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உயிர்ப்பு பெருவிழா  
வாழ்த்துக்களும், ஆசீரும்



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### Congratulations to the Ordinands

**Priestly Ordination on 24.04.2022 at St. Joseph's Church, Gnanaolivupuram**

Name : Rev. Dn. A. Amalraj

Date of Birth : 31.12.1992

Village / Parish : Aruppukottai

Parents : Mr. A. Antony Samy & Mrs. A. Sophia Irudhaya Rani

Brothers & Sisters : 2 Elder Brothers

Moto : "செவ்வாய் ஆற்றுவதற்கே" (மத் 20:28)



Name : Rev. Dn. L. Britto

Date of Birth : 15.01.1993

Village / Parish : Ilandaikulam, W. Pudupatti

Parents : Mr. Lourdu Samy & Mrs. Maria Shanthi

Brothers & Sisters : 3 Elder Brothers

Moto : "நன்மை செய்து கொள்ளல் செயல்" (திம 10:38)



Name : Rev. Dn. F. Devaraj

Date of Birth : 06.03.1988

Village / Parish : Ilandaikulam, W. Pudupatti

Parents : Mr. Francis & Mrs. Rajammal

Brothers & Sisters : 2 Sisters & 2 Brothers

Moto : "நல்லதையே சொல்லவும், செய்யவும்" (2 கொ 2:17)



**Congratulations to the  
Silver Jubilarians: (1997-2022)**

**Rev. Fr. Peter Roy S. and**

**Rev. Fr. Maria Louis A.**

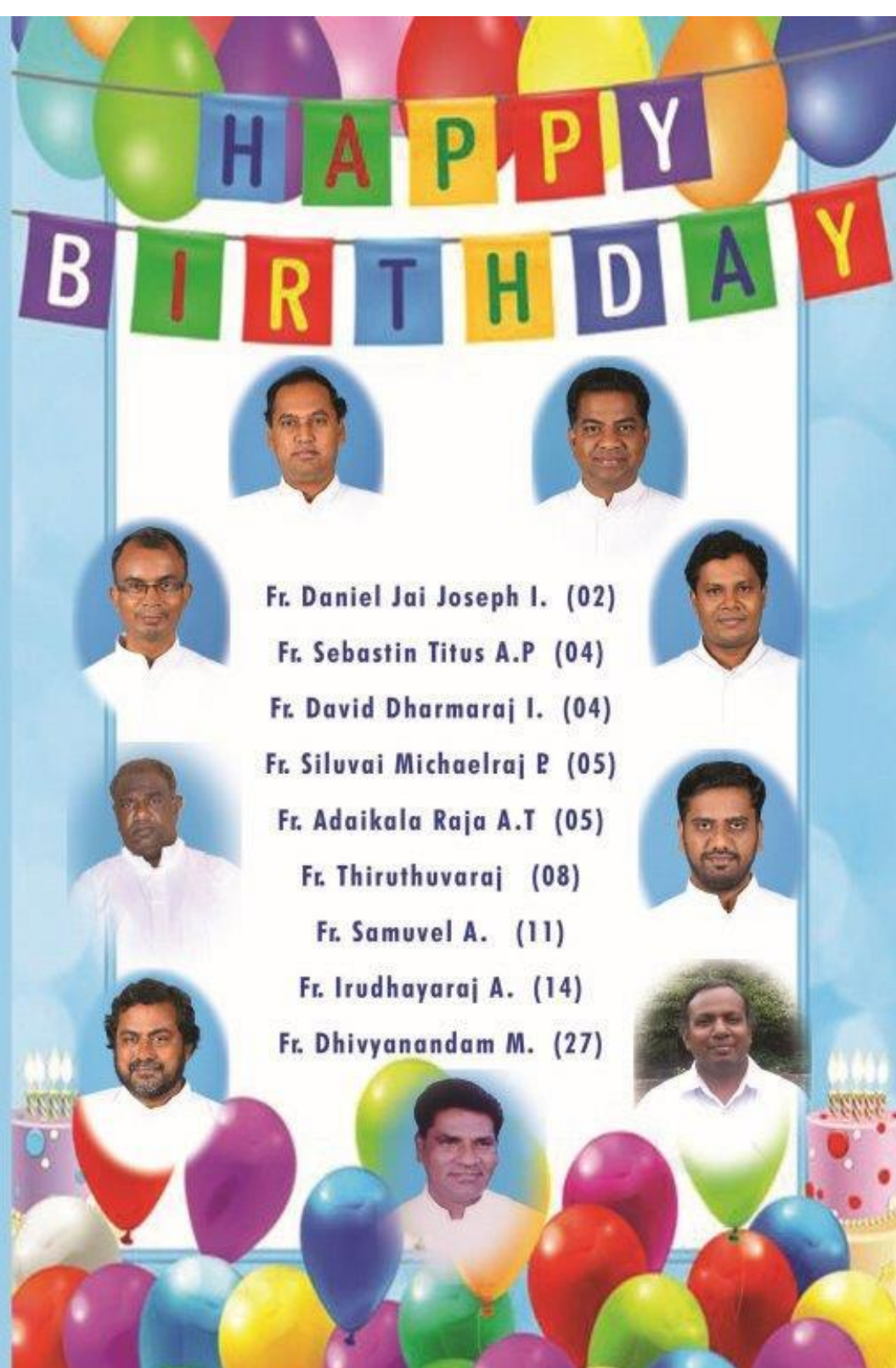
**on their Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee**

**Ad multos Annos.**



Confirmation at Padur

Trust Meeting at Patrick Home



Fr. Daniel Jai Joseph I. (02)

Fr. Sebastin Titus A.P (04)

Fr. David Dharmaraj I. (04)

Fr. Siluvai Michaelraj P (05)

Fr. Adaikala Raja A.T (05)

Fr. Thiruthuvaraj (08)

Fr. Samuvel A. (11)

Fr. Irudhayaraj A. (14)

Fr. Dhivyanandam M. (27)



# THE VOICE OF THE PASTOR

## Easter gift - peace to the World

*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace" (Is 52:7)*

"Peace"! It is the need of time. All living creatures primarily seek peace, comfort, and security. But ironically in our daily lives, we are confronted with sad news such as injustice, violence, crime, wars, and disasters. The effects of climate change and environmental degradation are worsening day by day. Individualism and consumerism have crept everywhere. There is the threat of nuclear destruction. As in the days of the prophets, so is the situation of today's social scenario, *the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth* constantly pleads for justice and peace.

The more we are advanced in science and technology, the more we face serious problems. Though we strive hard for peace, we have not succeeded in bringing peace and happiness or in overcoming suffering. It is our prime responsibility to strike a balance between material developments on the one hand and the development of spiritual, human values on the other hand, in order to bring peace to the World. "Once upon a time there was also talk in our churches of a 'holy war' or 'just war,'" the Vatican quoted Pope Francis as saying. "Today we cannot speak like this. Christian awareness of the importance of peace has developed."

