



BISHOP'S CALENDAR – JUNE - 2018

DATE	PROGRAMME	PLACE	TIME
01	Visit to Schools		
03	Mass	Semmedu	08.15 a.m.
04	Inauguration of St. Joseph CBSE School	R.C. Settippatti	09.00 a.m.
05	Feast Mass	Bommidi	05.00 p.m.
06	Inauguration of Programme Center, YMCA	Salem	05.00 p.m.
08	Blessing of New Convent	Pethanaickanpalayam	11.00 a.m.
09	Madha TV office	Chennai	
10	Confirmation	Suramangalam	08.00 a.m.
10	Feast Mass, Thirunagar	Mettur Dam	05.30 p.m.
11	Clergy Monthly Recollection	Bishop's House	09.30 a.m.
11	Diocesan Council of Priests Meeting	Bishop's House	02.00 p.m.
11	General Body Meeting of LRRC, Settippatti	Bishop's house	04.00 p.m.
13	Confirmation	Johnsonpet	07.00 a.m.
14-17	Pastoral Visit	Rasipuram	
16	Catechism Inauguration- Salem Vicariate	Infant Jesus Cathedral	09.00 a.m.
18	Catechism Inauguration - Attur Vicariate	St.Mary's Church	11.00 a.m.
19	Catechism Inauguration - Mettur Vicariate	St.Mary's Church	03.00 a.m.
20	Communication Secretaries Meeting	Chennai	
21-24	Pastoral Visit	Savariarpalayam	
23	Blessing of Renovated Church	Kumaramangalam	10.30 a.m.
26	YCS/YSM Inauguration	Epiphany Center	10.30 a.m.
27	Catechism Inauguration - Thiruchengode Vicariate	St.Mary's Church	11.00 a.m.
27-01/7	Pastoral Visit	Pungavadi	
29	Feast Mass, St. Paul's Hr. Sec. School	Salem	10.30 a.m.
30	Catechism Inauguration - Namakkal Vicariate	Christ the King Church	11.00 a.m.
30	Blessing of Community Hall	Kosavampatti	05.00 p.m.

FROM BISHOP'S DESK - JUNE - 2018

- Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.** I request all the Parish Priests to enkindle the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our people and to revive the practice of the **Enthronement of the Picture or Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Houses of Catholics and Institutions** and to renew them every year, especially during the month of June. This could be another fitting occasion for House Visits in the parish. **This could be a special and meaningful programme in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.**
- The CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION IN JUNE 2018 will be on 11.06.2018 Second Monday,** at the Bishop's House, Salem with the usual schedule.

