

**DIOCESE OF SALEM**

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>PROGRAMME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
01	Easter Mass	Settipatti	08.30 a.m.
02	TNBC Secretariat, Text study on MOU	Chennai	
04	RIP Mass for Fr. Devakumar SAC	Steelplant	06.15 p.m.
05	Silver Jubilee, Assisi Middle School	Karumandurai	06.00 p.m.
06	Paschal Play	Idappadi	
07	Paschal Play	Kakkaveri	07.30 p.m.
08	Feast Mass	Idappadi	05.00 a.m.
12	Silver Jubilee Mass	Guntur	
13-15	Pastoral visit	Paramathi	
14	SC/ST Commission Meeting	Epiphany Center	09.30 a.m.
15	Youth Motivation Seminar, Loyola College	Mettala	03.00 p.m.
17	Blessing of New Presbytery	Namagiripettai	06.00 p.m.
19-22	Pastoral visit	Pallipalayam	
25	Seva Missionaries Final Profession	Manali	
26	Meeting Boys in Vocation Camp	St. Xavier's Seminary	09.30 a.m.
<b>26</b>	<b>Sacerdotal Ordination- Salem Diocese</b>	<b>Arisipalayam</b>	<b>06.00 p.m.</b>
28	Madha TV Office	Chennai	
29	Regional Laity Commission Meeting	Epiphany Center	

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – APRIL - 2018****01 EASTER SUNDAY****02-07 EASTER OCTAVE****08 II SUNDAY OF EASTER- Divine Mercy Sunday.**

**SPECIAL COLLECITON FOR ST.PETER THE APOSTLE SOCIETY, ROME.**

09 **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY**

**THE EASTER SEASON**

11 St. Stanislaus Bp., Memory

13 **St. Martin I, Memory**

15 **III SUNDAY OF EASTER**

21 **St. Anselm. Bp., Memory**

22 **IV SUNDAY OF EASTER**

23 **St. George & St. Adalbert, Bp., Memory**

24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Memory

25 **St. Mark the Evangelist, Feast**

28 St. Peter Chanal Pt., M. St. Louis Mary de Monfort, Memory

29 **V SUNDAY OF EASTER**

30 St. Pius V, PP., Memory

**FROM BISHOP'S DESK – APRIL - 2018**

- 1. I wish all the Clergy, Religious and Laity of our Diocese a BLESSED EASTER! I wish all a Happy and Fruitful Paschal Season.** I exhort all the priests in the parishes to undertake pastoral visit and Blessing of the families during the Paschal Season.
- 2. Easter Blessing of all the Houses in the Parish is an obligation to the Pastors and a grace to the People.** I ask all the Pastors to take up visiting and blessing of all the Catholic families in the parish during the Paschal Season. **This is also occasion to update the details in the *Status Animarum* and the Family Cards / Books of the parish.**
- 3. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER. THE SPECIAL COLLECTION for the PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE, Rome, in support of the formation of future priests in seminaries all over the world, is fixed for the Second Sunday of Easter. This year the Second Sunday of Easter falls on 08.04.2018.** May I request all the Parish Priests to inform the people of this collection and ask the people to contribute for the formation of future priests for the Catholic Church. **The collection taken on this day is to be remitted to the diocesan Procurator immediately for onward transmission to Rome.**
- 4. May I remind you to remit the GOOD FRIDAY - SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LANDS** to the Diocesan Procurator for onward transmission to Rome.

5. May I remind all Parish Priests to **remit the Hunger and Disease Sunday Collection** to the Director, Salem Social Service Society as early as possible and help him forward the specified collection to *Caritas India*, New Delhi.
6. **VOCATION CAMP FOR SALEM DIOCESE will be conducted on 25- 26 April, 2018 Wednesday & Thursday at St. Xavier's Minor Seminary, Salem.** Please send to the Vocation Camp students who are interested in becoming priests, those who have completed X, XI & XII Standards or any Degree Course. Boarding and lodging will be provided free for those who attend the Vocation Camp. It will be useful if you could inform Rev. Fr. Michaelraj Selvam, the Rector of the Minor Seminary, possible number of those who may attend the camp from your parish.
7. **I appeal to all the Parish Priests and priests in various Institutions to take up Vocation Drive for Salem Diocese** as we need many seminarian and priests for our diocese in the near future. Each priest should keep in mind to **recruit one or two good candidates for our diocese every year** from our parishes and institutions.
8. **The Fifty-fifth World Day of Prayer for Vocations (VOCATION SUNDAY)** will be celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, on 22.04.2018 this year. I urge all the Pastors to motivate our people in their duty of Vocation Promotion for Priesthood and Religious Life. It is an occasion to arrange various celebrations, including cultural programmes, on the theme of Vocation involving children. **The Message of the Holy Father for the The Fifty-fifth World Day of Prayer for Vocations is given at the end of this newsletter.**
9. **Celebration of Confirmation** may be arranged in the parishes during April & May 2018. Even a small group of children can be prepared for Confirmation, instead of waiting for several years to have a bigger group. The parish priests are asked to book your dates early with the Bishop or with the Vicar General.
10. **Annual Accounts of Salem Diocese Society** are closed on 31.03.2018. All Parish Priests, Heads of Diocesan Institutions and all those who are doing any Project through the Diocese are requested to bring to the Diocesan Procurator the accounts with relevant bills and copies of Bank Pass books in the first week of April for auditing. Please act quickly on this.
11. **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** is a very useful programme during the summer holidays to bring the Word of God close to our children. I exhort all parish priests to organize VBS during summer holidays. **For necessary material, syllabus and training of animators for VBS, please contact Fr. Stanly Kumar or former Catechist Mariasusai, Bishop's House, Salem.**
12. **To the kind attention of the Heads of Catholic Educational Institutions.** Admission of all the Catholic children in Catholic Schools is the policy of the CBCI and National CRI. It is important all the Catholic Educational Institutions come forward to execute this policy. May I remind all the Heads of Catholic Schools in Salem diocese to **admit all the Catholic children who seek admission in Catholic Schools, run by the Diocese or by Religious Congregations, even relaxing some of the requirements** fixed for other students in the admission process. **Priority should be given to Catholic Students in the selection of groups of study** and in hostel / boarding facilities if available. **If any serious difficulty arises to get the Catholic children admitted in Catholic schools, the matter may be referred to the special committee, headed by our Vicar General, to look into these matters.**