- Peace is a journey of listening based on memory, solidarity, and fraternity
- Peace calls to encounter God's generous love by the sacrament of Reconciliation
- Peace is a journey of reconciliation in fraternal communion
- It is a search within, where violence and peace meet
- Peace is a journey of ecological conversion

Pope Francis, in an address commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops, stated



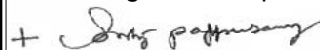
that "the world in which we live, and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the church strengthen cooperation in all areas of her mission". Each individual has a universal responsibility to bring peace respecting human dignity and to experience God's kingdom here on earth, so that we will be called children of God (Mt 5:9), which has been promised to the peacemakers.

We too are aware of the heartbreaking scream for help from our Ukrainian brothers; the blood and tears of the children, the suffering of women and men who are defending their land or fleeing from the bombs shake our conscience, which pushes us to cry with them and work for them; to share the anguish of a people wounded in its identity, history and tradition. Compassion is the pillar of world peace and much more than lay people we are called to work hard to reform our ideas, views, and actions to build peace. We must bring about a viable consensus on basic spiritual values that touch every human heart and enhance general human happiness. Peace may be achieved by respecting each other's beliefs and by emphasizing our common concern for human well-being.

Lord Jesus who is our master, who was born as a Prince of Peace, and who paved the path to bring peace, has left the message for us, **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (Jn 14:27)**. Yes it is the **'Easter Gift'**. This peace flows in the midst of persecution, trouble, disappointment, confusion, and anxiety. Jesus never promised that he would remove challenging situations of life, rather he promises that in spite of the situations in life, he will give us peace and in return he calls us to be the peacemakers. It echoes in our hearts "whom shall I send" and what is our response? What is my contribution towards restoring peace? How can I become an architect of peace?

We all can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, in the community, in the parish, then within society and within the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations. As per the words of Pope Francis, let us all strive to restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Let us be poor among the poor, include the excluded, and preach peace.

May God bless you!  
Your loving Archbishop,

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**+ Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy**  
Archbishop of Madurai



## Archbishop's Engagements

7	Tue	Recollection and Mass of the Holy Oils, Kuzhithurai
8-10		Kuzhithurai
10	Sun	Palm Sunday, Kuzhithurai
12	Tue	Recollection and Mass of the Holy Oils, Madurai
14	Thu	Maundy Thursday, Cathedral
15	Fri	Good Friday, Cathedral
16	Sat	SC/ST Representatives Meeting
17	Sun	Easter, Cathedral
19	Tue	Consult Meeting
20	Wed E	Sacerdotal Ordination, Thirumangalam
23	Sat	SC/ST, AMA Trust General Body Meeting
24	Sun M	Confirmation, Bastin Nagar
	E	Diocesan Sacerdotal Ordination, Gnanaolivupuram
26	Tue E	Blessing of New Bell Tower & Sants' Park, Bodi
27	Wed	Sacerdotal Ordination, Ammapatti
29	Fri	Installation of The Archbishop of Pondicherry-Cuddalore
30	Sat M	Confirmation at Gnanaolivupuram
	E	Feast Mass, Gnanaolivupuram

\* Appointments may be fixed by calling the Archbishop's Secretary at +91 94433 86761 or by mailing to abssecretarymdu@gmail.com.

\* Appointments are subject to change as per Government's Regulations.

## Pope's General Prayer Intention

*For health care workers* - We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

## பேராயரோடு இணைந்து செலிப்போம்

**இலக்கு :** கிறிஸ்துவின் உயிர்ப்பை நாம் நம்பவில்லை என்றால் நம் நம்பிக்கை வொருளற்றதே - புனித பவுல்

**நோக்கு :** மக்காத வொருள்களின் பயன்பாட்டை முற்றிலும் தவிர்க்க

**சீர்தூக்கு:** இயேசு போதித்து காட்டிய ஆன் வண் சமத்துவத்தை அன்றாட வாழ்வாக்க...

## HAPPY FEAST

The Archbishop & The Archdiocesan Priests wish the De La Salle Brothers (FSC) on 7<sup>th</sup> April, a blessed Feast Day.

## Please Note

1. **Monthly Recollection and Chrism Mass:** The customary Monthly Recollection will be held on 12<sup>th inst.</sup>, Tuesday of the Holy Week at Bishop's House at 10.30 am. The Chrism Mass, presided by His Grace, will be celebrated at 6.00 pm., at our Cathedral in which the Holy Oils will be blessed. It is the **PRIESTHOOD DAY**. Since all of us will be busy with liturgy on Maundy Thursday at different churches, the *Presbyterium* of Madurai celebrates this day as Priests' Day. Let us thank the Lord for this wonderful Gift of Priesthood and renew our Priestly Commitment today at the Chrism Mass.
2. **Joyous Easter:** DNL wishes all its readers Greetings and Blessings of Easter. May Joy, Victory and Peace, the blessings of Risen Christ shared with all at Holy Week liturgical celebrations, animate the heart and mind





of all the readers. Let the Risen Lord liberate the Church from all the shackles of darkness and evil.

3. **Campaign (collection) against Hunger and Disease:** i) Special collection taken on *Maundy Thursday* is for the Campaign to eradicate hunger and disease in the world. ii) Special *Good Friday Collection* procured is for the Maintenance of Sacred Places in Holy Land. Hence parish priests and Heads of Institutions are to make special two collections for the above mentioned purposes and submit them immediately at the Procurator's Office or the former one at MMSSS, which collections (both) will be sent to the Holy See.
4. **Ordination to Priesthood:** Congratulations and cordial felicitations to the three Deacons, namely **Rev. Dn. Amalraj A, Rev. Dn. Britto L. and Rev. Dn. Devaraj F.**, who will be ordained by His Grace **Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy** at the solemn Holy Eucharist to be held at 5.30 pm., on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at St. Joseph's Church, Gnanaolivupuram. The *Presbyterium* headed by His Grace is happy to receive these newly ordained Priests into the Archdiocese and wishes them all God's grace in their priestly life and ministries. Cordial Welcome to you, Priests.
5. **Congratulations to** the following **Deacons** who will be ordained on 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Paul's Seminary, Trichy.