3. On 11.06.2018 we shall have the **Meeting of the Salem Diocesan Council of Priests** at the Bishop's House, Salem, soon after lunch.
4. **The Clergy Monthly Recollection in the month of July 2018 will be at the Vicariates.** The Vicar Foranes are requested to call for the meeting and conduct it. Each Vicariate is allotted Rs. 100000 per year in the diocesan budget for Common Vicariate Programmes only. Hence please plan how to effectively use the funds allotted for common activities at the vicariate level for the benefit of whole vicariate. Each Vicariate will present to the Bishop the action plan and the budget for the whole year and get it approved.
5. May I remind **all the Parish Priests** in our diocese about the obligation to offer one Mass on **All Sundays and Days of Obligation for the Intentions of the Faithful (*Missa pro Populo*)**. Please enter this in your Mass Diary.
6. **The LAITY SUNDAY is celebrated on 24.06.2018** this year with the theme: “கூட்டுப் பொறுப்பும் இணைந்த செயல்பாடும் பங்குகளில் மலர்”. Apart from praying for the Lay Faithful, appropriate short programmes are to be arranged in the parishes to felicitate, affirm and encourage the laity for their involvement in the Church and in the world. All Parish Priests are requested to celebrate this day in a fitting manner, making use of the material that will be sent to all the parishes from the Diocesan Laity Commission.
7. **Catechism and Moral Instruction are very important duties of every Catholic Educational Institution.** The time and days allotted to Catechism of Catholic children should be conducive for their faith formation and hence it should receive top priority in every Catholic School in arranging the timetable. Make the Catholic teachers understand that this is not an additional burden to them, but their privilege to share their Catholic Faith with the younger ones.
8. **Hearty Congratulations to all the Catholic Schools** in Salem Diocese for their Good Results in the X & XII standard examinations. Congrats to the teachers and the Heads of Institutions, who have put in hard work and sacrifice.
9. **Diocesan Education Help for Poor Children: According to the decision made on 26.04.2018 in the Salem Diocesan Education Council, Diocesan Education Help will be given to the deserving students in Classes XI and XII only. The Application Forms to distribute this Education Help for Poor children will be issued from the Office of the Manager of Schools, Mary Palace, Thammanan Road, Arisipalayam, Salem-9, from 01.06.2018. The filled-in application forms from qualified candidates are to be submitted to the office of the Manager of Schools, Mary Palace, Thammanan Road, Arisipalayam, Salem, before 20.06.2018.** The Education help will be disbursed in the first week of July 2018. Applications that reach the Manager's office later than 20.06.2018 will not be considered. Kindly observe the following:
 - a. **Only students studying in classes XI & XII can apply.**
 - b. **Only students from deserving poor families are to apply for Education Help.**
The parish Priest will certify this by his endorsement of the application.
 - c. **Only one student should apply from one family.**
 - d. **Only application forms with the endorsement of the Parish Priest, signed and sealed, attesting the eligibility of the candidate for Diocesan Education Help, will be considered.**
 - e. **Students from those parishes, which have their own Education Funds, should not apply to the diocese for this Education Help.**
10. **Poor and deserving Students studying various courses in colleges,** if they are in need of some small financial help from the diocese, may approach the Bishop with the letter of the parish priest and a letter or ID to show that they are studying in a college in the current year.

11. For Reflection and Action about Temporal Goods of the Parish / Institution:

- a. The temporal goods of the parish are administered by the parish priest or by the Head of the Institution, as the case may be, under the supervision of the diocesan Bishop.
- b. All legal transactions with regard to the temporal goods of the parish / institution shall be done in concurrence with the diocesan Financial Administrator.
- c. All the valuable documents concerning the temporal goods of the parish should be submitted in original to the office of the diocesan Financial Administrator for safe custody and the copies of the same should be preserved in the parish archives.
- d. The book of Inventory is to be updated and maintained by the parish priest / Head of the institution regularly. The Secretary of the Parish Finance Committee can help the parish priest in updating the Inventory.
- e. No priest is permitted to take any loan for parish / institution from any person or financial institution. No priest is permitted to lend money to any one from the funds of the parish / institution without prior written permission of the diocesan Bishop.
- f. No priest is permitted to invest personal money by way of advance or loan for the works of the parish / institution without the prior written permission of the diocesan Bishop. The amount thus invested without permission will be treated as a gift by the priest to the parish / institution.

