

NEWS LETTER

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Pope's Intention: Universal: The way of the Heart. We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.



**MY LOVE REIGNS IN SUFFERING,
IT TRIUMPHS IN HUMILITY
AND ENJOYS ITSELF IN UNITY**

- THE LORD SAID TO ST MARGARET MARY

APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S CALENDAR – JUNE 2020

DATE	PROGRAMME	PLACE	TIME
09	Education Council Meeting	Bishop's House	10.00 a.m.
09	College of Consultors Meeting	Bishop's House	03.00 p.m.
09	Blessing of Statue	Valappadi	06.00 p.m.
13	Feast Mass	Johnsonpet	07.00 a.m.
23	Confirmation	Suramangalam	08.00 a.m.
29	Feast Mass, St. Paul's Hr. Sec. School	Maravaneri	10.30 a.m.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JUNE 2020

- 01 St. Justin, Memory.
 02 Ss. Marcellinus and Peter, Memory
 03 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Memory
 05 St. Boniface, Memory
 06 St. Norbert, Memory
 07 **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY- Solemnity**
 08 Bl. Mariam Theresia, Memory
 09 St. Ephrem, Dn.,Dr.
 10 Mary Mother of the Church, Memory (10th week in Ordinary Time)
 11 **St. Barnabas, Apostle, Memory**
 13 St. Antony of Padua, Memory
 14 **THE MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD CHRIST- Solemnity**
LAITY SUNDAY
 19 **SACRED HEART OF JESUS - Solemnity**
 20 Immaculate Heart of BVM, Memory
 21 **12th ORDINARY SUNDAY**
 22 St. Thomas More, Memory
 24 **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Solemnity**
 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria, Memory
 28 **13TH ORDINARY SUNDAY – SPECIAL COLLECTLION FOR PETER'S PENSE.**
 29 **Ss. PETER AND PAUL, Apostles, Solemnity**
 30 First Martyres of the Church of Rome

INTERNATIONAL DAYS TO COMMEMORATE – JUNE 2020

- 1 June:** [Global Day of Parents \(A/RES/66/292\)](#)
3 June: [World Bicycle Day \(A/RES/72/272\)](#)
4 June: [International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression \(A/RES/ES-7/8\)](#)
5 June: [World Environment Day \(A/RES/2994 \(XXVII\)\)](#)
5 June: International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.
 ([A/RES/72/72](#))
6 June: [Russian Language Day](#) (Russian)
7 June: [World Food Safety Day \(A/RES/73/250\)](#)
8 June: [World Oceans Day \(A/RES/63/111\)](#)
12 June: [World Day Against Child Labour](#)
13 June: [International Albinism Awareness Day \(A/RES/69/170\)](#)
14 June: [World Blood Donor Day \[WHO\] \(WHA Resolution 58.13\)](#)
15 June: [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day \(A/RES/66/127\)](#)

- 16 June: [International Day of Family Remittances \(A/RES/72/281; GC 38/Resolution 189\)](#)
- 17 June: [World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought \(A/RES/49/115\)](#)
- 18 June: [Sustainable Gastronomy Day \(A/RES/71/246\)](#)
- 19 June: [International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict \(A/RES/69/293\)](#)
- 20 June: [World Refugee Day \(A/RES/55/76\)](#)
- 21 June: [International Day of Yoga \(A/RES/69/131\)](#)
- 23 June: [United Nations Public Service Day \(A/RES/57/277\)](#)
- 23 June: [International Widows' Day \(A/RES/65/189\)](#)
- 25 June: [Day of the Seafarer \[IMO\] \(STCW/CONF.2/DC.4\)](#)
- 26 June: [International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking \(A/RES/42/112\)](#)
- 26 June: [United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture \(A/RES/52/149\)](#)
- 27 June: [Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day \(A/RES/71/279\)](#)
- 29 June: [International Day of the Tropics \(A/RES/70/267\)](#)
- 30 June: [International Asteroid Day \(A/RES/71/90\)](#)
- 30 June: [International Day of Parliamentarism \(A/RES/72/278\)](#)

FROM APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK - JUNE 2020

1. **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.
2. 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.
3. **The LAITY SUNDAY is celebrated on 28.06.2020.** 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.
4. **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 time table. 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.
5. **To the kind attention of the Heads of Catholic Educational Institutions:** Admission of all the Catholic children in Catholic Schools is the policy declared by the CBCI and National CRI. It is important all the Catholic Educational Institutions come forward to execute this policy voluntarily. 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.
6. **Instructions to the priests on Transfer in Salem Diocese. Please take note of the following:**
 - i. All Parish Priests and Priests in charge of diocesan Institutions, who are on transfer, please **invite the Incoming Priest and the delegate appointed by the**

Apostolic Administrator 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.