1. **Bro. Antony Amalraj S.**

Date of Birth : 04 - 04 -1994  
Village / Parish : Sacred Heart Church, Munjikal  
Parents : Mr. A. Sahaya Antony Joseph  
Mrs. S. Arockia Mary Stella  
Brothers and Sisters : 1 younger Sister

2. **Bro. John Britto S.**

Date of Birth : 14-12- 1994  
Village / Parish : Devadanam  
Parents : Mr. V. Selvaraj & Mrs. Yesammal S.  
Brothers and Sisters : 1 elder Brother (a Pallottine Priest)

3. **Bro. Manoj J.**

Date of Birth : 27-09-1991  
Village / Parish : Income Tax Colony, Christ the King Parish  
Parents : Mr. Joseph Arockia Doss &  
Mrs. Natchathiram D  
Brothers and Sisters : 1 younger Brother

4. **Bro. Martin Lourdu**

Date of Birth : 08 -03- 1992  
Village / Parish : Seeniapuram, Srivilliputhur  
Parents : Mr. John Chinnappan L & Mrs. Innaciammal J  
Brothers and Sisters : 1 elder Brother

5. **Bro. Prem Johnson R**

Date of Birth : 04-03-1992  
Village / Parish : Anthoniapuram, Melur  
Parents : Mr. Rayar R.A. (late) & Mrs. R. Rani  
Brothers and Sisters : 1 elder Brother & 1 elder Sister

6. **Bro. Raja S.**

Date of Birth : 28-11-1989  
Village / Parish : W. Pudupatti  
Parents : Mr. Santhiagu J & Mrs. Chinnammal S (late)  
Brothers and Sisters : 1 younger Brother, 1 el. Brother & 1 el. Sister

6. **Congratulations** to i) the **Silver Jubilarians, Fr. Maria Louis A. and Fr. Peter Roy S.** (6-4-1997 to 6-4-2022) on their Silver Jubilee Ordination Day this month. May the good Lord bless them abundantly, their priestly lives and ministries. *Ad multos Annos*  
ii) Fr. M. John Diraviam for his new book, 'அன்னைமய ஆன்மீகம்' which was released by His Grace on 15<sup>th</sup> March at Monthly Recollection, Bishop's House.

7. **Condolence:** DNL expresses its deep condolences to Fr. Vincent Raja X, on the sad demise of his Father, **Mr. Xavier**, aged 83, who passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Ariyanallur. The funeral Mass



was officiated by His Grace, Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy on 14<sup>th</sup> March with a large number of the Presbyterium. May the soul of Mr. Xavier, the father of Fr. Vincent Raja rest in peace.

8. **Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary** was done at all the parishes and institutions of the Archdiocese on 25<sup>th</sup> March evening (Solemnity of Annunciation) following the circular message of His Grace, who mentioned that the Holy Father had invited all the Bishops in the world to make this Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine at the same time throughout the world. May the war and annihilation of one another stop and may our Blessed Mother intervene in Peace efforts between these two countries and the related two blocs.
9. **Pope's Apostolic Letter, Motu Proprio, Competentias quasdam decernere:** The Holy Father has instructed all the Bishops of the world to pay attention and scrutiny the celebration of Mass stipends received from abroad and local places. Holding and using for one's own needs the Unaccounted Mass is a delict as per canon law. Hence all the priests of the Archdiocese, who receive the stipends (Gregorian as well) are to submit at once their account to the Procurator. The Motu proprio says as per the new norms only the diocesan Bishop can reduce burdens of the Masses and the legacies of Masses entrusted to ecclesiastical institutes for their maintenance. Hence Heads of Institutes also, who receive legacies of Masses are to get permission to the Archbishop if they find some difficulty in fulfilling. Vide art. 9 of the *Motu proprio*, given on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

#### Art. 9

*The can. 1308 CIC and can. 1052 CCEO regarding the reduction of the burdens of the Masses modify the competence resulting in the following formulations:*

CIC - Can. 1308 § 1: The reduction of the burdens of Masses, to be done only for a just and necessary cause, is reserved to the diocesan bishop and to the supreme moderator of an institute of consecrated life or of a clerical society of apostolic life.

§ 2. The diocesan Bishop has the faculty to reduce the Masses of the legates who are autonomous, due to the decrease in income and as long as this cause, according to the alms legitimately in force in the diocese, provided that there is no obligated person and who can be effectively compelled to provide for an increase in almsgiving.

§ 3. The same has the right to reduce the burdens or legacies of Masses affecting ecclesiastical institutes, if the incomes have become insufficient to conveniently achieve the proper purposes of the ecclesiastical institute itself.

§ 4. The supreme moderator of an institute of consecrated life or of a clerical society of apostolic life has the same faculties as mentioned in §§ 2 and 3.

#### வழிகாட்டி ஆசிரியர் பயிற்சி

12.3.22 அன்று நொபிலி மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளியில் “வழிகாட்டி



ஆசிரியர் பயிற்சி” கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது. இக்கூட்டத்தில் மதுரை மறைமாவட்டத்தைச் சார்ந்த நடுநிலைப்பள்ளி, மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளிகள், மெடரிக் பள்ளிகள், பாத்திமா ஜஸ்டின் கல்லூரிகளைச் சேர்ந்த ஆசிரியர்களும், இசுலாம் அல்அமீன்

மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி ஆசிரியர்களும் மதுரை காந்தி மியூசியம் உறுப்பினர்கள், பணிக்குழு உறுப்பினர்கள் என 135 பேர்கள் இக்கூட்டத்தில் கலந்து கொண்டார்கள்.

இக்கூட்டத்தில் மாநில பல்சமய உரையாடல் பணிக்குழு செயலர் அருட்பணி. ஜான் போஸ்கோ அவர்களும், கத்தோலிக்க சேவை பொறுப்பாளர் தந்தை பால்பிரிடோ, நொபிலி மெடரிக் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி முதல்வர் அருட்பணி. அடைக்கலராஜ் அவர்கள் முன்னிலையில் ஆரம்பமானது. இப்பயிற்சியில் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் திரு. தேவசகாயம் அவர்கள் “மதவாத சூழலும் மாணவச் சமூகமும்” என்ற தலைப்பிலும் வழக்கறிஞர் திரு. C.J. ராஜன் மாநிலத்தலைவர், சமம் குடிமக்கள் இயக்கம் அவர்கள் “மாந்த நேய ஆன்மீகம் பேணும் மாணவச் சமூகம்





உருவாக்கம்” பற்றிய கருத்துக்களை நிகழ்படம் வழியாக கருத்துக்களை வழங்கி விளக்கமளித்தார்கள். மதிய உணவிற்குப் பின் வழிகாட்டி ஆசிரியர்களை ஏழு குழுக்களாக பிரித்து குழு ஆய்வு நடைபெற்றது. வழக்கறிஞர் திருமிகு. M.A. ஜோ பிரிடடோ (வான்முகில் அமைப்பு)

அவர்கள் “உரையாடல் பணியின் சவால்களும் அணுகுமுறைகளும்” என்ற தலைப்பில் கருத்துக்கள் வழங்கினர். பல்சமய உரையாடல் பணிக்குழு செயலர் தந்தை ஜே. பெனடிக்ட் பர்னபாஸ் அவர்கள் கூட்டத்தை ஒருங்கிணைத்தார்கள். இயக்கப் பாடலுடன் கூட்டம் இனிது நிறைவு பெற்றது.