8. Instructions to the priests on Transfer in Salem Diocese please take note of the following:

- a. All Parish Priests and Priests in charge of diocesan Institutions, who are on transfer, please **invite the Incoming Priest and your Vicar Forane to your place earlier** to study and scrutinize the official Records, Accounts and Inventory of the Parish or Institution and clear all doubts well in advance. Do not wait for the last moment.
- b. **The Final Statement of Accounts before the transfer has to be signed by the members of the Parish or Institution Finance Committee**, before it is signed by the Vicar Forane.
- c. The **handing over of the charges should take place in the presence of the Vicar Forane** who will sign the Record of Accounts in the presence of both the out-going and the in-coming priests.
- d. **The fact of the handing over and taking charge of the parish / Institution should be recorded in the Chronicle Register of the Parish or Institution** and signed by both priests concerned and the Vicar Forane.
- e. **The Vicar Forane is requested to verify the state of affairs of the Parish or Institution in every detail at the time of the handing over of the charges.** The Vicar Forane, who signed the registers, will be personally responsible to settle any discrepancy that surfaces later.
- f. **When the Vicar Forane is on transfer and for the transfer of the Secretaries of Diocesan Commissions, the Vicar General** will do all that is to be done by the Vicar Forane at the moment of transfer. Please fix the time with him early.
- g. **No large payment or expenditure is to be done after the announcement of the transfer.**
- h. **No one is to leave a debit balance or any other form of loan or liabilities** for the Parish or Institution at the moment of transfer, as no one can spend if there is no credit.
- i. As you move out of the parish / Institution **kindly prepare a Statement about the parish / Institution indicating all the activities, pending works and balances of various accounts including deposits and liabilities if any. Please have it signed by the V.F. and by the incoming priest and send one copy of it to the Bishop for files.** This provision is new. Please cooperate.
- j. **When the transfer of the President or Secretary of a Society / Trust (like SSSS, SDS) takes place, the handing over of the charges will be done during the meeting of the members of the Governing Body of the Society.**

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS OF PRIESTS - 2018

1. Fr. R. Victor Sunderaj - Research Director, Holy Cross College, Trichy
2. Msgr. S. John Joseph - Vicar General &
Parish Priest, Infant Jesus Cathedral, Salem

3. Fr. S. Savari - Retired from Active Ministry
4. Fr. S. Irudayaselvam - Parish Priest, Sadayampalayam
5. Fr. S. Arulappan - Parish Priest, Suramangalam & Vicar Forane, Salem Vicariate
6. Fr. D.A. Francis - Parish Priest, Yercaud
7. Fr. A. Edward Rajan - Parish Priest, R.C. Settipatti
8. Fr. A. Alagu Selvan - Director, St. Joseph Public School, R.C. Settipatti
9. Fr. S. Sebastian - Parish Priest, Jayarakkininagar & Principal, John Britto Mat. Hr. School, Kamalapuram
10. Fr. I. Gregory Rajan - Parish Priest, Attur, & Vicar Forane, Attur Vicariate, Director, St. Mary's CBSE School project, Attur
11. Fr. D. Gurusady Sagayaraj - Parish Priest, Mettur Dam Vicar Forane, Mettur Vicariate
12. Fr. A. John Alphonse - Parish Priest, Namakkal & Vicar Forane, Namakkal Vicariate
13. Fr. M. Solomonraj - Parish Priest, Alagapuram & Principal, St. John's Public School (CBSE)
14. Fr. D. Francis Asaithambi - Parish Priest, Idappadi
15. Fr. S. Joseph Paulraj - Parish Priest, Thiruchengode & Vicar Forane, Thiruchengode Vicariate
16. Fr. T. John Kennedy - Parish Priest, SPB Colony
17. Fr. A. Sagayaraj - Parish Priest, Sangagiri
18. Fr. A. Jacob - Salem Diocesan Procurator & Chancellor
19. Fr. Arul Francis Xavier - Parish Priest, Kosavampatti
20. Fr. I. Ignatius Fidelis - Parish Priest, Salem Camp
21. Fr. Chinnappan Sagayaraj - Principal, St. John's Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Alagapuram & Manager St. John's Hostel, Alagapuram.
22. Fr. A. Jothi Fernando - Principal, Mt. Mary Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Chinnagollapatti
23. Fr. M. Christuraj - Parish Priest, Andipatti & Principal, Little Flower Matric School, Arisipalayam
24. Fr. Innasi Amalraj - Professor, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore
25. Fr. A. Arockia David - Parish Priest, Sanyasigundu & Principal, St. Thomas Matric School, Sanyasigundu
26. Fr. N. Arul Sundar - Principal, Christ King Matriculation School, Namakkal
27. Fr. D. John Arockiaraj - Parish Priest, Elachipalayam
28. Fr. K. Prasanna - Parish Priest, Solasiramani
29. Fr. M. Innasimuthu - Parish Priest, Konerirpatti
30. Fr. J. Vimaldass - Parish Priest, Valapadi
31. Fr. S. Benjamin Sandanaraj - Secretary to Diocesan Commissions: Family, Anbiyam, Bible, Liturgy Diocesan Liturgical Music, Laity Commission Christian Rights Movement
32. Fr. A. Gnanaraj - Parish Priest, Vellalalayam
33. Fr. S. Mariyan Austy - MCL Studies, Bangalore
34. Fr. D. Anandaraj - Parish Priest, Pallipalayam
35. Fr. R. Gopi Emmanuel - Staff, Madha T.V., Chennai
36. Fr. T.Maria Joseph Raj - Manager, R.C. Schools & Secretary to Diocesan Catechetical Commission