13. **May I appeal to all Priests, Religious, Institutions, Government and other Employees to contribute for the SALEM DIOCESAN EDUCATION FUND for Poor Children.** The fund collected is managed by the Diocesan Education Fund Committee, which includes members from the Clergy, Religious and Lay people. The details of the disbursement of education help will be given every year in the diocesan Newsletter in July. Please send your collections in cash or by cheque to Fr. Procurator, Bishop's house, P.O. Box 703, Court Road, Maravaneri, Salem – 636007.
14. **There will be NO Clergy Monthly Recollection in April and May 2018.** The next Clergy Monthly Recollection in the Bishop's House, Salem, will be on 04.06.2018, Monday
15. **The admission details for St. Paul's Hr. Sec. School and St. Theresa's Home for Children, Salem,** is given later in this newsletter. Kindly see that all Catholic children, who want to be admitted into our boarding house, get there in time. Non-Catholic boys may be recommended to the Hostel in the same campus.
16. **The admission details for St. Xavier's Seminary Hostel, Salem,** is given later in this newsletter. Kindly see that all Catholic children, who want to be admitted there, make it in time.
17. **These days the number of incidents are on the increase** regarding the disturbances and damages to the Churches and other Christian bodies in our country. Let us be watchful and act diligently. The *Kirithavar Vazhvuriamai Iyakkam* in the parish or in the Vicariate level can take up such issues to **bring awareness among our people and to register our concern to the Government authorities.**
18. **The Holy Father Pope Francis has decreed the Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church to be celebrated on the Monday after the Solemnity of the Pentecost.** The Text is given later in this newsletter. Please inform our people about it. On 21.05.2018 the Memory of **Mary Mother of the Church** will have to be celebrated throughout the Church. Kindly to it.
19. **The Procedure regarding the Registration of candidates seeking teachers' appointment in our Diocesan schools** is given later in this Newsletter. I earnestly request all the Parish Priests and Heads of Salem Diocesan Schools to bring this information to the knowledge of all the Catholics in our parishes and Institutions.
20. **Mr. Thomas, aged 81, Father of Fr. T. Manickam, Headmaster St. Paul's Hr. Sec. School Salem -7, passed away to his heavenly reward on 15.03.2018.** Her funeral took place at Gangavalli. We assure our prayers for the repose of the deceased and for the wellbeing of his family members. R.I.P.
21. **Mr. O.J. Thomas aged 72, Father of Fr. Joseph, VC of Pungavadi, passed away to his heavenly reward on 27.02.2018.** Her funeral took place at Parambuzha Kottayam . We assure our prayers for the repose of the deceased and for the wellbeing of his family members. R.I.P.

Bishop S. Singaroyan

### **SALEM DIOCESAN VOCATION CAMP**

This year the vocation camp for Salem Diocese will be held in St. Francis Xavier Minor Seminary, Salem, on **25 & 26 April 2018**. It starts from 09.00 a.m. on 25<sup>th</sup>. It ends at 4:00 p.m. on 26.04.2018. Kindly encourage and send good students from good Catholic families who have completed 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standards and those who have completed college studies.

Fr. D. Michaelraj Selvam, Rector. St.Francis Xavier Minor Seminary

**ADMISSION TO ST. PAUL'S HR. SEC. SCHOOL &  
ST. THERESA'S HOME FOR BOYS &  
CARDINAL KROL HOSTEL – 2018-2019:**

Admission to St. Theresa's Home for Boys, Cardinal Krol Hostel & St. Paul's Hr. Sec. School, Maravanery, Salem, will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April & 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 (Monday, Tuesday) for classes VI, VII, VIII, IX & XI in both English and Tamil Medium.

All students who want to join the Boarding, Hostel and St. Paul's Hr. Sec. School are asked to come in person to the school on the above dates. Those who seek admission should bring Xerox copies of the following documents:

- Birth certificate - 6 copies
- Aadhar Card - 6 copies
- Family ration card - 6 copies
- Voter ID card of parents - 6 copies
- Passport size photo - 12 Nos (Recent Photo)
- EMIS number & Bank Pass book of Student

Rev. Fr. Thomas Manickam, H.M., St. Paul's H.S.S.

**ADMISSION TO ST. JOHN'S M.H.S.S. & HOSTEL, SALEM**

**Admissions to St. John's Matriculation School and Hostel for Boys, Alagapuram, Salem, will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>** for all Classes except X & XII. For standard XI it will be the day after the publication of the X std. Results. **Boys who want to study in St. John's National Academy (CBSE) can be admitted to St. John's Hostel.**

Rev. Fr. M. Solomonraj, Principal St. Johns Matric Higher Secondary School

**FR. DEVA KUMAR ARULANANTHAM  
HAS GONE TO HIS ETERNAL REWARD**

<b>Born on</b>	<b>: 16.01.1962</b>
<b>Ordained on</b>	<b>: 15.05.1989</b>
<b>Parish Priest</b>	<b>: Steel Plant 2015 -2018</b>
<b>Expired on</b>	<b>: 24.02.2018</b>
<b>Funeral</b>	<b>: 27.02.2018 - Bangalore</b>



**MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!**

**NATIONAL DAYS OF COMMEMORATION**

Prevention of Blindness Week 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April

World Health Day 7<sup>th</sup> April

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre 13<sup>th</sup> April

Ambedkar Jayanti 14<sup>th</sup> April

World Hemophilia Day 17<sup>th</sup> April

World Earth Day 22<sup>nd</sup> April

World Book Day 23<sup>rd</sup> April

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MANAGER OF DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

To the kind attention of all the Priests and People of Salem Diocese!

Following certain clarifications made at the meeting of the Education Council of Salem Diocese Society, held on 27.02.2018, I would like to bring to the notice of all priests and people of Salem diocese, the following procedure regarding the registration of the eligible candidates for appointment as teachers in the Schools run by Salem Diocese Society:

1. Any Catholic Christian, **having canonical domicile in Salem diocese** (more than six months of stay in any parish with the intention of living there for longer period of time and with the family registered in the parish records) and having required educational qualifications, **may apply to register his / her name in the Office of the Manager of Salem Diocesan Schools** for eventual appointment in the Aided Schools run by Salem Diocese Society, **in the proper application form and with the recommendation of his / her Parish Priest**, along with the certified copies of the relevant certificates called for in the application. The candidates will be **registered according to their qualifying subjects**, each subject having its own seniority list.
2. There is a **separate Registration for Non-Teaching staff** according to their qualifications.
3. When a person is qualified in more than one subject, without cross-major, **he /she can register in more than one seniority lists according to his / her subjects** and qualifications.
4. At the moment of the submission of the application for registration, it is the **duty of the Manager of School**, to verify the veracity of the certificates and **assess**, along with his team, with suited means, **the suitability of the candidate** (personal, physical, intellectual and moral) **for appointment as teacher in any of the schools of Salem Diocese**.
5. **Those who are already working in the Matriculation / CBSE Schools run by Salem Diocese, are welcome to register** to be appointed in the Aided posts in Aided schools of the diocese, when needed, in a special Registration list, called **Matriculation Registration list**.
6. **The registration in the office of the Manager of Schools to be appointed as teachers, has to be compulsorily RENEWED by each candidate in the month of January every year without fail. If a candidate fails to renew his / her registration annually within the month of January, his / her registration will be automatically removed from the seniority lists.** Those who have been on registration for several years, if they fail to renew in stipulated time for the current year, they will be removed from the Registration lists. Those who have been removed from the Registration, if they wish, **they may be registered as fresh candidates**, in the respective subject seniority lists, following the process of a new registration.
7. The candidates are requested **to update their communication details (address, Cellphone number, email ID etc.)** at the time of their annual Renewal of their registration in the office of the Manager of Diocesan Schools. The Manager of Schools will not be responsible if he is not able to contact the candidate for lack of correct communication details.
8. **The candidates registered in the Office of the Manager of Diocesan Schools will be usually called for to be appointed in the Unaided Management posts in various Aided schools of the diocese**, according to the need and according to the subject and other qualifications required. Such appointment is called **Management Salary Posts (MSP)**.