### ***Pope's Homily on March 25th, the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary***

In the Gospel reading for today's Solemnity, the angel Gabriel speaks three times in addressing the Virgin Mary.

The first is when he greets her and says, “Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you” (Lk 1:28). The reason to rejoice, the reason for joy, is revealed in those few words: the Lord is with you. Dear brother, dear sister, today you can hear those words addressed to you. You can make them your own each time you approach God's forgiveness, for there the Lord tells you, “I am with you.” All too often, we think that Confession is about going to God with dejected looks. Yet it is not so much that we go to the Lord, but that he comes to us, to fill us with his grace, to fill us with his joy. Our confession gives the Father the joy of raising us up once more. It is not so much about our sins as about his forgiveness. Our sins are present but the forgiveness of God is always at the heart of our confession. Think about it: if our sins were at the heart of the sacrament, almost everything would depend on us, on our repentance, our efforts, our resolves. Far from it. The sacrament is about God, who liberates us and puts us back on our feet.

Pope Francis goes to confession during March 25 penance service. AFP  
Let us recognize once more the primacy of grace and ask for the gift to



realize that Reconciliation is not primarily our drawing near to God, but his embrace that enfolds, astonishes and overwhelms us. The Lord enters our home, as he did that of Mary in Nazareth, and brings us unexpected amazement and joy – the joy of forgiveness. Let us first look at things from God's perspective: then we will rediscover our love for Confession. We need this, for every interior rebirth, every spiritual renewal, starts there,

from God's forgiveness. May we not neglect Reconciliation, but rediscover it as the sacrament of joy. Yes, the sacrament of joy, for our shame for our sins becomes the occasion for an experience of the warm embrace of the Father, the gentle strength of Jesus who heals us, and the “maternal tenderness” of the Holy Spirit. That is the heart of Confession.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us go forth and receive forgiveness. And you, dear brother priests who are ministers of God's forgiveness, offer to those who approach you the joy of this proclamation: Rejoice, the Lord is with you. Please set aside rigidity, obstacles and harshness; may you be doors wide open to mercy! Especially in Confession, we are called to act in the person of the Good Shepherd who takes his sheep into his arms and cradles them. We are called to be channels of grace that pour forth the living water of the Father's mercy on hearts grown arid. If a priest does not approach Confession with this attitude, it would be better for him to refrain from celebrating the sacrament.

A second time the angel speaks to Mary. She was troubled by his greeting, and so he tells her, “Do not be afraid” (v. 30). The first time he says, “The Lord is with you.” Now, the second time, he says “Do not be afraid.” In the Scriptures, whenever God appears to those who receive him, he loves to utter those words: Do not be afraid! He says them to Abraham (cf. Gen 15:1), repeats them to Isaac (cf. Gen 26:24), to Jacob (cf. Gen 46:3) and so on, up to Joseph (cf. Mt 1:20) and Mary. Do not be afraid! In this way, he sends us a clear and comforting message: once our lives are open to God, fear can no longer hold us in thrall. For fear can truly hold us in thrall. You, dear sister, dear brother, if your sins frighten you, if your past worries you, if your wounds do not heal, if your constant failings dishearten you and you seem to have lost hope, please, do not be afraid. God knows your weaknesses and is greater than your mistakes. God is greater than our sins. He asks of you only one thing:



that you not hold your frailties and sufferings inside. Bring them to him, lay them before him and, from being reasons for despair, they will become opportunities for resurrection.



Do not be afraid! The Lord asks us for our sins. This brings to mind the story of a monk in the desert. He had given everything to God and lived a life of fasting, penance and prayer. The Lord asked for more. "Lord, I gave you everything," said the monk, "what more is there?" The Lord replied, "Give me yours sins." Do not

be afraid!

The Blessed Virgin Mary accompanies us: she cast her own anxiety upon God. The angel's proclamation gave her good reason to be afraid. He proposed to her something unimaginable and beyond her abilities, something that she could not handle alone: there would be too many difficulties, problems with the Mosaic law, with Joseph, with the citizens of her town and with her people. Yet Mary did not object. Those words – do not be afraid – were sufficient for her; God's reassurance was enough for her. She clung to him, as we want to do tonight. Yet so often we do the exact opposite. We start from our own certainties and, when we lose them, we turn to God. Our Lady, on the other hand, teaches us to start from God, trusting that in this way everything else will be given to us (cf. Mt6:33). She invites us to go to the source, to the Lord, who is the ultimate remedy against fear and emptiness in life. There is a lovely phrase written above a confessional here in the Vatican that reminds us of this. It addresses God with these words, "To turn away from you is to fall, to turn back to you is to rise, to abide in you is to have life" (cf. SAINT AUGUSTINE, Soliloquies I, 3).

In these days, news reports and scenes of death continue to enter our homes, even as bombs are destroying the homes of many of our defenceless Ukrainian brothers and sisters. The vicious war that has overtaken so many people, and caused suffering to all, has made each of us fearful and anxious. We sense our helplessness and our inadequacy. We need to be told, "Do not be afraid." Yet human reassurance is not enough. We need the closeness of God and the certainty of his forgiveness, which alone eliminates evil, disarms resentment and restores peace

to our hearts. Let us return to God and to his forgiveness.

A third time the angel speaks to Mary and says, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Lk 1:35). Again, the first time he says, "The Lord is with you." The second time his words are, "Do not be afraid." Now, he says, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you." That is how God intervenes in history: by giving his very Spirit. For in the things that matter, our own strength is not enough. By ourselves, we cannot succeed in resolving the contradictions of history or even those of our own hearts. We need the wisdom and gentle power of God that is the Holy Spirit. We need the Spirit of love who dispels hatred, soothes bitterness, extinguishes greed and rouses us from indifference. The Spirit gives us concord because he is concord. We need God's love, for our love is fragile and insufficient. We ask the Lord for many things, but how often we forget to ask him for what is most important and what he desires most to give us: the Holy Spirit, the power to love. Indeed, without love, what can we offer to the world? It has been said that a Christian without love is like a needle that does not sew: it stings, it wounds, and if it fails to sew, weave or patch, then it is useless. I would dare to say that this person is not a Christian. This is why we need to find in God's forgiveness the power of love: the same Spirit who descended upon Mary.

we want the world to change, then first our hearts must change. For this to happen, let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Let us gaze upon her Immaculate Heart in which God dwelt, "our tainted nature's solitary boast." Mary is "full of grace" (v. 28), and thus free from sin. In her, there is no trace of evil and hence, with her, God was able to begin a new story of salvation and peace. There, in her, history took a turn. God changed history by knocking at the door of Mary's heart.

