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அன்னையின் விண்ணேற்புப் பெருவிழா



**நம் பேராயர் மதுரை உயர் மறைமாவட்ட வேது பேராயராக,
மேய்ப்புப்பணர் பொறுப்பேற்ற பெருநாள், வாழ்த்துகள்!**

24.08.2018

**“புதியதோர் உலகம் செய்வோம் - கெட்ட
போரிடும் உலகத்தை வேரோடு சுரப்போம்” - பாரதிதாசன்**



கடைத்தல் செய்து வழிபாடு



உயர் உயர் - மதுரை மறைமாவட்ட வேது பேராயரின்



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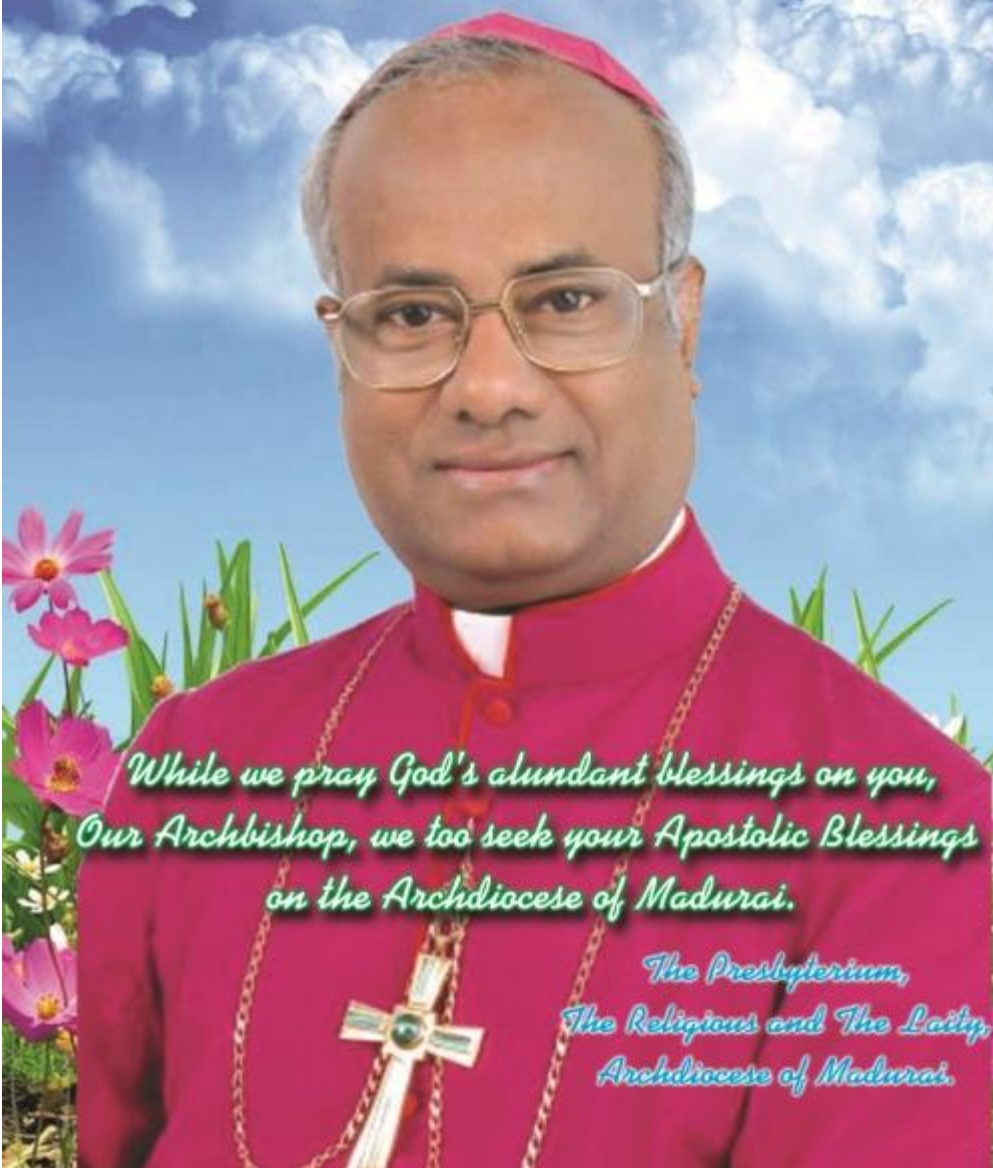
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*Prayerful Felicitations and greetings to His Grace
Most Rev. ANTONY PAPPUSAMY
on his Blessed and Grace-filled 4th year Anniversary
of Archiepiscopate of the Archdiocese of Madurai
on 24th August 2018.*