Subjectwise seniority list of all those teachers working in MSP in our diocesan schools is maintained in the Office of the manager of Schools. This is called **MSP seniority list**.

9. **For all those who are appointed in the MSP posts in any of our schools, the Headmaster and the Correspondent of the concerned school will send to the Manager of Diocesan Schools, at the end every year, a written evaluation report of their performances**, so as to assess their suitability to be appointed eventually in the Aided Posts in our diocesan schools, when a need arises. **If the report of a candidate is repeatedly found not satisfactory** in his teaching capacity and suitability to work as teacher in our management, **the candidate will be relieved from his teaching assignment and his / her registration will be cancelled**, with information to the Parish Priest concerned. Subsequently if the candidate improves his / her qualities required for a teacher, he / she may register as fresh candidate in our management.
10. **When a vacancy arises in the Aided post** in any of the schools of Salem diocese, **the first choice will be for the senior most person, who has put in longest uninterrupted service in the schools of the Diocese of Salem in the Unaided MSP posts according the subjects and qualification**, and having a **satisfactory evaluation report** in preceding years.
11. In such instance of appointment the **Manager of Schools will contact the candidate directly with the communication details given in the application form** and notify the place of appointment with the date and time of his / her joining duty. The Manager will also inform the concerned Parish Priest about this call for appointment. **If a candidate is not willing or not able to accept the appointment, for whatever reason, the Parish Priest concerned will be notified by the Manager of the same and his / her registration from all seniority lists in the manager's office will then be removed.**
12. If no person with required qualification is available for appointment in the MSP seniority list, **the next choice will be for the senior most in the Matriculation Registration list according to the subject and other requirements.**
13. If no person is available or no one comes forward from the Matriculation Registration list, **the next choice will be to select the candidate from the General Registration list according to his / her uninterrupted seniority of registration.**
14. **If any person, from any of the above registered seniority lists, is not willing to come for the assignment offered in the prescribed time, for whatever reason, the Parish Priest concerned will be notified by the Manager of the same.** In such cases, **the registration of the concerned candidate will be cancelled in the concerned Registration list, with information to the Parish Priest concerned.** If the candidate wishes, he / she may be **registered as fresh candidate**, with due process for new registration.
15. For those who are registered in the General Registration list, whom the Management of Salem Diocese sends for any teaching service in any of its school, Matriculation or otherwise, their registration in General Seniority list will continue.
16. All appointments are subject to the Rules and Regulation of the Education Department of the Government and subject also to the Rules of the Religious Minority Institutions and its privileges and according to the established Rules and Regulations for the Administration of Educational Institutions of Salem Diocese.

17. Those who are registered in the Office of the Manager of Diocesan Schools, when they are employed permanently elsewhere, he or she should intimate the same to the Manager of Diocesan Schools, so that his / her name may be removed from the registration list.

Rev. Fr. T. John Kennedy, Manager of Diocesan Schools.

## பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழு

(1) 2018-2020 ஆண்டிற்கான அஞ்சல் வழி இறையியல் கல்வி தமிழ்நாடு பொதுநிலையினர் பணிக்குழு மையத்தினரால் தொடங்கப்பட உள்ளது. இவ்வஞ்சல் வழி கல்வி மூலம் அருட்சகோதரிகள், பங்குப் பேரவையினர், அன்பிய பொறுப்பாளர்கள், பங்குப் பணியில் ஆர்வமுள்ளவர்கள் சேர்ந்து பயன் பெறலாம். அதற்கான சேர்க்கை படிவம் பங்குத் தந்தையர்களுக்கு அனுப்பி வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.



(2) தமிழக பொது நிலையினருக்கான மண்டல ஒரு நாள் கருத்தரங்கு 29-04-2018 ஞாயிறு அன்று சேலம், மூவேந்தர் அரங்கில் நடைபெற உள்ளது. ஒவ்வொரு பங்கிலிருந்தும் பங்குப் பேரவையினர், அன்பிய பொறுப்பாளர்கள், பக்தசபையினர் தவறாது கலந்துக்கொண்டு பயன் பெறலாம்.

## அன்பிய பணிக்குழு

**ஆண்டிப்பட்டி பங்கு:** 04-03-2018 அன்று களப்பணியாளர்கள் வேதியர். ஜூலியஸ் மற்றும் அருள் ராஜ் ஆண்டிப்பட்டி பங்கிற்கு சென்று அங்குள்ள அன்பிய குடும்பங்களை சந்தித்து அன்பியத்தின் அவசியத்தையும், அதன் சிறப்பையும் எடுத்துரைத்தனர். குறிப்பாக ஒரே கத்தோலிக்க திருஅவையின் மாண்பையும் மகத்துவத்தையும் அதன் பெருமையையும் எடுத்துரைத்து தொடர்ந்து அன்பியங்கள் நடத்திவரும், வழிகாட்டிகள் மற்றும் பொறுப்பாளர்களின் பணிகள் குறித்தும் விளக்கி ஆலோசனைகள் வழங்கினர்.

**மோரூர் பங்கு:** 03-03-2018 அன்பிய இயக்குநர் மோரூர் பங்கிற்கு சென்று அன்பிய மக்களுக்கு திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றி தவக்கால தியான உரை வழங்கினார்.

களப்பணியாளர்கள் பயிற்சிக் கூட்டம்: 04.03.2018 அன்பிய களப்பணியாளர்கள் பயிற்சிக் கூட்டம் புனித சவேரியார் ஆலயத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் அன்பிய களப்பணியாளர்கள் 14 பேர் மற்றும் புதிய களப்பணியாளர்கள் 3 பேர் கலந்துக்கொண்டனர். அன்பியங்களில் இறைமக்களை பங்கேற்க வைப்பது குறித்தும் அன்பியக் கூட்டங்களை தொய்வுறாமல் நடத்துவது குறித்தும் கலந்துரையாடி தங்கள் அனுபவங்களையும், திருப்பலி புத்தகத்தில் உள்ள மாற்றங்களை அன்பிய கூட்டங்களில் எடுத்துக்காட்டி பயிற்சி கொடுத்துள்ளதையும் பகிர்ந்துக்கொண்டனர். பிறகு அன்பியக் கூட்டம் நடத்திக் காண்பிக்கப்பட்டு பயிற்சிகள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டன.