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| 37. Fr. D. Stephan Soruphan | - Director Epiphany Pastoral Center & Secretary to:
Youth Commission, Communication Commission,
Evangelization Commission,
Ecumenism & Dialogue
Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Spiritual Director-Senior Citizens' Association
Diocesan Institutional Member, SIGNIS,
Coordinator of all Diocesan Commissions |
| 38. Fr. A. Edward Thadeus | - Parish Priest, Thalaivasal. |
| 39. Fr. S. Rajappa (Vijayawada) | - Parish Priest, Kakkaveri |
| 40. Fr. Paschal Selvanathan CSC | - Parish Priest, Sendarapatti |
| 41. Fr. Benjamin HGN | - Administrator, K. Morur Mission |
| 42. Fr. George Edwin SAC | - Parish Priest, Steelplant |
| 43. Fr. J. Henry Kishore | - Assistant, Shevapat
Notary to Diocesan Tribunal. |
| 44. Fr. Southern Star | - Vice Rector, St. Xavier's Minor Seminary |
| 45. Fr. Vincent SCH | - Assistant, Infant Jesus Cathedral, Arisipalayam. |
| 46. Jesuit Deacon | - Diaconate Ministry at Koneripatti |

Transfers to parishes take effect on or before 02.06.2018 Saturday.

Transfers to Matriculation Schools take place on or before 31.05.2018 Thursday.

SALEM DIOCESAN COMMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – 2018

Commission	Secretary / Director
1. Commission for Basic Christian Communities	- Fr. S. Benjamin Sandanaraj
2. Commission for Biblical Apostolate	- Fr. S. Benjamin Sandanaraj
3. Commission for Catechetics	- Fr. T. Maria Joseph Raj
4. Commission for Clergy	- Msgr. S. John Joseph
5. Commission for Ecumenism and Dialogue	- Fr. D. Stephan Soruphan
6. Commission for Education	- Fr. T. Maria Joseph Raj
7. Commission for Evangelization	- Fr. D. Stephan Soruphan
8. Commission for Health	- Sr. Francina SMMI
9. Commission for Justice, Peace & Development	- Fr. M. Rajamanickam
10. Commission for Labour and Christian Workers	- Fr. Chinnappan Sagayaraj
11. Commission for Laity and Catholic Association	- Fr. S. Benjamin Sandanaraj
12. Commission for Liturgy	- Fr. S. Benjamin Sandanaraj
13. Commission for Family	- Fr. S. Benjamin Sandanaraj
14. Commission for SC/ST/BC	- Fr. R. Jayaseelan
15. Commission for Social Communication	- Fr. D. Stephan Soruphan
16. Salem Diocesan SIGNIS Institutional member	- Fr. D. Stephan Soruphan
17. Commission for Vocation Promotion	- Fr. D. Michaelraj Selvam
18. Commission for Women	- Miss S. Jacintha Rosi
19. Commission for Youth – YCS/YSM	- Fr. D. Stephan Soruphan
20. Conference of Religious of India, Salem	- Msgr. S. John Joseph
21. Pontifical Missionary Union of Clergy (PMU)	- Fr. D. John Alphonse
22. Catholic Charismatic Renewal	- Fr. D. Stephan Soruphan
23. Eucharistic Crusade & Altar Boys Association	- Fr. D. Stephan Soruphan
24. Christian Rights Movement	- Fr. S. Benjamin Sandanaraj
25. Christian Minority Welfare Programmes	- Fr. M. Rajamanickam
26. Legion of Mary	- Fr. T. Maria Josephraj
27. Little Way Association	- Fr. M. Rajamanickam