- ii. **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 **delegate appointed**.
- iii. **The handing over of the charges should take place in the presence of the delegate appointed** who will sign the Record of Accounts in the presence of both the out-going and the in-coming priests.
- iv. **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 delegate appointed.
- v. **The delegate appointed 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 delegate appointed, who signed the registers, will be personally responsible to settle any discrepancy that surfaces later.
- vi. **No large payment or expenditure is to be done after the announcement of the transfer.**
- vii. **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.
- viii. 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 delegate appointed and by the incoming priest and send one copy of it to the Bishop for files.** This provision is new. Please cooperate.
- ix. **When the transfer of the President or Secretary of a Society / Trust** (like SSSS, SDS, NSSS or LRRC) takes place, the handing over of the charges will be done **during the meeting of the members of the Governing Body of the concerned Society.**

7. After a priest is transferred from a parish / institution and goes to a new office, it is not proper for him to interfere in any way with the affairs of the previous parish / institution. That will negatively impact the ministry of the incoming priest in his administration. Let us all observe it.

8. I wholeheartedly thank and appreciate all the Priests and the volunteers, who have taken creative measures during this dreadful situation and especially all the teachers working in our diocesan schools in Salem and Namakkal districts, who have generously contributed their one day salary towards COVID 19 relief measures in Salem Diocese. God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7). God bless you all!

9. Mr. A. Savariappan, Aged 81, elder brother of **Fr. A. Belevendiram** passed away on 08.05.2020 and his funeral was held on 09.05.2020 at Sollepuram. The Diocese of Salem offers its heartfelt condolences and prayers to Fr. A. Belevendiram and his family members. May his soul rest in peace!

+ **Most Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius**
Apostolic Administrator of Salem Diocese



Priestly Ordination on . 06.2020

Name : Dn. A. Charles
Parent's Name : Antony Cruz & Selva Mary
DOB : 20-05-1989
Parish of Birth : V. Kongarapatty, Salem



The Diocese of Salem welcomes and wishes him God's choicest blessings for his ministry in the diocese of Salem.

SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

In view of the COVID-19 situation and its subsequent lockdown, the Salem Diocesan Disaster Management Team [DDMT] has convened a meeting on April 9, 2020, at our Salem Social Service Society. In this meeting, we have discussed issues affecting our people during this ongoing lockdown of COVID-19 and Post Covid 19. All the DDMT members have unanimously evolved the following plan to garner funds to undertake relief measures in the diocese.

Aim: To ensure poor and extreme poor of the Catholic population of our Salem diocese have restored a healthy and normal life despite the challenges of COVID-19 situations.

Specific Objectives:

1. To raise awareness among the Catholic population for health and hygienic practices for prevention of COVID-19.
2. To provide food provisions to poor and extreme poor Catholic families to meet their basic needs at least for a month.
3. To render educational support for Catholic children belonging to socio-economically backward families.

Estimated Budget: We have planned to support around 10,000 poor Catholic families in our diocese. The estimated cost for each family is Rs.2,000. Thus, the total cost amounts to Rs. 2,00,00,000 (Rupees Two Crores).

Plan for Mobilisation of Funds:

1. The Priests who are working in Salem Diocese are kindly requested to contribute one month viaticum and more for this noble cause.
2. All the Catholic Religious Institutions' heads are kindly requested to collect one day salary from the teachers and contribute to Salem Social Service Society.
3. All the Parish Priests are kindly requested to prepare the donors' list (philanthropic people) from your parish and send it to Salem Social Service Society.

On behalf of the Catholic people of our diocese, we request your good self to contribute your portion of share for restoring the normalcy in the lives of our poor and extreme poor Catholic families.