**அடுத்த களப்பணியாளர்கள் கூட்டம் 08-04-2018 அன்று சின்னக்கொல்லப்பட்டி பங்கில் நடைபெறும்**

**சூரமங்கலம் பங்கு:** 18-03-2018 ஞாயிறு அன்று அன்பிய இயக்குநர் தந்தை அருட்பணி. மரிய ஜோசப் ராஜ் சூரமங்கலம் பங்கிற்கு சென்று அன்பிய பொறுப்பாளர்களுக்கு தவக்கால சிறப்பு திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றி தொண்டு செய்வதன் அவசியத்தையும், பொறுப்பாளர்களின் முக்கியமான அன்பிய பணிகளையும் எடுத்துரைத்து நம்பிக்கையில் வளரவும் நற்செயல்கள் செய்திவரும் உற்சாகப்படுத்தினார். இத்திருப்பலியிலும் கருத்துப்பகிர்விலும் 52-பேர் கலந்துக்கொண்டனர்.



**மறைக்கல்வி பணிக்குழு:** 9,10,11மற்றும் 12-ஆம் பகுப்பு பயிலும் மாணவ மாணவியருக்கான வாய்மொழித் தேர்வு நடைபெற்றது. இயக்குநர் அருட்பணி மரிய ஜோசப் ராஜ், வேதியர்கள் அருள்ராஜ், ஜூலியஸ் சீசர், அருட்சகோதரிகள் .மேரி, ஆக்னஸ் ஆகியோர் தேர்வாளர்களாக சென்று



தேர்வு நடத்தினர். மாணவ மாணவியர் மிகுந்த ஆர்வத்துடன் பங்கேற்றனர்.

வ. எண்	தேதி	பள்ளியின் பெயர்	இடம்	மாணவ-மாணவியர்
1	22-02-18	தூய மரியன்னை மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி	அரிசிப்பாளையம்	113பேர்
2	23-02-18	தூய இருதய ஆண்டவர் மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி	ராசிபுரம்	45 பேர்

**ஆண்டிப்பட்டி பங்கு:** 04-03-2018 அன்று ஆண்டிப்பட்டி பங்கிலுள்ள ஞாயிறு மறைக்கல்வி மாணவ மாணவியர் 13 பேரையும் மறைக்கல்வி ஆசிரியர் ஒருவரையும் வேதியர் ஜூலியஸ் சீசர் சந்தித்து மறைக்கல்வியின் அவசியத்தை விவிலிய கதைகள் மூலமாகவும் மற்றும் விவிலிய விளையாட்டுக்கள் மூலமாகவும் எடுத்துரைத்து தவறாமல் தொடர்ந்து கலந்துக்கொள்ளவும் உற்சாகப்படுத்தினார்.

**சூரமங்கலம் பங்கு:** 18-03-2018 அன்று சூரமங்கலம் பங்கிலுள்ள ஞாயிறு மறைக்கல்வி மாணவ மாணவியர் 75 பேரையும் மறைக்கல்வி ஆசிரியர்கள் 3 பேரையும் வேதியர் ஜூலியஸ் சீசர், சந்தித்தார். அவர்களின் சிறப்பான பங்கேற்பை பாராட்டினார். மறைக்கல்வி சிறார்கள் சிலுவைப்பாதை படங்களுக்கு வண்ணம் தீட்டியிருந்தது சிறப்பாக இருந்தது. மேலும் மறைக்கல்வியின் அவசியத்தை எடுத்துரைத்து தவறாமல் தொடர்ந்து கலந்துக்கொள்ள உற்சாகப்படுத்தினார். அவர்களிடம் கலந்துரையாடி இறைமகன் இயேசுவின் உறவில் நம்பிக்கையுடன் வளர அவர்களின் தூய வாழ்விற்கான வழிகளை எளிய முறையில் எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

**ஆலயப்பணியாளர்களுக்கான சிறப்புத்தவக்கால தியானம்:** 21-03-2018 புதன் அன்று வேதியர் மற்றும் கோவில் பிள்ளைகளுக்கான ஒருநாள் தவக்கால தியானம் புனித சவேரியார் ஆலயத்தில் இயக்குநர் அருட்பணி மரிய ஜோஸப் ராஜ், அவர்கள் தலைமையில் நடைபெற்றது. அருட்சகோதரி நிர்மலா (குளுனி சபை) அவர்கள் வேதியர்களின் அழைப்பு பணிகள், துன்பங்கள் வழியாக தூய்மையடைவது பற்றி தியான உரை வழங்கினார். நமது ஆயர் மேதகு.சிங்கராயன் அவர்கள் திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றி இறைவன்மீது உண்மையான எதிர் நோக்குடன் உறுதியான நம்பிக்கையில் வளர்ந்து பணியாற்ற வேண்டும் என மறையுரை வழி தியான உரை கொடுத்து சிறப்பு ஆசீர் வழங்கினார். இத்தியானத்தில் 38 பேர் கலந்துக்கொண்டு பயனடைந்தனர்.



**FAMILY COMMISSION:** Marriage preparation course was held on 10-03-2018 & 11-03-2018 ( 2 days) by Rev.Fr. Maria joseph Raj at Marthall Illam. Around 87 male and female youth participated in the seminar. Sunday afternoon Parents of all the participants attended the special session. Parents eagerly participated and understood the value of this session. The program came to a close with a special prayer and the distribution of Certificates to the participants.



**There will be No Marriage preparation course in the month of April 2018**

**The next Marriage preparation course will be in – May 2018**

Place	: Marthal Illam, Epiphany Centre, Salem –9
Day	: 12 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday) and 13 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday) of May 2018.
Time	: From 08.30 a.m. to 05.30 p.m.
Reg Fee	: 300-/- (Registration, Certificate and Lunch for two days)

**Note :** 1. Participants must come with parish priest's letter and register their name in time.

8.30 am - 9.00 Registration

9.00 am class begins.

Late comers are not allowed to attend this course.

2. Parents must attend the seminar on 13-05-2018 Sunday from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm.

Rev.Fr. Maria Joseph Raj- Secretary – Catechetical, Laity, Anpnam, Family Commission & Christian Right Movement.

## **EPIPHANY PASTORAL CENTRE**

**Marivalam:** On 10/03/2018 special Marivalam was held at Epiphany Pastoral centre for all those students who are writing Public Examinations. The Marivalam Procession started singing 'AVE MARIA' from Infant Jesus Cathedral to Epiphany Centre. As the students were carrying the chariot, more than five hundred faithful, Religious stepped forward chanting the Holy Rosary. Rev. Fr. Immanuel Marian, Secretary of Madha TV, Shivagangai Diocese celebrated Holy Mass followed by healing service and special blessings for the students, parents and children were imparted



**CHARISMATIC COMMISSION:** "A single day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere" (Ps 84:10) The regular monthly programme like full night prayer on 10/03/2018 and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer on 18/03/2018 were conducted at Epiphany Pastoral Centre by the Salem Charismatic team along with a good number of youth and adults from neighboring parishes.



