by the Department of Management Studies at Periyar University, Salem. The papers were titled:

1. “*Influence of Leadership on Institutional Quality: A Study of Jesuit Leadership*”
2. “*The Role of Leadership in Marketing Religion: A Comparative Study of Jainism and Catholicism*”

The first paper has already been published in IMDR, a peer-reviewed journal at Kerala University, while the second article is expected to be published in a peer-reviewed research journal at Periyar University. The seminar, sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi, focused on Indian Knowledge Systems in Trade and Commerce and was held on August 10th and 11th, 2026.

Shin Kallungal

ASHA KIRAN, MANGALURU

In June, we all returned to Asha Kiran. We participated in orientation programmes focusing on psycho-sexual integrity, digital well-being, and safeguarding, and were greatly enriched by the talks. We resumed our academic life with the reopening of our university. On 21 June, we

attended Mass at our university to celebrate the feast day of St Aloysius Gonzaga, the patron of our institute. July was marked by various activities and serious academic engagement. We held a novena in honour of our founder, St Ignatius. As part of the celebrations, we organised games among the Mangalorean Jesuit communities, and the feast day itself was marked by a joyful gathering of all the local Jesuit communities. On 2 August, **Fr Dionysius Vaz**, the Provincial of Karnataka, visited our community. 15 August brought great joy as Fr Provincial officially inaugurated the silver jubilee year of Asha Kiran with the Holy Eucharist, which we will formally celebrate next January. As part of our Jubilee programme, many plans are currently underway. On 23 June, Fr Rachans Lukose paid a short visit to our community. We also celebrated *Onam* on the 27th, which brought joy and a sense of togetherness to our community. Over the last two weeks, we have been writing our mid-semester examinations.

Dilan Davis

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic spirit, beginning with the Holy Eucharist presided over by **Fr Jerome Cutinha**, Rector of De Nobili College. **Fr Boniface Panna**, Superior of the Philosophers, hoisted the national flag, while **Sch. James Eldos (DUM)** delivered the Independence Day message, making it a meaningful occasion of gratitude, patriotism, and reflection. Another significant moment of the month was the solemn celebration of the Final Vows of **Fr Clement J. Santhanam**, (MDU) on the feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Eucharist was presided over by **Fr Jerome Stanislaus D’Souza**, (POSA). The occasion marked an important milestone in Fr Clement’s Jesuit journey and was celebrated with joy and gratitude by the community. **Sch. Bijoy** secured second place in the Short Story Competition conducted by Jnana Deepa, bringing recognition to his literary talent and creativity.

Praveen Babu

VIDYAJYOTHI, DELHI

August was a month filled with celebrations, memorable experiences, and examinations. We were also blessed with some rain, bringing a refreshing change to our days. One of the highlights was the college debate on “*Should the Church Be Politically Active in Promoting Peace and Justice?*” It was an engaging discussion that helped us reflect on the Church’s role in society. On Thiruvonam, we had a short but joyful *Onam* celebration in the college. Together with the students from Kerala, we prepared a beautiful *pookalam*, enjoyed *sudhrikupottuthodal*, and performed *Thiruvathira*, bringing a little taste of Kerala

to the campus. The first-year students went for Delhi Darshan, which helped us discover that Delhi is not only crowded, untidy, and polluted but also beautiful, historical, and culturally rich. We were also happy to meet **Fr Peter Muluparambil** during his visit to the Delhi Province as Revisor of the Province. The month finally concluded with the starting of our mid-term examinations, making August a beautiful combination of celebration, friendship, learning, and reflection.

David Mathew

OURS IN MEDIA

Fr Midhun J. Francis Kochukallan Vila "The Assumption as Epistemological Witness: Mary's Questioning Faith and the Crisis of Truth in Contemporary India." *Light of Truth*, 16–31 Aug. 2026, pp. 13, 15

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Br Sadhu Shilanand (PAT), 86/67
on 06.08.2026 at Patna

Fr Giles Goluckmu (DAN), 86/60
on 23.08.2026, at Matigara

Fr Puthiadam Ignatius (MDU), 96/78
on 03.09.2026



Mr M. J. John Mankootathil (90), the maternal uncle of Fr Devassy Paul Ponthempilly on 16.08.2026

MrsThresiyamma Scaria (86), elder sister of Fr Mathew Aerthayil on 27.08.2026

Mr Joseph Kunnathoor (96), paternal uncle of Fr Joe Mathew Kunnathoor o 02.09.2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

06 Sunny Kunnappallil

08 Dileep Joseph Adacherry Pawath

15 Biju Joy Ottakkunnel

16 Vysakh Titus

19 Jacob Madukakuzhy

20 George Mutholil

20 Augustine Peedikamalayil



23 Midhun J. F. Kochukallan Vila

OCTOBER

01 Babu Paul Kurisinkal

01 Gabriel Darlong

02 Rosan Roy Periakottil

04 Varghese Malpan

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

SEPTEMBER

05 (1995) Aloysius Del Zotto

07 (2002) Joseph Kannampuzha

13 (1986) Thomas Thundiyl

13 (2011) Varghese Nedungatt

15 (2020) James Thottakath

20 (2017) Jacob Karthanam

22 (1988) Bishop Aldo Patroni

25 (1992) Augustine Erattamakil

30 (2020) Joseph Thayil



Pope's Intention Sept 2026



For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
INDIA



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