Please pay your contribution through the following bank account:

A/c Name: Salem Social Service Society

Bank: Federal Bank (Alagapuram Branch); **A/c No.** 15270100001314; **IFSC:** FDRL0001527

Relief Materials distributed through Salem Social Service Society

As requested by Most. Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius Dorairaj Apostolic Administrator of Salem Diocese, Rev. Fr. Maria Joseph Manager of R.C. Schools and Rev. Fr. A. Jacob, Procurator collected one day salary from Teachers who are working in our diocesan schools in Salem Diocese. Out of their generous contribution 30% of the total contribution of Rs. 2,68,255/- (Rupees Two Lakhs sixty eight thousand two hundred and fifty five only) was allotted to distribute relief materials to poor people who live in and around Salem District through Salem Social Service Society. This amount was spent to buy relief materials for the poor people.



The Salem Social Service Society bought and distributed dry ration, sanitary items and masks to 1838 poor families in 23 Parishes in and around Salem District. We sincerely appreciate and thank

the headmasters, headmistress and teachers for their generous contribution towards COVID – 19 pandemic.

S. No	Name of the Parish	Total Families benefited
1	Agraharam	100
2	Idappady	100
3	Jayarakininagar	50
4	Kongarapatti	50
5	Kootathupatti	100
6	Manjakuttai	100
7	Masilapalayam	240
8	Mettur Dam	100
9	Nagalur	50
10	R. C. Settipatti	100
11	Sadayampalaym	100
12	Salem Camp	110
13	Sangagiri	50
14	Thalaiwasal	50
15	Tharamangalam	50
16	Vellapalayam	100
17	Yercaud	50
18	Trichengode	50
19	R.C. Reddiyur	75
20	Kosavampatti	45
21	Elangar	40
22	Arisipalayam	30
23	Epiphany centre	43
24	Others (from SSSS)	51

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

**R.C Schools (Salem and Namakkal Districts) Teachers contribution to “Covid 19” Relief Fund
Salem Diocese**

Sl.No	Name of the School	Place	Teachers	Office staff	Amount
1	Little Flower Hr Sec School	Salem-7	51	5	146,028.00
2	St Paul’s Hr Sec School	Salem-7	52	6	152,140.00
3	St Antony’s Hr Sec School	Thiruchengode	14	2	38,953.00
4	Jeyarakkini Middle School	Shevapet	22	0	53,711.00
5	St Mary’s Middle School	Koneripatti	8	0	20,557.00
6	Fathima Middle School	Namakkal	1	0	2,324.00
7	St Joseph’s Middle School	Perunkurichi	1	0	3,262.00
8	St Philomina’s Middle School	Salem Camp	--	0	-
9	St Mary’s Middle School	Attur	18	0	43,950.00
10	St Mary’s Middle School	Kakkaveri	9	0	23,766.00
11	St Cecily Middle School	Pettai Palayam	2	0	5,000.00
12	St Theresa’s Middle School	Elanagar	6	0	14,685.00
13	St Nichola’s Middle School	R.C.Settipatti	13	0	33,414.00
14	Little Flower Primary School	Salem - 7	26	0	66,902.00
15	St Paul’s Primary School	Salem – 7	14	0	35,585.00
16	St Mary’s Primary School	A.N.Mangalam	5	0	12,835.00
17	St Mary’s Primary School	Gengavalli	3	0	7,335.00
18	St Mary’s Primary School	Thummankurichi	2	0	4,785.00
19	St Mary’s Primary School	Vellandivalasai	15	0	35,442.00
20	St Mary’s Primary School	Pungavadi	2	0	4,131.00