The Salem Charismatic team members and Rev. Fr. Gopi Emmanuel led a special Lenten Prayer in the following places:

- ❖ 03/03/2018 Vadavalli – Coimbatore,
- ❖ 11/03/2018 Attur & Solaciramani,
- ❖ 18/03/2018 Steelplant, Paramathi and Elachipalayam,
- ❖ 25/03/2018 Nagalur.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** On 04/03/2018 one day youth retreat was conducted by Rev. Fr. Gopi Emmanuel, the Youth Director of Salem, at Vadavalli, Coimbatore. About 80 boys and girls participated and shared their experiences. They all got more information and needful awareness to shine in the society. On 05/03/2018 and 13/03/2018 there was a preparation meeting for Diocesan youth programme at Loyola College. Rev. Fr. Gopi Emmanuel the Youth Director of Salem Diocese and Rev. Fr. D. A. Francis VF, Namakkal attended the meeting.



**SENIOR CITIZEN ORGANIZATION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of March 2018 the Senior Citizens gathered together from various Parishes of Salem Diocese at Epiphany Centre and conducted a special Lenten intercessory prayer, praise and worship and adoration followed by action plan meeting like visiting the sick and counselling the needy.



**COMMUNICATION COMMISSION:** Rev. Fr. Gopi Emmanuel co-ordinating along with Epiphany Kalaikuzhu team organized a Sound and Light 'Way of Cross' programme as a Lenten Mission to reach out the Values of our Christian way of living in present society as follows:-

- 02/03/2018 - Vadavalli – Coimbatore
- 09/03/2018 - Steel Plant
- 16/03/2018 - Mettur



23/03/2018 - Kakkaveri

On 11/03/2018 there was a Passion Play Drama programme by Moovender Kalai Kuzhu at Nedugampattu, Pondicherry Diocese. More than 2000 people viewed the play and benefitted.

The Salem Madha TV team shoot Holy Mass and Lenten Special programme at Epiphany Centre and telecasted.

- ❖ 05.03.2018 Lenten special shot at Epiphany Center
- ❖ 07.03.2018 Mass shoot at Thirumanur
- ❖ 10.03.2018 Illathil Eriyatchi at Suramangalam
- ❖ 14.03.2018 Mass shoot at Rasipuram
- ❖ 19.03.2018 Illathil Eriyatchi at Udayapatty

#### FORTH COMING EVENTS IN APRIL - 2018

Date	Event	Place
01.04.2018	Sound and Light	Mettur
03.04.2018	Sound and Light	Idappadi
07.04.2018	Cultural programme	Idappadi
10 -13.04.2018	Sound and Light	B.Pallipatti
14.04.2018	Marivalam and Night Prayer	Epiphany Center
22.04.2018	Diocese Youth Programme	Mettala
25.04.2018	Sound and Light	Sanniyasigundu
28.04.2018	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday prayer	Epiphany Center

Rev. Fr. Gopi Emmanuel, Director, Epiphany Pastoral Centre.

#### SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

**MANOS UNIDAS:** Team from Manos Unidas visited Salem Diocese on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018. They visited Target blocks of Manos Unidas – Panamarthupatti and Omalur. First they visited Panamarthupatti Block. Nearly 300 Beneficiaries of the project were assembled at Kuralnatham Village. A meeting was arranged with the team. Rev. Fr. Rajamanickam welcomed the team with garlanding. Fr. Selvam Francis Xavier explained about the activities carried in that area. Mrs. Dorathy and Mrs. Christina shared their experiences in Manos Project and how it helps people in their livelihood. The team visited the exhibition displayed by the beneficiaries of the project. They interacted with the beneficiaries and got clarification about their living after the intervention of the manos project.



Then the team moved to R.C. Settipatti, Omalur block. The team made house visits and interacted with individual beneficiaries. The beneficiaries explain about how the project helps in overcoming the hurdles and how it helps to start a business. They also explained about the development they attained after the intervention of the project. The team visited beneficiaries of different trade like petty shop, powerlooms, vegetable shops, mini hotel and goat rearing. The Manos team was very

happy to see the success of the project.

**KOLPING INDIA:** Mrs. Dorathy, Kolping Coordinator and Mrs. Christina participated in the workshop on NGO IDEAS conducted at KKID, Coimbatore from 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Mrs. Dorathy and Mr. David visited Sechanchavadi and Belur. They sensitize parishioners on Kolping India Programme and benefits of Kolping Group. Notice on how to start a Kolping group was distributed to all parishioners.





**NEW THRUST (NT):** SSSS organized Staff Skill Assessment Workshop on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2018. Rev. Fr. Albert Thambidurai, Director of TASOSS, Mr. Anand Programme officer, TASOSS and Mrs. Mary Nirmala, Consultant from TASOSS, facilitated this training. All the office staff and field staff attended the workshop. The team helped the staff to self-assess the skills and importance of their roles in the society.

Our animator Mrs. Mariatheresa formed one new group in Thammampatti village and named it as 'Annai Sathiya'. Mahalakshmi group at Narasingapuram received a loan amount of Rs.4,75,000/- from the ICICI Bank.

**ECO DRR:** Our staff organized training on protection of water bodies at Gangavalli block on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018. 22 members participated in this training and their benefits were great.

**Minority Welfare Scheme:** Minority Coordinator attended the orientation meeting on 23.02.2018 at Salem Collector office regarding the scheme infrastructure development for minority institutes. 10 TAMCO loan Applications submitted to the minority welfare office on 27.02.2018.

**Women's Day Celebration:** SSSS observed Women's Day at Kural Natham village in Panamarathupatti Block. 350 members participated in this programme. Rev. Fr. Selvam Francis, Director of Namakkal Social Service Society and Mr. Kennedy, Block Development Officer, Panamathupatty facilitated the programme. Rev. Fr. Rajamanickam addressed the gathering with the Women's Day message "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives". Rev. Fr. Selvam Francis explained about the women empowerment through Self Help Group and self-employment. Mr. Kennedy explained about the government schemes for women and how to utilize the government schemes for uplift of their lives.



Members from women group actively participated in Cultural programmes. Individual and group games were conducted for the members. Prizes were provided to the winners and cultural team. Lunch was distributed to all the participants.

Rev. Fr. M. Rajamanickam, Director, Salem Social Service Society.

## NAMAKKAL SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

**Training on Nutrient Management and Cropping Season:** One day Training on Nutrient Management and Cropping Season was held at Pattanam Village, Namakkal District on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018. About 30 women farmers attended the training and benefitted from it.



**Training on Ladies Finger Farming:** A one-day training on Ladies Finger Farming was organized by NSSS for women farmers at P. Velur on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. 30 women farmers participated and benefitted from the programme. Mr. Selvakumar, an expert in Organic Farming methods, animated the training. He explained in detail about improved varieties of ladies finger, climatic condition, suitable soil, land preparation, soil sterilization required for farming of the vegetable ladies finger..



**Training on Fish Farming to Women Farmers:** A free one-day training programme on 'Fish Farming' was held in the premises of NSSS in collaboration with the Agricultural Research Institute and Veterinary College, Namakkal on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. The programme dealt with rearing the fish, selection of the place for pond, feed management and the increase of productivity. The resource person from the Agricultural Research Institute encouraged the participants, farmers, members of self-help groups, to take to



fish farming as a very profitable business venture. Fr. Selvam Francis, Director, assured the women farmers bank linkage service for micro credit loan to start fish farming.