Today, renewed by forgiveness, may we too knock at the door of her immaculate heart. In union with the Bishops and faithful of the world, I desire in a solemn way to bring all that we are presently experiencing to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I wish to renew to her the consecration of the Church and the whole of humanity, and to consecrate to her in a particular way the Ukrainian people and the Russian people who, with filial affection, venerate her as a Mother. This is no magic formula but a spiritual act. It is an act of complete trust on the part of children who, amid the tribulation of this cruel and senseless war that threatens our world, turn to their Mother. It is like what young children do when they are scared; they turn to their mother for protection. We turn to our



Mother, reposing all our fears and pain in her heart and abandoning ourselves to her. It means placing in that pure and undefiled heart, where God is mirrored, the inestimable goods of fraternity and peace, all that we have and are, so that she, the Mother whom the Lord has given us, may protect us and watch over us.

Mary then uttered the most beautiful words that the angel could bring back to God: "Let it be to me according to your word" (v. 38). Hers was no passive or resigned acceptance, but a lively desire to obey God, who has "plans for welfare and not for evil" (Jer 29:11). Hers was the most intimate sharing in God's plan of peace for the world. We consecrate ourselves to Mary in order to enter into this plan, to place ourselves fully at the disposal of God's plans. After having uttered her "Fiat," the Mother of God set out on a long journey to the hill country, to visit a relative who was with child (cf. Lk 1:39). She went with haste. I like to think of this image of Our Lady going with haste. She comes with haste to help and take care of us. May she now take our own journey into her hands: may she guide our steps through the steep and arduous paths of fraternity and dialogue, along the way of peace.

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### **Felicitations on Ordination Anniversary Day**

Fr. Martin Jose MF.	on	03.04.2005
Fr. John Selva Manohar M.	on	03.04.2005
Fr. Paul Raj I.	on	03.04.2005
Fr. Anandam L.	on	06.04.1986
Fr. Antony Packiam A.	on	06.04.1986
Fr. James Paul Raj S.	on	06.04.1986
Fr. Jerome Eronimus J.R.	on	06.04.1986
Fr. John Britto Packiaraj A.	on	06.04.1986
Fr. Soosai P. Visuvasam	on	06.04.1986
Fr. Maria Louis A.	on	06.04.1997
Fr. Peter Roy S.	on	06.04.1997
Fr. Angel Raj S.	on	07.04.1991
Fr. Arockiam Y.	on	07.04.1991
Fr. Arulanandam B.	on	07.04.2002

Fr. Joseph Arockia Raj A.	on	07.04.2002
Fr. Vinoth Mathias	on	08.04.2018
Fr. Xavier Arul Rayan	on	08.04.2018
Fr. Jeganivasagar L.M.	on	10.04.1983
Fr. Charles Heston J.	on	10.04.1994
Fr. David Arockiam A.	on	10.04.1994
Fr. Edward Francis Xavier T.	on	10.04.1994
Fr. George Stephen R.P.	on	10.04.1994
Fr. Gandhi Savarimuthu P.	on	11.04.1999
Fr. Sahaya Ambrose Raja I.	on	11.04.1999
Fr. Alvarez Sebastian	on	11.04.2010
Fr. John Selvaraj M.	on	14.04.1996
Fr. Joachim I.	on	14.04.1996
Fr. Amal Raj R.	on	14.04.1998
Fr. Antony Rajan I.	on	14.04.1998
Fr. David Dharmaraj I.	on	14.04.1998
Fr. Joseph Antony	on	14.04.1998
Fr. Antony Irudaya Raj D.	on	15.04.2007
Fr. Daniel Jai Joseph I.	on	15.04.2007
Fr. Devadoss P.	on	15.04.2007
Fr. Sebastian S.	on	15.04.2007
Fr. Joseph Selvaraj Z.	on	16.04.1978
Fr. John Martin M.	on	16.04.1989
Fr. Peter Sahaya Raj I.	on	16.04.1989
Fr. Arul A.	on	18.04.1982
Fr. Cyprian S.	on	18.04.1982
Fr. Xavier Raj A.	on	18.04.1982
Fr. Adaikala Raja A.T.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. Antony Raj G.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. David Sahaya Raja S.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. Eddy Dharmanand S.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. Jeyaseelan Y.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. Maria Michael M.	on	18.04.2004
Fr. Paul Britto S.	on	18.04.2004



Fr. Lawrence S.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Ignaci Arputha Raj P.S.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Prince Amala Jesuraja J.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Sebastian Titus A.P.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Thiruthuva Raj J.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Vincent Madhan Babu A.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Varan Vardhan P.	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Yesu Karunanidhi	on	19.04.2009
Fr. Dhivyanandam M.	on	21.04.1974
Fr. Jeya Raj S.	on	22.04.1990
Fr. Siluvai Michal Raj P.	on	22.04.1990
Fr. Xavier Raj S.	on	22.04.1990
Fr. John Diraviam M.	on	23.04.1995
Fr. Antony Samy A.	on	23.04.2006
Fr. Alex Gnanaraj A.	on	23.04.2006
Fr. Maria Arul Selvam D.	on	23.04.2006
Fr. Ilangovan Arpudaraj K.	on	24.04.2016
Fr. Amalraj A.	on	26.04.1987
Fr. Iruthaya Raj A.	on	26.04.1987
Fr. Antony John Kennedy I.	on	26.04.1992
Fr. Benedict Barnabas	on	26.04.1992
Fr. Edwin Sahayaraj S.	on	26.04.1992
Fr. Louis A.	on	26.04.1992
Fr. Britto Raja Suresh	on	27.04.2003
Fr. Paul Ignatius J.	on	27.04.2003
Fr. Christian Anand A.	on	28.04.2019
Fr. Cruz Divakaran I.	on	28.04.2019
Fr. Ignatius Stalin A.	on	28.04.2019
Fr. James A.	on	28.04.2019
Fr. Maria Thangaraj P.	on	28.04.2019
Fr. Gabriel G.	on	30.04.2000