28. Liturgical Music
29. Nurses' Guild
30. Pontifical Mission Societies
31. Prison Ministry
32. University Students – AICUF
33. Vincent De Paul Society
34. SERRA Club
35. Catholic Senior Citizens Organization
36. Diocesan Public Relations (P.R.O.)
37. Diocesan Public Information Officer (P.I.O.)
38. Coordinator of all Commissions and Associations
& Director of Diocesan Pastoral Centre

- Fr. S. Benjamin Sandanaraj
- Fr. Msgr. S. John Joseph
- Fr. A. Jacob, Procurator
- Fr. M. Rajamanickam
- Fr. A. Jothi Fernando
- Fr. Msgr. S. John Joseph
- Fr. R. Solomonraj
- Fr. Stephan Soruphan
- Msgr. S. John Joseph
- Fr. A. Jacob
- Fr. D. Stephan Soruphan

NEWS FROM COMMISSIONS

பொது நிலையினர் பணிக்குழு

சிலுவைகிரி பங்கு : 09-05-2018 அன்று இயக்குநர் அருட்பணி. மரிய ஜோஸப் ராஜ், சிலுவைகிரி பங்கிற்கு சென்று பங்குப் பேரவை பற்றியும் உறுப்பினர்களின் செயல்பாடுகள், ஒழுங்கு முறைகள் பற்றியும் விளக்கமளித்தார். 18 பேர் கலந்துக்கொண்டனர். பங்கின் வளர்ச்சிக்கான செயல்பாடுகளில் ஒற்றுமையாக பங்குத்தந்தையோடு இணைந்து செயல்பட ஆலோசனைகள் வழங்கினார். தங்கள் பணிப்பொறுப்புகளை உணர்ந்து உறுப்பினர்கள் வாக்குறுதி கொடுத்தனர். அன்பியங்களிலிருந்து பேரவைக்கு தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட உறுப்பினர்களைக் கொண்டு புதிய பங்குப்பேரவை முதன்முதலாக ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது.



பங்குப்பேரவை பொறுப்பாளர்கள்: தலைவர்: அருட்பணி. கார்மேல் கிருபாகரன் அவர்கள், துணைத்தலைவர்: திரு. ஹேமர், செயலர்: திரு. சசிகுமார் இணைசெயலர்: பிரான்சிஸ்மேரி, பொருளர்: திரு. ஜாய் விஜய் குமார்

அன்பியப் பணிக்குழு

வெள்ளாளப்பாளையம் பங்கு : 29-04-2018 அன்று களப்பணியாளர்கள் வேதியர். ஜூலியஸ் சீசர் வெள்ளாளப்பாளையம் பங்கிற்கும், தேவூர் கிளைப்பங்கிற்கும் சென்று அங்குள்ள 11 அன்பியங்களின் பொறுப்பாளர்களை சந்தித்து அன்பியத்தின் அவசியத்தையும், அதன் சிறப்பையும் எடுத்துரைத்து ஒரே கத்தோலிக்க திருஅவையின் மாண்பையும் மகத்துவத்தையும் அதன் பெருமையையும் எடுத்துரைத்து தொடர்ந்து அன்பியங்கள் நடத்திடவும், வழிகாட்டிகள் மற்றும் பொறுப்பாளர்களின் பணிகள் குறித்தும் விளக்கி ஆலோசனைகள் வழங்கினார்.