**Training on Mushroom Cultivation:** Training on Mushroom Cultivation was organized for Self Help Group members at NSSS on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The main objective of the training was to encourage the farmers' to take up Mushroom Cultivation as an enterprise through adoption of Scientific Mushroom Cultivation technology. The resource person covered different topics viz., scope of mushroom cultivation in Namakkal, importance of mushroom in relation to food, health; introduction to different edible and non-edible mushrooms and cultivation process of different commercial grown mushroom species. The demonstration on oyster and milky mushroom cultivation practices has encouraged a lot the women farmers towards mushroom cultivation. Totally 35 women farmers and members of Joint Liability Groups actively participated in the training and their benefit was great.



Rev.Fr. Selvam Francis, Director, NSSS

### PRISON MINISTRY INDIA- SALEM UNIT

**Prison Police training:** There was a Seminar on "first Aid" for the trainees of prison department. On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 in Salem central prison around 150 police personal from throughout Tamil Nadu participated. Sr. Dr. Anne Joyce. MS. DGO from St. Mary's hospital began her class with the Good Samaritan story from the Bible. She insisted on to offer first aid with compassion and courage in the different challenging situations. Participation and interaction were excellent. All were very happy and highly appreciated the class and the wonderful power point presentation. Congratulations dear Sister and sincere thanks for your availability and ability.

**Women's Day Celebration:** 8<sup>th</sup> of March was a red letter day for the inmates of Salem women prison. Women's day was celebrated on a grand scale. Selvi. Anndal SP. of Central prison presided over the function. With great enthusiasm St. Mary's Pry School teachers along with their children from Mettur dam presented an enjoyable and inspiring programme for the women in the prison. On the previous day PMI volunteers conducted various games for the inmates also for the staff. The winners were honored with prizes. One of the teachers delivered women's day message highlighting their rights and their role in the society. During the function we gave new dresses for 8 inmates the ones who have no one to visit them. At the end of the function snacks and soaps were given to all by Sr. Rosary H.M and Miss. Melkiya. We appreciate and express our deep gratitude to Sr. Kevin Superior of St. Mary's Convent, the Head Mistress, Staff and Students for their generous contribution towards this ministry.

Sr. Joyce. SJC. Coordinator.

### விவிலிய பணிக்குழு

- 1) கடந்த மாதம் 6, 7, மற்றும் 8 தேதிகளில் பெங்களூர் நேசனல் சென்டரில் அகில இந்திய அளவில் நடைபெற்ற விவிலிய பணிக்குழு கூட்டத்தில் நமது மறைமாவட்டத்திலிருந்து சகோதரி கலிஸ்டா, சகோதரி தெரசா, சகோதரர் ஜெயபிரகாஸ் மற்றும் வேதியர் மரிய சூசை ஆகியோர் கலந்து கொண்டு பயிற்சி பெற்று வந்தனர்.
- 2) ஏப்ரல் மாதம் 9-ம் தேதி ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை காலை 09.30 மணி முதல் மாலை 04.30 மணி வரை இவ்வாண்டுக்கான V.B.S. பயிற்சி வகுப்பு நடைபெறும். குறைந்தபட்சம் பங்கிற்கு இரண்டு பேராவது கலந்து கொள்ளவும். மேலும் அன்றே உங்கள் பங்கிற்கு தேவையான V.B.S. துணைக்கருவி பாடபுத்தகங்கள் வழங்கப்படும்.
- 3) வருகின்ற 22 மார்ச் 2018, ஞாயிறு அன்று விவிலிய தொடர் பயிற்சி வகுப்பை அருள்பணி உபாட்டு, திண்டிவனம் அவர்கள் நடத்துவார். விவிலிய ஆர்வமுள்ளவர்கள் அனைவரும் கலந்து கொண்டு பயன் பெறவும்.

## SC-ST பணிக்குழு

- 1) கடந்த மாதம் 17-ம் தேதி தமிழக அளவில் இப்பணிக்குழுவின் கூட்டம் திருச்சி, கருமண்டபத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் நமது மறைமாவட்டத்தில் இருந்து 10 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டு அரசு நலத்திட்டங்கள், கல்வி உதவிகள் மற்றும் சிறு தொழில் பற்றிய பயிற்சி பெற்று வந்தனர்.
- 2) கடந்த மே மாதம் 17-ம் தேதி சனிக்கிழமை மூவேந்தர் அரங்கில் நமது ஆயர் தலைமையில் 96 தொழிற்கல்வி பயிலும் மாணவ மாணவிகளுக்கு கல்வி உதவி தொகை வழங்கப்பட்டது. இக்கூட்டத்தில் பெற்றோர்களுக்கும் விழிப்புணர்வு கூட்டம் நடத்தப்பட்டது.
- 3) மார்ச் மாதம் 14-ம் தேதி மூவேந்தர் அரங்கில் நமது ஆயர் தலைமையில் SC/ST பணிக்குழு உறுப்பினர் கூட்டம் நடைபெறும். அதில் பங்கிற்கு 2 பேர் வீதம் கலந்து கொள்ள அழைக்கப்படுகிறீர்கள். இதில் அரசு கல்விக்கடன் உதவி, சிறுபான்மையினரின் பொருளாதார மேம்பாட்டு உதவி, தமிழக ஆயர் பேரவையின் 8 அம்ச திட்டம் பற்றிய விளக்கங்களை தமிழக செயலர் அருள்பணி ஆல்பர்ட் நெல்சன் வழங்குவார். இளையோர் சிறு தொழில் முனைவோர் கலந்து கொண்டு பயன் பெறுக.

## NEWS FORM VICARIATES

### ATTUR VICARIATE

**ATTUR:** On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Sunday Fr. Francis Xavier from the diocese of Ooty conducted one day Lenten Retreat for the parishioners and the people benefitted a lot. On 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Saturday 14 churches in the diocese of Coimbatore were visited as a part of Lenten pilgrimage.

### NAMAKKAL VICARIATE

#### NAMAKKAL

**LENTEN PRAYER DAY:** On 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 LENTEN PRAYER DAY was observed in Namakkal Parish. After the Sunday Holy Mass, this prayer session was inaugurated by the parish priest and carried on by Bro. Varghees, from Kumuli prayer group. He started prayer and worship which went on till 11.30 am. After meals at 2.00 p.m, Eucharistic Adoration was organized and all the people participated with due devotion. During the healing prayer time, many faithful felt the Healing Hand of the Lord. At the end they shared their experiences in public. We thank all the organizers and the donors who helped to provide meals and other expenses.

**ONE DAY LENTEN RETREAT:** As usual a Lenten Retreat was organized in Namakkal parish on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2018. At 9.00 a.m. people started gathering in the church. At about 09.30 a.m. the retreat was started with praying Rosary meditating the **Suffering Jesus**. Bro. Jains from Kanyakumari led the Rosary with meaningful songs and relevant Bible quotations. Rev.Fr.Mahesh Raja, a Redemptorist priest from Coimbatore started the session. The theme of the retreat was **God's mercy and our Conversion**. The preacher brought out the theme beautifully giving Bible Instances, Images, Bible Stories and references from the lives of saints.