Congratulation to all the priests  
on your Ordination Anniversary Day

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2021 - 24.03.2022**

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 07/02/21	Holy See 14/03/21	Hunger Disease 01/04/21	Good Friday 02/04/21	Vocation Sunday 25/04/21
1	A. Nathampatti	300	250	1500	1000	300
2	Alankulam	700	1000	2500	2500	600
3	Ammappatty			4000	4600	500
4	Anjal Nagar	2000	1500	76222	49165	
5	Anna Nagar	13000	7950	87600	34300	
6	Aruppukottai	1500	1000	15000	5000	
7	Ayravathanallur	5340	3400	24840	8111	1070
8	Bastin Nagar	15000	10000	106050	45200	10000
9	Batlagundu	7220	3440	42000	10700	4100
10	Bibikulam	15000	3800	51640	16480	3800
11	Bodinayakanur	500	500	10000	3500	500
12	Chinnamanur	500	500	500	500	500
13	Cumbum	500	500	6230	4220	
14	Devadanam	4000	2000	32000	5270	1500
15	Ellis Nagar	10170	6526	120192	24797	
16	Gnanaolivupuram	5412	4998	79549	35818	
17	Hanumanthanpatty	500	600	1000	1200	600
18	Holy Rosary Church	3500	3000	30000	15000	2000
19	Iyyampalayam	400	400	6000	3000	
20	K. Pudur	21290	2000	101820	80050	2000
21	Kadachanendal	2300	2300	32000	20000	2400
22	Kadamalaikundu			4200	5000	
23	Kalladipatti	2000	1000	2300	2000	1000
24	Kariapatty	1200	1200	8450	5550	1200
25	Karumathur	1500	500	2000	3000	500
26	Kavirayapuram	800	1000	12630	11200	1000
27	Kottur	1500	800	10000	2000	900
28	Lourdupuram	500	500	3500	2000	400
29	Megamalai	200	200	200	200	200
30	Mangalamkombu	500	500	4500	3000	500
31	M. Meenatchiapuram	1000	1000	8000	2500	500
32	Mathankovilpatti	1000		5000	2000	
33	Marianus Nagar	2500	2000	15000	5000	2000
34	Meenampatti	2100	1600	13300	4600	2100
35	Melur	3000	1000	33333	16666	800



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	St. Peter's Pence 04/07/21	Communi- cation Day 11/07/21	Prision Ministry 15/08/21	Bible Sunday 26/09/21	Mission Sunday 17/10/21	African Mission 01/11/21	Peter the Apostle 21/11/21	Opus 08/12/21
1						250		
2	500	500	500	1000	3300	600	600	1000
3	500	500	500	500	7500	500	500	500
4		1500	1500	2000	21160	1500	2000	
5				3050	70000	7940	8030	9160
6					14000	1000	1000	2000
7	1000	800	800	2000	16000	1500	1000	2000
8	3000	3000	3000	5400	230000	5000	5000	5000
9	3000	3320	3280	3740	50030	3400	3200	3000
10	4000	2000		2000	64020	2100	3800	3300
11	500	500	500	500	9500	500	500	500
12	500	500	500	500	8000	500	600	600
13					8500	1000	1000	1000
14			1300	1300	11000	1300	1300	1300
15	2000	8420	2000	7280	202380	7040	7060	7020
16				4500	315525	6500	6000	7200
17					49250	550	480	500
18	3000	2000	2000	3000	50000	2000	3000	2000
19	400	400	400	400	10000	400	400	400
20	2000	5650	2000	3810	83700	8400	2000	2000
21					30000	2000	2000	2000
22					4000			
23	400	400	400	1500	9000	800	500	500
24	500	500	500	500	10000	1000	1000	1000
25	500	500	500	500	5000	600	500	500
26	800	600	500	500	3830	500	500	500
27	900	1000	700	800	10100		750	750
28	350	400	350	500	5200	280	340	480
29	200	200	200	200	1500	200	200	200
30	500	500	500	500	8220	500	500	500
31	500	500	500	500	12500	500	500	500
32		500	500	500	10000	500	500	500
33	2000	2000	1000	2000	30000	1000	1000	1000
34				1500	31111	1510	1630	1930
35	750	700	700	1000	31113	800	800	1000

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S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 07/02/21	Holy See 14/03/21	Hunger Disease 01/04/21	Good Friday 02/04/21	Vocation Sunday 25/04/21
36	Melakovilpatti	2000	500	3000	1000	500
37	Michaelpalayam			7000		
38	Munjikkal	2000	2000	15000	10000	
39	Murugathuranpatti	1121		32000	4727	
40	Nagamalai	10000	3000	105000	20000	
41	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	14000	4250	
42	Nilakottai	1500		13000	5000	
43	Niravazhvu Nagar (VNR)	1000				
44	Othaiyal	700	500	5000	1500	500
45	Packiapuram	11111	4060	60120	20655	3340
46	Packianathapuram	1900	1500	10000	3500	1020
47	Palanganatham	12500	11200	130000	30000	10000
48	Pandian Nagar	3100	1200	6100	4050	1000
49	Periyakulam	500	500	15000	5000	500
50	Perumalmalai	1000	1000	15000	10000	1000
51	R.R. Nagar	1500	600	6000	1500	600
52	Railway Colony	1500	1400	8000	4000	1000
53	Rajapalayam	1300	1200	12600	3400	1000
54	Rayappanpatti	8500	4000	35000	30000	3500
55	Rayapuram			4040	2810	
56	Samayanallur	8000	2000	68140	16915	2000
57	Sattur					
58	Shenbaganur	2000	1100	4000	2500	750
59	Sengole Nagar	7060	6630	71585	13421	2000
60	Sempatti Mission			1100	700	
61	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	5000	5000	
62	Sivakasi	7429	8292	50264	32451	4861
63	Srivilliputhur			20000	50000	
64	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000	4000	45000	40000	4000
65	Sundaranatchiapuram					
66	T. Sindalacherry	4100		11000	17000	2000
67	T. Vadipatti Shrine	1000	1000	10000	15500	1000
68	Theni	4000				
69	Thirumangalam	6240	1500	2500	7040	1000
70	Thirunagar	4340	4090	27080	22410	3630



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	St. Peter's Pence 04/07/21	Communi- cation Day 11/07/21	Prision Ministry 15/08/21	Bible Sunday 26/09/21	Mission Sunday 17/10/21	African Mission 01/11/21	Peter the Apostle 21/11/21	Opus 08/12/21
36	400	450	400	500	2300	450	400	450
37								
38			2000	2000	15000	2000	2000	2000
39								
40				2000	63000	2000	1500	1500
41	500	500	500	500	13000	500	500	500
42					15000			
43								
44	500	500	700	500	6000	500	200	400
45	2000	2000	1000	2000	50000	2000	2000	2000
46	500	1000	1000	1500	20000	1500	1500	1500
47	11500	10500	10300	10800	201000	10800	11500	10100
48	800	750	750	1450	5400	1480	1000	1420
49	500	500	500	500	20000	1000	1100	900
50	1000	1000	1000	1000	10000	1000	1000	1000
51	600	1500	600	3300	6000	1500	600	600
52	1000			1500	25500	1000	1000	1000
53	1000	1000	1000	1000	18000	1000	1000	1000
54	3500				160100	3500	3500	3500
55					6080			
56	2000	2000	2000	3000	40600	2000	1000	1000
57								
58	715	650	700	750	15000	600	650	
59	2000	3000	2000	4000	123767	5700	7830	6620
60								
61	1270	1074	1134	1277	21859	1584	2121	1912
62		5361		2726	485000	3726	5300	1200
63			7300	6500	248467	7500	5500	6000
64	5000	4000	3000	5000	75000	4000	3000	4000
65			1000	1000	35000	1000	1000	1000
66	1500	2000	1500	4000	72200	1500	1500	1500
67	1000	1000	1500	1500	18500	1500	1000	
68								
69	1500	1000	1200	1500	17380	1500	2100	2900
70	1100	3470	1320	2280	35430	2100	4250	3150