களப்பணியாளர்கள் பயிற்சிக் கூட்டம் : 06.05.2018 அன்பிய களப்பணியாளர்கள் பயிற்சிக் கூட்டம் திருச்செங்கோடு பங்கில் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் அன்பிய களப்பணியாளர்கள் 5 பேர் மற்றும் அன்பிய பொறுப்பாளர்கள் 12 பேர் கலந்துக்கொண்டனர். அன்பியங்களில் இறைமக்களை பங்கேற்க வைப்பது குறித்தும் அன்பியக் கூட்டங்களை தொய்வுறாமல் நடத்துவது குறித்தும் கலந்துரையாடி தங்கள் அனுபவங்களையும், பகிர்ந்துக்கொண்டனர். திருச்செங்கோடு பங்கிற்கு புதிய ஒருங்கிணைப்பு கூட்டம் ஏற்படுத்த இயக்குநர் அருட்பணி. மரிய ஜோஸப் ராஜ் ஆலோசனை வழங்கினார்.



மறைக்கல்வி பணிக்குழு

பள்ளிப்பாளையம் பங்கு: 06-05-2018 அன்று இயக்குநர் அருட்பணி. மரிய ஜோஸப் ராஜ் பள்ளிப்பாளையம் பங்கிற்கு சென்று திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றி ஞாயிறு மறைக்கல்வி மாணவ மாணவியர் 30 பேரையும் மறைக்கல்வி ஆசிரியர் ஒருவரையும் சந்தித்து மறைக்கல்வியின் அவசியத்தை விவிலிய கதைகள் மூலமாகவும் மற்றும் விவிலிய விளையாட்டுக்கள் மூலமாகவும் எடுத்துரைத்து தவறாமல் தொடர்ந்து கலந்துக்கொள்ளவும் உற்சாகப்படுத்தினார். மேலும் புதுநன்மை மற்றும் உறுதி புகுதல் பெறுபவர்களிடம் விளக்கங்கள் கொடுத்து கலந்துரையாடி இறைமகள்

இயேசுவின் உறவில் நம்பிக்கையுடன் வளர அவர்களின் தூய வாழ்விற்கான வழிகளை எளிய முறையில் எடுத்துரைத்து பக்திப்பற்றுதலுடன் திருவருட்சாதனங்களை பெற உற்சாகப்படுத்தினார்.

வேதியர்கள் திருப்பயணம்: 14-05-18, 15-05-18 இரண்டு நாட்கள் சேலம் மறைமாவட்ட பங்குகளில் பணியாற்றும் வேதியர்கள் மற்றும் கோவில் பிள்ளைகள் 45 பேர் இணைந்து இயக்குநர் தந்தையுடன் திருப்பயணம் மேற்கொண்டனர். இராமேஸ்வரம், வேளாங்கண்ணி, பூண்டி மாதா திருத்தலங்களை சந்தித்து மகிழ்ந்தனர். தங்கள் கோவில் பணிகளில் சிறப்புடன் செயல்பட இத்திருப்பயணம் ஏதுவாக அமைந்தது.

Inaugural Mass: The catechetical Inaugural Mass will be held in all the Vicariate centers only. Prizes for the winners of the Catechetical Exam 2017 – 2018 will be distributed during the inaugural mass. Hence I request all the Rev. Vicar Foranes, Heads of the Institutions kindly arrange to send all the catechism students and the teachers for the Holy Mass.

Salem Vicariate

16th June, Saturday - Infant Jesus Cathedral, Salem, 09.00 a.m.

Attur Vicariate

18th June, Monday - St. Mary's Church, Attur, 11.00 a.m.

Mettur Vicariate

19th June, Tuesday- St. Mary's Church, Mettur, 03.00 p.m.

Thiruchengode Vicariate

27st June, Thursday - St. Mary's Church, Thiruchengode, 11.00 a.m.

Namakkal Vicariate

30th June, Saturday - Christ the King Church, Namakkal, 11.00 a.m.