After lunch break at 02.00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration started. During this one hour the Faithful were prepared for Confession. Five priests from neighboring parishes helped to hear confession which went on for an hour. This was the highlight of the retreat. Many people who did not approach the sacrament for many years, made a good confession. About 4.00 p.m. Healing Mass was organized and all the faithful took part in this mass and felt the Mercy of God and Healing presence of God. The faithful from Kosavampatty, Sendamangalam, Elanagar, R.C.Pettaipalayam,

and from the sub-stations Vallipuram, Mettupatty, Varadarajapuram and Thummankurichy benefitted by this Lenten Retreat. We thank the preachers, organizers, donors and the participants. It was a fruitful and timely one which helped many faithful to make good confession.

**Christ King Matric. High. School Nallur Annual Day Celebration:** This upcoming School celebrated its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Day on 09.02.2018 in a grand manner. Mr. Nallathambi, K.K.P Groups of companies, Namakkal presided over the function and Most Rev. Dr. Singaroyan, Bishop of Salem distributed the prizes to the students and insisted on the quality of education in our catholic institutions. The cultural programme was very colourful and more than thousand people witnessed, enjoyed and appreciated the talents of our students. Thanks to everyone.

Fr. A. David, Principal

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Rev. Fr. I. Gregory Rajan P.P & V.F

**School Annual Day Shevapet Parish:** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 is a Red Letter Day in the annals of Jeyarakkini Middle School, Shevapet. The 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Day and Sports Day were celebrated at

Jeyarakkini Middle School, Shevapat. In the morning the sports meet was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Gregory Rajan, V.F., Salem Vicariate. The Cultural event was presided over by Most Rev. S. Singaroyan, Bishop of Salem. The cultural Fest showcased the singing, dancing, acting and creativity of the children as well as the teachers. It was a day to see the best of children outside the classrooms.

The Correspondent, Jeyarakkini Middle School, Shevapat.

### **TIRUCHENGODE VICARIATE**

**Kumarapalayam :** On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Sunday at Kumarapalam parish zonal level children program was conducted around 300 hundred participated from 4 parishes. The animator was Fr. Jerome of Ooty diocese.

**Tiruchengode :** On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Sunday a Lenten recollection programme was conducted at Tiruchengode. The Parishioners of Tiruchengode, of SPB Colony and of Patlur were the participants. The Vicariate fathers were the animators. The programme came to an end with the Holy Eucharist.

Rev. FR. D. Francis Asaithambi, P.P & VF

### **FEAST DAY WISHES TO**

Rev. Fr. D. Jeganathan	Easter
Rev. Fr. R. Jayaseelan	Easter
Rev. Fr. A. Prakash	Easter
Rev. Fr. K. Prasanna	Easter

### **ORDINATION DAY WISHES TO:**

Rev. Fr. M. Solomon Raj	08.04.1997
Rev. Fr. A. John Alphonse	08.04.1997
Rev. Fr. S. Emmanuel	08.04.1997
Rev. Fr. C.S. Antonysamay	12.04.1962
Rev. Fr. D. Jeganathan	12.04.1962
Rev. Fr. M. Alphonse	12.04.1962
Rev. Fr. A. X. Irudayam	15.04.1961
Rev. Fr. A. Arockia David	21.04.2005
Rev. Fr. V. Jai Bernard Joseph	21.04.2005
Rev, Fr. R. Gopi Emmanuel	22.04.2010
Rev. Fr. M. David Stanly Kumar	23.04.1996



Rev. Fr. S. Lourdusamy	23.04.1996
Rev. Fr. S. Gurusady Sagayaraj	23.04.1996
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Rev. Fr. D. Anandaraj	23.04.2009
Rev. Fr. A. Arockiasamy	23.04.2009
Rev. Fr. K. Kirubakaran	23.04.2015
Rev. Fr. L. David	25.04.2002
Rev. Fr. A. Edward Thadeus	25.04.2013
Rev. Fr. J. Ignatius Fidelis	25.04.2002
Rev. Fr. Arul Francis Xavier	25.04.2002
Rev. Fr. Selvam Francis Xavier	25.04.2002
Rev. Fr. M. Christhuraj	25.04.2004
Rev. Fr. Innasi Amal Raj	25.04.2004
Rev. Fr. M. Rajamanickam	26.04.1995
Rev. Fr. A. Joseph Lazar	26.04.1995
Rev. Fr. M. Innasimuthu	26.04.2007
Rev. Fr. R. Jayaseelan	26.04.2007
Rev. Fr. T.J. Jude Nirmal Doss	26.04.2007
Rev. Fr. J. Vimal Dass	26.04.2007
Rev. Fr. V. Albert Antoniraj	27.04.2016
Rev. Fr. D. Michaelraj Selvam	27.04.1994
Rev. Fr. I. Gregory Rajan	27.04.1994
Rev. Fr. A. Alex Prabu	27.04.2003
Rev. Fr. Chinnappan Sagayaraj	27.04.2003
Rev. Fr. A. Jothi Fernando	27.04.2003
Rev. Fr. N. Arul Sundar	27.04.2006
Rev. Fr. M. Clementraj	27.04.2006
Rev. Fr. D. John Arockiaraj	27.04.2006
Rev. Fr. M. Leo William	27.04.2006
Rev. Fr. K. Prasanna	27.04.2006

Rev. Fr. A. Amal Mahiami Raj	27.04.2011
Rev. Fr. T. Maria Joseph Raj	27.04.2011
Rev. Fr. A. Prakash	27.04.2011
Rev. Fr. D. Stephan Soruphan	27.04.2011
Rev. Fr. S. Benjamin Santhanaraj	28.04.2008
Rev. Fr. A. Gnanaraj	28.04.2008
Rev. Fr. S. Mariyan Austey	28.04.2008
Rev. Fr. T. Peter Raj	28.04.2008
Rev. Fr. X. Peter John Paul	28.04.2008
Rev. Fr. S. Joseph Paul Raj	30.04.1998
Rev. Fr. D. Asaithambi	30.04.1998
Rev. Fr. R. Francis	30.04.1998

#### PRAYERFUL HOMAGE TO:

Rev. Fr. Ton Blons	07.04.1937
Rev. Fr. L Hourmant	11.04.1986
Rev. Fr. Revel	11.04.1997
Rev. Fr. Andrew Vengathanam	17.04.1958

**The next Clergy Monthly Recollection will be on 04.06.2018 Monday at the Bishop's House, Salem.**

#### ***MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2018 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS***

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Next October, the Fifteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will meet to discuss the theme of young people and in particular the relationship between young people, faith and vocation. There we will have a chance to consider more deeply how, at the centre of our life, is the call to joy that God addresses to us and how this is “God’s plan for men and women in every age” (SYNOD OF BISHOPS, XV ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment*, Introduction).