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S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 07/02/21	Holy See 14/03/21	Hunger Disease 01/04/21	Good Friday 02/04/21	Vocation Sunday 25/04/21
71	Thiruthangal	2600	2500	21000	10500	
72	Thummuchinampatty			1000	2500	
73	Ugarthe Nagar	1500	1500	15000	10000	
74	Usilampatti	8850	1000	42584	7390	1500
75	Uthamapalayam					
76	Virudhunagar	7500	8600	165000	71260	
77	Vadapatti Mission	250	200	350	1100	
78	W. Pudupatti	1000	1000	2200	2500	
79	Y. Othakadai	4000	1400	8000	12000	1000
	J.A. College Periyakulam					
	Fr. Xavier Arul Rayan					
	Christ Hall Seminary Karumathur					
	Total	277633	142636	2019719	936706	84871
<p align="center"><b>நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்</b> <b>புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வதற்காக தாராள மனதுடன்</b> <b>இதுவரை உதவிய உள்ளங்கள்</b></p>						
Collection as on 24.03.2022				39,27,855.58		
<p align="center"><b><u>Mass Received From Parishes</u></b></p>						
Through Fr. Augustin, France				2,80,158.00		
Anna Nagar (500 Masses)				50,000.00		
Sengole Nagar ( 442 Masses)				44,200.00		
Bastine Nagar (100 Masses)				10,000.00		
Collection as on 24.03.2022				<b><u>3,84,358.00</u></b>		



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2000				103000	2050	2100	2200
	1500		1000	11000			
1500	1500		2000	50000	1500	1500	1500
1100	1050	2000	1000	8865	1000	1000	1000
				175000	10000	10000	10000
				50757	1287	1295	1191
1000	1000	1000	1000	10000	1500	1485	1000
				50000			
				2000			
				85000			
<b>73285</b>	<b>85195</b>	<b>70034</b>	<b>118563</b>	<b>3795644</b>	<b>142447</b>	<b>139621</b>	<b>133883</b>

Fr. Visuvasam R.	on	05.04.2006
Fr. Jesudasan	on	08.04.2014
Fr. Francis Britto S.K.	on	13.04.2014
Fr. Victor J.	on	18.04.1986
Fr. Arulsamy S.M	on	19.04.1984
Fr. Thomas P.C.	on	19.04.2001
Fr. Lucas Maria Gnanam		20.04.2020
Fr. Zacharias K.G	on	21.04.1997

<b><u>KANI (Seminarians Fund)</u></b>	
<b>Opening Balance as on 24.02.2022</b>	<b>37,16,513.17</b>
Fr. Parish Priest, Anna Nagar	25,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, St. Lourdes Shrine, K. Pudur	12,000.00
Dr. Panneer Selvam, Nagamalai Pudukottai	7,001.00
Archbishop, Madurai	6,000.00
Narcheithi Paniyalargal, Nagamalai	4,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Anna Nagar (Bination Mass)	3,600.00
Mrs. Kanaga Viyola, Bibikulam	3,000.00
P. Gnanapackiam, Arasaradi, Madurai	500.00
	<b><u>37,77,614.17</u></b>
Less:	
Payment for Christ Hall Seminary -	62,782.00
Payment for St. Paul's Seminary -	61,100.00
Payment for Sacred Heart Seminary-	18,421.00
Bank SMS Charge -	3.00
	<b><u>1,42,306.00</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance as on 24.03.2022</b>	<b><u>36,35,308.17</u></b>
Cash in Hand - Nil	
Cash at Bank -	36,35,308.17
	<b><u>36,35,308.17</u></b>

April		May	
02	Bastian Nagar	01	Cumbum
10	Bibikulam	08	Devadanam
17	Bodinayakkanur	15	Ellisnagar
24	Chinnamanur	22	Gnanaolivupuram
		29	Hanumanthampatti



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S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 13/02/22	Holy See 27/03/22	
1	A. Nathampatti			
2	Alankulam			
3	Ammapatty	500	500	
4	Anjal Nagar	2500	2000	
5	Anna Nagar	15890		
6	Aruppukottai			
7	Ayravathanallur	8440	2000	
8	Bastin Nagar	16020		
9	Batlagundu	31100		
10	Bibikulam	10100		
11	Bodinayakanur			
12	Chinnamanur			
13	Cumbum			
14	Devadanam	3000		
15	Ellis Nagar			
16	Gnanaolivupuram	5300		
17	Hanumanthanpatty			
18	Holy Rosary Church	10000		
19	Iyyampalayam	500		
20	K. Pudur			
21	Kadachanendal	2000		
22	Kadamalaikundu			
23	Kalladipatti	500		
24	Kariapatty			
25	Karumathur			
26	Kavirayapuram			
27	Kottur			
28	Lourdupuram			
29	Megamalai			
30	Mangalamkombe	500		
31	M. Meenatchiapuram			
32	Mathankovilpatti	500		
33	Marianus Nagar	1000	1000	
34	Meenmpatti			
35	Melur	2200		

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S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 13/02/22	Holy See 27/03/22	
36	Melakovilpatti	2500	500	
37	Michaelpalayam			
38	Munjikkal			
39	Murugathuranpatti			
40	Nagamalai	27000		
41	Nakkaneri			
42	Nilakottai			
43	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)			
44	Othaiyal			
45	Packiapuram	2500		
46	Packianathapuram			
47	Palanganatham	10500		
48	Pandian Nagar			
49	Periyakulam	1000		
50	Perumalmalai	1000	1000	
51	R.R. Nagar			
52	Railway Colony			
53	Rajapalayam	1200	1000	
54	Rayappanpatti	4000		
55	Rayapuram			
56	Samayanallur			
57	Sattur			
58	Shenbaganur			
59	Sengole Nagar	7120		
60	Sempatti Mission			
61	Silukkuvarpatty			
62	Sivakasi	8601		
63	Srivilliputhur			
64	St. Mary's Cathedral			
65	Sundaranatchiapuram	12500		
66	T. Sindalacherry	4100		
67	T. Vadipatti Shrine			
68	Theni			
69	Thirumangalam	8034		
70	Thirunagar			



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S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 13/02/22	Holy See 27/03/22			
71	Thiruthangal					
72	Thummuchinampatty	4000				
73	Ugarthe Nagar	2000				
74	Usilampatti					
75	Uthamapalayam					
76	Virudhunagar	10750				
77	Vadapatti Mission					
78	W. Pudupatti					
79	Y. Othakadai					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>216855</b>	<b>8000</b>			

**குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும்  
திருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்**

02,03.04.2022 நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம் சனி, ஞாயிறு  
23,24.04.2022 உத்தம்பாளையம் சனி, ஞாயிறு  
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## Historical Notes – Madura Mission