FAMILY COMMISSION

Marriage preparation course was conducted on 12 to 13-05-2018 (2 days) by at Marthall Illam. 107 male and female youth participated in the seminar. Rev.Fr.Dr. Alaguselvam, Rev.Fr.Dr.Devadass, Rev.Sr. Dr. Martina, Rev. Sr.Dr. Annie Joice, Mr.Amulraj, Mr. Arokiasamy & Mrs. Arokiya Mary were the Resources persons. Sunday afternoon Parents of all the participants attended the special session. Fr. Maria Joseph Raj explained about the value of the Catholic marriage and the problem of divorce parents eagerly participated and understood the value of this session. Program ended with distribution of Certificates to the participants.

Marriage Preparation Course

No Marriage preparation course in the month of June 2018

Marriage preparation course –July 2018

Place	: Marthal Illam, Epiphany Centre, Salem –9
Day	: 14th (Saturday) and 15th (Sunday) of July 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 names in time.

08.30 a.m - 09.00 a.m Registration

09.00 a.m - Class begins.

Late comers are not allowed to attend this course.

2. Parents must attend the seminar on 15-07-2018 Sunday 02.00 pm to 05.30 pm.

Fr. Maria Joseph Raj- Secretary – Catechism, Laity, Anbiyam, Family Commission and Christian Rights
Movement.

EPIPHANY PASTORAL CENTRE

JERICO PRAYER : A meeting of the National Charismatic Leaders was held at Epiphany Center, Salem, to start Jerico Prayer Campaign, praying for India. The details for this will have to be worked out in future.

MARIVALAM: Month of May is devoted for our “**MOTHER MARY**” The Marivalam Procession on 12/05/18 moved gently from Infant Jesus Cathedral Church to Epiphany auditorium. Rev. Fr. Devadoss and Fr. Gopi Emmanuel concelebrated the Holy Mass followed by thanks giving and healing worship.

CHARISMATIC COMMISSION:

On 12/05/2018, the Salem Charismatic team members conducted full Night Vigil prayers. About sixty faithful from various parishes from Salem Diocese participated and they were all filled by Holy Spirit. Rev. Fr. Carmel Kiruba conducted it with Holy Eucharistic. 27/05/2018 is a day of FAST AND PRAY- The Salem Charismatic team members gathered together at Epiphany centre. More than 60 faithful participated. They prayed for deep faith in the presence of Lord in order to move to action, to support our needy brothers and sisters in their daily struggles.

SENIOR CITIZEN ORGANIZATION:

The 2nd and 4th Saturday of May 2018 the Senior Citizen organized an Intercessory prayer of Praise and Worship at Epiphany Centre which was very much alive and active. They read Gospel and shared their by action plan like Counselling and Hospital visit.

COMMUNICATION COMMISSION:

On 11/02/18 a Sound and Light programme on Gospel them “Ulagameetper” was staged at Velankanni by the Epiphany Kalaikuzhu to reach out the Gospel values and the goodness of Divine Love. Thousands of people benefitted.

MADHA TV:

2,3,4,5/5/2018 - Illathil Iraiatchi Shooting at Goa
8/5/2018 - Mass Shoot at Nagalur
13/5/2018 - Mass Shoot at Valapady

YOUTH COMMISSION:

Three days (18,19,20th of May 2018) LSS Programme was held at Salem Social Service Society for 20 youth boys from Saveriapalayam Parish. They participated in Adoration, Praise and Worship, Talks and Holy Mass.

Fr. R. Gopi Emmanuel, Director, Epiphany Pastoral Center.

SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

Kolping India:

- Mrs. Dorothy Ruban, Kolping Coordinator and Monitoring Team members Mrs. Pauline, Mrs. Rani Sambath and Mrs. Maria Therese participated in the Marketing and Linkages workshop held at Pillar Rock Centre, Madurai. The workshop was conducted under Twining Project for three days from 18th to 20th April 2018. The training was facilitated by a team from South Indian Producers' Association.
- Our Coordinators Mrs. Dorothy, Mr. David Raja and Ms. Gayathri visited Seshanchavadi, substation of Vazhapaddi parish and formed 4 New Kolping SHG Groups. One group is formed with destitute widows and other three group were formed with agricultural coolies.