**The Fifty-fifth World Day of Prayer for Vocations** once again proclaims this good news to us, and in a decisive manner. **We are not victims of chance or swept up in a series of unconnected events;** on the contrary, our life and our presence in this world are the fruit of a divine vocation!

Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us, who walks along the often dusty paths of our lives. He knows our anxious longing for love and he calls us to joy. In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, **there is a need to listen, discern and live this word** that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness.

These three aspects – *listening, discerning and living* – were also present at beginning of Jesus' own mission, when, after his time of prayer and struggle in the desert, he visited his synagogue of Nazareth. There, he listened to the word, discerned the content of the mission entrusted to him by the Father, and proclaimed that he came to accomplish it "today" (*Lk 4:16-21*).

### *Listening*

The Lord's call – let it be said at the outset – is not as clear-cut as any of those things we can hear, see or touch in our daily experience. **God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom.** Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts.

**We need, then, to learn how to listen carefully to his word and the story of his life, but also to be attentive to the details of our own daily lives, in order to learn how to view things with the eyes of faith, and to keep ourselves open to the surprises of the Spirit.**

We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things, in the apathy of those who fritter away their lives in their own little world. **We would lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us.**

Jesus too, was called and sent. That is why he needed to recollect himself in silence. **He listened to and read the word in the synagogue, and with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit he revealed its full meaning, with reference to his own person and the history of the people of Israel.**

**Nowadays listening is becoming more and more difficult, immersed as we are in a society full of noise, overstimulated and bombarded by information.** The outer noise that sometimes prevails in our cities and our neighbourhoods is often accompanied by our interior dispersion and confusion. This prevents us from pausing and enjoying the taste of contemplation, reflecting serenely on the events of our lives, going about our work with confidence in God's loving plan, and making a fruitful discernment.

Yet, as we know, the kingdom of God comes quietly and unobtrusively (cf. *Lk 17:21*), and we can only gather its seeds when, like the prophet Elijah, we enter into the depths of our soul and are open to the imperceptible whisper of the divine breeze (cf. *1 Kg 19:11-13*).

### *Discerning*

When Jesus, in the synagogue of Nazareth, reads the passage of the prophet Isaiah, **he discerns the content of the mission for which he was sent, and presents it to those who awaited the Messiah:** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour (*Lk 4:18-19*).

In the same way, **each of us can discover his or her own vocation only through spiritual discernment.** This is “a process by which a person makes fundamental choices, in dialogue with the Lord and listening to the voice of the Spirit, starting with the choice of one’s state in life” (SYNOD OF BISHOPS, XV ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment*, II, 2).

Thus we come to discover that **Christian vocation always has a prophetic dimension.** The Scriptures tell us that the prophets were sent to the people in situations of great material insecurity and of spiritual and moral crisis, in order to address in God’s name a message of conversion, hope and consolation. **Like a whirlwind, the prophet unsettles the false tranquility of consciences that have forgotten the word of the Lord.** He discerns events in the light of God’s promise and enables people to glimpse the signs of dawn amid the dark shadows of history.

**Today too, we have great need of discernment and of prophecy. We have to resist the temptations of ideology and negativity, and to discover, in our relationship with the Lord, the places, the means and situations through which he calls us.** Every Christian ought to grow in the ability to “read within” his or her life, and to understand *where* and *to what* he or she is being called by the Lord, in order to carry on his mission.

### *Living*

Lastly, Jesus announces the newness of the present hour, which will enthuse many and harden the heart of others. The fullness of time has come, and he is the Messiah proclaimed by Isaiah and anointed to liberate prisoners, to restore sight to the blind and to proclaim the merciful love of God to every creature. Indeed, Jesus says that “today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing” (*Lk 4:21*).

**The joy of the Gospel, which makes us open to encountering God and our brothers and sisters, does not abide our slowness and our sloth. It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now!** Each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration – in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now

**This “today” that Jesus proclaimed assures us that God continues to “come down” to save our human family and to make us sharers in his mission.** The Lord continues to call others to live with him and to follow him in a relationship of particular closeness. He continues to call others to serve him directly. **If he lets us realize that he is calling us to consecrate ourselves totally to his kingdom, then we should have no fear! It is beautiful – and a great grace – to be completely and forever consecrated to God and the service of our brothers and sisters.**

Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. **We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous “yes”, nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord.** To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us.

May Mary Most Holy, who as a young woman living in obscurity heard, accepted and experienced the Word of God made flesh, protect us and accompany us always on our journey.

*The Vatican, 3 December 2017.*

*POPE FRANCIS*

*Prot. N. 10/18*

**DECREE on the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar**

The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman (cf. Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church.

In some ways this was already present in the mind of the Church from the premonitory words of Saint Augustine and Saint Leo the Great. In fact the former says that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church. These considerations derive from the divine motherhood of Mary and from her intimate union in the work of the Redeemer, which culminated at the hour of the cross.

Indeed, the Mother standing beneath the cross (cf. Jn 19:25), accepted her Son's testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn unto life eternal. She thus became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the cross handing on the Spirit. Christ, in turn, in the beloved disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of his love towards his Mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection.

As a caring guide to the emerging Church Mary had already begun her mission in the Upper Room, praying with the Apostles while awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14). In this sense, in the course of the centuries, Christian piety has honoured Mary with various titles, in many ways equivalent, such as Mother of Disciples, of the Faithful, of Believers, of all those who are reborn in Christ; and also as "Mother of the Church" as is used in the texts of spiritual authors as well as in the Magisterium of Popes Benedict XIV and Leo XIII.

Thus the foundation is clearly established by which Blessed Paul VI, on 21 November 1964, at the conclusion of the Third Session of the Second Vatican Council, declared the Blessed Virgin Mary as "Mother of the Church, that is to say of all Christian people, the faithful as well as the pastors, who call her the most loving Mother" and established that "the Mother of God should be further honoured and invoked by the entire Christian people by this tenderest of titles".

Therefore the Apostolic See on the occasion of the Holy Year of Reconciliation (1975), proposed a votive Mass in honour of *Beata Maria Ecclesiae Matre*, which was subsequently inserted into the Roman Missal. The Holy See also granted the faculty to add the invocation of this title in the Litany of Loreto (1980) and published other formularies in the Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1986). Some countries, dioceses and religious families who petitioned the Holy See were allowed to add this celebration to their particular calendars.

Having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety, Pope Francis has decreed that the **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year.

This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.

The Memorial therefore is to appear in all Calendars and liturgical books for the celebration of Mass and of the Liturgy of the Hours. The relative liturgical texts are attached to this decree and their translations, prepared and approved by the Episcopal Conferences, will be published after confirmation by this Dicastery.

Where the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, is already celebrated on a day with a higher liturgical rank, approved according to the norm of particular law, in the future it may continue to be celebrated in the same way.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 11 February 2018,  
the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes.

- *Robert Card. Sarah, Prefect*

- *Arthur Roche, Archbishop Secretary*