### LIII. At the Footsteps of our Elder Brothers ...

**Fr. V.M. Irudayam:** Fr. V.M. Irudayam was born on 22-06- 1922 for the parents, Mr. Rathinam and Lourdammal and he had one brother and two sisters. He was ordained on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1947. He was working as Assistant Parish Priest at Puliya then he became the Parish Priest of the same parish where he built a Marian Grotto. Then as a Parish Priest he was ministering at Irudayapuram parish for one and half years, then at Hanumanthanpatti for eight and half years (1959 - 1966); three and half years at Karuthapillayur and four years at Gnanaolivupuram

(1978 -1981). He was the parish priest of Periakulam (1981-1083) for three years. Another five years he was serving as parish priest of Railway Colony (1983 - 1988) during which he played a vital role to bifurcate Ellis Nagar as a new parish which was erected as such in 1988. Then he was working as parish priest at Srivilliputhur for five years (1990 - 1995) where he built a new chapel at Kothankulam and he became the parish priest of Kariapatti in 1995 for a year (1995 - 1996) from where he got retired. During his retirement period he was also staying at Gnanaolivupuram parish and at Halcyon Home spending his precious time in prayer for the Archdiocese and jokes for the visitors. He was one of the jovial priests of the Archdiocese. Wherever he was there would be ripples of laughter. He made others happy by using pun of words often in his conversation.

A *Seval* Cigar in his hand and jokes and pun of words at his mouth are the symbolic portrayal of Fr. VM. All his assistants and his peer group Fathers enjoyed his company wherever they had been with him. A simple and jovial priest who made others happy was taken to the jovial celestial company of the Lord with all the laughing saints in heaven on 23-10- 2002. Long live the cheerful name of Fr. V.M. Irudayam.

**Fr. N. A. Manuel:** Fr. N.A. Manuel hailed from Rayappanpatti, an ancient parish of our Archdiocese. A simple, obedient and trustworthy priest as he was, he was always sought for company by the Archbishops. Archbishop Diraviam had his full confidence in him and therefore at his last stage of disturbance he always sought the presence and company of Fr. Manuel says Fr. Maria Arul Selvam M.I. When the late Archbishop was convalescing at St. Peter's Seminary, Viraganur Fr. Manuel used to visit him and assist him in all his needs. So was he in good book with the late Archbishop Arokiasamy and took care of him at his last days.

After his ordination in 1959, he was appointed as the assistant parish priest in Aathoor for two years (1959 - 1961); in Ilayarasanendal as a parish priest for a couple of years (1962 - 1967).

Then began the new era of diocesan priests' setting foot at the Coffee Estate, which was always considered as the domain of foreign Jesuit Missionaries or Non Tamils of the Archdiocese, who were



considered as the only capable administrators of Estates. Fr. Manuel originally from agrarian family, was appointed to take care of Little Flower Coffee Estate, Palani Hills. Sixteen long years (1967 – 1983) he served there as the guardian of the Coffee estate. First 8 years he was the assistant to Fr. Montaurd S.J., then as the Manager another 8 years, which is a crucial period at which time he replaced the lay people, PRK Brothers from buying it from the Jesuits. Fr. Jesudasan, the then Procurator appreciates his courageous step to redeem the estate from the avaricious hands of a few lay people who had an eye on our property from the beginning. Earlier we have mentioned that by the shrewd management exercised by Fr. N.A. Manuel that the Archdiocese gained eight lakhs within few months of his taking charge and this amount was invested in Rosary Buildings, which is one of the regular sources of income now to the Archdiocese.

From 1983 - 1984 he became the parish priest of Usilampatti. Later he worked as the Parish Priest of Muthupettai (1984 - 1988) when he celebrated his Silver Jubilee celebrations. He became the first Parish Priest of Ellisnagar in 1988. For two years (1988-1990) he became the Minsiter of Bishop's House. Fr. Vedamanickam appreciates that though he met with accident twice, he, as an iron man, was serving the diocese with full vigour and humour. Then he served as the parish priest and Vicar Forane of Virudunagar (1990 - 1992); from 1992 - 1995 he became the parish priest of Anna Nagar; and then, from 1996 - 1997 he became the Procurator of the Archdiocese. Having suffered from kidney disfunction disease he reached the other shore 12-06-2003. Long live the generous and simple Name of Fr. N.A. Manuel.

**Fr. Arul Rayan:** Fr. Arul Rayan, who hailed from Karuthapillayur was known as 'Police friendly Priest' in our Archdiocese, because wherever he ministered, there he nurtured a good relationship with the local police officials. Many of the DSP-s of his time were in good rapport with Fr. Arulrayan due to which he could solve many pastoral issues in parishes and find solution and favour for the poor. Fr.

Vedamanickam states that he was a versatile writer, who wrote many sermon booklets; Fr. Jeganathan said that he was a hospitable man. Moreover he was much committed to his pastoral ministries. He is known by his amicable character. Fr. Jeganathan said that he was appointed at most of the problematic parishes which he turned into an oasis of peace.

Fr. Arul Rayan could be seen only in cassock and sash all the time. Lifelong he observed this holy custom for the sake of the faithful. He had good command over English and used to conduct monthly recollection for Vicariate fathers and sisters.

He had been the parish priest of Samayanallur from 1967- 1970; from 1970 to 1976 he was the parish priest of Virudunagar; in Sundaranachiarapuram was a parish priest from 1976 - 1980; from 1984 – 1989 he was the parish priest and Vicar Forane of Srivilliputhur after which the title of VF went with him to Virudunagar (1988) to elevate it as a new Vicariate and 6his as the VF. He was the Parish Priest of Railway Colony in 1989 - 1990. For 6 years he was the parish priest of Arupukkottai( 1992 -1998). At Arupukottai he built a new church near the presbytery which was blessed and opened by His Grace Arokiasamy in 1997. During his retirement period he was ministering as a Chaplain to Holy Cross sisters, Sulakarai, Virudunagar. And on 29-12-2004 Fr. Arulrayan journeyed to the other Shore to meet the Lord. Long live the upright and scholarly name of Fr. Arul Rayan. (to be concluded at next issue). – Fr. Jodir.

[Jodir, the author of this 52 series is the present Chancellor, Fr. M. John Diraviam. At this series of "Madura Mission" the Author explored the ancient Indian ecclesial history starting with St. Bartholomew and St. Thomas, then of Tamilnadu and then of Madura Mission ecclesial history. The towering personalities of Madura Mission belonging to the old and the new such as St. Francis Xavier, St. John De Britto, Nobili, Beschi, Causanal, Trincal, Montaurd etc., and their pioneering ministries were explained. Finally the author also placed in record in a chronological order the precious ministries of indigenous fathers of this Archdiocese upto the year 2004. ]