Kolping Summer Camp for Children: Under Kolping Programme, SSSS Organised 3 days Summer Camp for Kolping group children from 14th May 2018 to 16th May 2018. Forty one Children from villages Thedayur, Nathakarai and Kondayampalli participated in the summer camp. First Day, all the students were divided into 5 groups and group leader was selected. A session on waste management and a preparation of house hold things by recycling home disposal was conducted by Mrs. Christina. Mr. Davidraja, conducted Children Parliament which made every children to know about the activities done in parliament and help to plan it for their village. Mr. Arulanantham, Programme Manager gave an input on developing and exhibiting Individual talent in public. Short Movies on Child Labour, Education and Women empowerment were displayed in the evening.

The second day, sport and games were conducted for boys and girls separately. Children went for Exposure visit to Henry's Old Age Home, Fairlands run by Grace and Compassion sisters. Children had interaction with the inmates and sisters. After lunch, Mr. LeoPaul, Headmaster conducted a session on personality development. Rev. Sr. Arockiamary took a session on handcraft making and showed demo to create flower case with old diaries. Mr. Leopaul and his team conducted singing and dancing competitions. In the evening, Rev. Fr. M. Solomon, Principal of St. John's Mat. Hr. Sec. School, distributed Prizes and certificates to the children. Third Day, Children had an excursion to Kuruvampatti Biological Park at Yercaud Foot Hills. There they enjoyed in playing games and got amazed in seeing peacocks, elephants, deers, pelican and other wild birds. After lunch, feedback session took place. Children and field staff thanked director and Kolping programme for conducting wonderful camp which makes them a memorable one.



New Thrust (NT): On 24th April 2018, SSSS organised one day seminar on Protection of Nature and Human Rights at Thammampatti. 71 CBO Members from Thammampatti region participated in the programme. Rev. Fr. Rajamanickam, Director, SSSS, Mr. Arulanantham, Programme Manager, Mr. Davidraja, Project Coordinator participated in the programme. Resource person Lawyer Tamizhagan gave valuable information on human rights, history and facts on drinking water issue and issues in Salem District. On 28th April 2018, SSSS organised one day training to SHG leaders at Attur CBO. Rev. Fr. Arul Francis Xavier, Parish Priest, Attur inaugurated the training. Mr. Arulanantham



interacted with the SHG leaders regarding the group formation, loan status and self employment details. Mr. Davidraja gave an information on Entrepreneurship development and explained about the collective business. ICICI Bank loan linkage of Rs.5,50,000/- was given to Thalampoo Magalir SHG, Attur and Rs.6,00,000/- was given to Shri Durgai Amman Magalir SHG, Thalaivasal.

Manos Unidos: Our field staff helped 8 Self Help Groups to start Bank account in Cooperative Banks. Our field staff visited groups in Panamarathupatti, Magudanchavadi and Konganapuram and verified SHG records.

Minority Schemes: Mr. David Raja had participated in the minority meeting held at collectorate. He discussed the status of applications submitted for minority loan with concern officials. So far 100 applications were collected from poor people by SSSS and submitted in collectorate for minority loan.

Contribution for Hunger and Disease campaign: St. Joseph convent, Attur - Rs. 3,000.

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

NEWS FROM VICARIATES

ATTUR VICARIATE: VBS was conducted in Attur Parish from 29th April to 7th May, 2018. Many children participated enthusiastically and went back home with the energy of the Divine Word. On the final day 8th May children presented colourful culture programme and prizes were given to them.

On 18.05.2018 His Excellency Bishop Singaroyan blessed the extended presbytery first floor at Attur. The rooms and the meeting hall will be a great help for the Vicariate Priests who will gather here for vicariate meetings.

On the same evening 34 children including a few adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is noteworthy that many candidates from villages received Confirmation. Thanks to the sisters and brothers who prepared them.

Fr. Arul Francis Xavier, PP & VF Attur.

The Next Clergy Monthly Recollection in July 2018 will be at Vicariates.