21	St Mary's Primary School	Marappanaickenpatty	2	0	5,216.00
22	St Mary's Primary School	Vallipuram	2	0	4,650.00
23	RC Primary School	Shenbagamadevi	2	0	4,519.00
24	St Xavier' Primary School	Kosavampatti	2	0	4,261.00
25	St Xavier' Primary School	Pillur	2	0	5,000.00
26	St Xavier' Primary School	Maniyanur	2	0	5,951.00
27	St Thresa's Primary School	Athiyur	3	0	8,982.00
28	St Joseph's Primary School	Craigmore	3	0	8,200.00
29	St Joseph's Primary School	Sendarapatti	7	0	16,820.00
30	St Joseph's Primary School	Koodacherry	2	0	5,000.00
31	St Antony's Primary School	Thiruchengode	11	0	22,689.00
32	St Thresa's Primary School	Pillukurichi	2	0	4,436.00
33	Little Flower Primary School	Melsathambur	2	0	5,500.00
34	Little Flower Primary School	Karatupalayam	3	0	9,333.00
35	Sacred Heart Primary School	Animoor	2	0	4,340.00
36	St Andrew's Primary School	Odapalli	5	0	12,248.00
37	RC Primary School	Karumanur	2	0	5,034.00
38	RC Primary School	Savariar Palayam	3	0	7,236.00
39	RC Primary School	SadayamPalayam	12	0	31,332.00
40	RC Primary School	Boomanur	2	0	6,300.00
41	Jeyarakkini Primary School	Naranampalyam	3	0	7,904.00
42	Uthariya Matha Primary	Kunnamalai	2	0	5,000.00
		Total	340	13	8,94,756.00

Total Amount Rs. 894756 – 00

Spent in Salem District Rs. 2,68,255/-

Spent in Namakkal District Rs. 6,26,500/-

Namakkal Social Service Society:

As directed by Most Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius, the Apostolic Administrator of Salem Diocese, during this Corona virus attack situation, Rev. Fr. Maria Joseph Manager of R.C. Schools collected one day salary from our teachers who are working in our diocesan management schools. Out of their generous contribution 70% of the total contribution of Rs. 6,26,500/- (Rupees Six Lakhs twenty six thousand five hundred only) was allotted to distribute relief materials to poor people who live in and around Namakkal District. This amount was distributed through our Namakkal Social Service Society by way of distributing rice bags to all poor people in and around Namakkal District through parish priests. Around 3500 poor families were benefitted. We express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the teachers who work in our diocesan management schools for their sacrifice during this Covid -19 pandemic. May God bless them abundantly.



Total Families benefitted through Namakkal Social Service Society

S. No	Name of the Parish	Total Families benefitted
1	Namakkal	200
2	Elachipalayam	130
3	Kunnamalai	140

4	Mathiyampatti	100
5	Namagiripettai	20
6	Pallipalayam	135
7	Paramathi	100
8	Patlur	75
9	Perunkurichi	125
10	Pettaipalayam	150
11	Sadayampalayam	159
12	R.Pudhupalayam	135
13	Sangagiri	75
14	Rasipuram	50
15	SPB Colony	150
16	Semmedu (Kolli Hills)	75
17	Sendhamangalam	110
18	Trichengode	140
19	Solarasiramani	125
20	Kosavampatti	150
21	Elangar	60
22	Kumarapalayam	135
23	Others (from NSSS)	961
	Total	3500

Fr. X. Peter

John Paul,
Director, NSSS.**FEAST DAY WISHES**

Rev. Fr. S. Irudayaselvam	Sacred Heart
Rev. Fr. S. Arulappan	24.06
Rev. Fr. A. Peter Francis	29.06
Rev. Fr. X. Peter John Paul	29.06
Rev. Fr. T. Peter Raj	29.06

TO**ORDINATION DAY WISHES TO**

Rev. Fr. A. Durairaj	09.06.1987
Rev. Fr. S. Arulappan	10.06.1980
Rev. Fr. I. Maria Susai	12.06.1973
Rev. Fr. S. Theodore Selvaraj	24.06.1976
Rev. Fr. C. Michael	24.06.1976
Rev. Fr. J. Lucas Thumma	29.06.1976

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED CONFRES

Rev. Fr. Mathew Kadavil	01.06.1984
Rev. Fr. Laplace	03.06.1944
Rev. Fr. Gaynard	06.06.1980
Rev. Fr. A. Antonysamy	06.06.1981
Rev. Fr. Labadibar	08.06.1931
Rt. Rev. Michael B. Duraisamy	09.06.1999
Rev. Fr. I. Selvarathinam	10.06.1992
Rev. Fr. Nalais	11.06.1959
Rev. Fr. M. Kurusunkal	18.06.1995
Rev. Fr. R. Xavier	20.06.2017
Rev. Fr. A. L. Irudayam	26.06.1998

The Next Clergy Monthly Recollection will be held on 06.07.2020