*While we pray God's abundant blessings on you,
Our Archbishop, we too seek your Apostolic Blessings
on the Archdiocese of Madurai.*

*The Presbyterium,
The Religious and The Laity,
Archdiocese of Madurai.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Fr. Arul A. (04)

Fr. Amalraj A. (13)

Fr. Anandam L. (15)

Fr. Joachim I. (16)

Fr. Prince Amala Jesu Raja J. (16)

Fr. Cyprian S. (19)

Fr. Jeganivasagar L.M. (19)

Fr. Sahaya Ambrose Raja I. (20)

Fr. Gnanapragasam S. (26)

Fr. Lawrence S. (29)

Fr. Paulraj B. (29)

Fr. Edwin Sahaya Raja S. (30)

The Voice of the Pastor

St. Paul in his Letter to the First Corinthians says that love is not proud (1Cor 13:4) Love is not self-centered but it is interested in the self as well as the good of the self. When our love is authentic and genuine, we however realize that the love of our true selves is based on the awareness that we have been created and redeemed by God's love. We also become aware that we have been endowed with variety of gifts by god, the creator and these gifts must be used in the loving service of God and others.



Love, then, cannot be selfishly proud in its accomplishments. Rather love should realize that God is the ultimate source of personal accomplishments and if at all we can achieve anything it is only with the help of God. Love is very well aware of the words of Jesus that "apart from me you can do nothing". Hence let our love go beyond the boundaries of selfishness and seek the good and well-being of others.

May God bless us,

Your loving Archbishop,

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

Pope August 2018:

Universal: The treasure of Families : That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

சீர்தக்க: 'மீண்டும் அடிமைத்தளை என்றும் நுகத்தை உங்கள்மேல் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளாதீர்கள்.'

(கலா 5:1)

செய்க்க: சமூகத்தின் புதையலாக குடும்பங்கள் போற்றப்பட.

செயல்பட: நம் தாய்நாட்டின்மேல் நன்மதிப்பு வளர.

இம்மாதம் விழா கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

1. கிராயப்பன்பட்டி, புனித பனிமயமாதா ஆலயம் - ஆகஸ்ட் 5
 2. ஸ்கூல்க்கல், தூய சலேத் அன்னை திருத்தலம் - ஆகஸ்ட் 15
 3. சுந்தரநாச்சியார்புரம், புனித லூர்தன்னை ஆலயம் - ஆகஸ்ட் 15
 4. உத்தமபாளையம், விண்ணரசி மாதா ஆலயம் - ஆகஸ்ட் 15
 5. நாகமலை புதுக்கோட்டை, அமைதியின் அரளி ஆலயம் - ஆகஸ்ட் 21
- இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும், துறவறத்தாருக்கும் இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துக்களும் ஜெபங்களும்.

+ பேராயர் அந்தோனி பப்பசாம

HAPPY FEAST

The Archbishop and the Archdiocesan Priests wish the following religious Congregations serving in our Archdiocese, a blessed Feast Day.

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| Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (CSSR) | - 1 st August |
| The Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Bon Secours (FBS) | - 13 th August |
| Seva Missionary Sisters of Mary (SMSM) | - 22 nd August |
| Sisters of Charity of Saints Bartolomeo Capitanio and Vincensa Gerosa | - 24 th August |
| Secular Institute of Schoenstatt Fathers | - 30 th August |

Archbishop's Engagements

03	Fri	M	Holy Spirit Mass, St. Aloysius B.ED. College, Rayappanpatty
04	Sat	E	Inaguration of Melakovilpatti Parish
06	Mon	E	Flag Hoisting, Kamanayakkanpatti
07	Tue	M	Sirumalar School's Golden Jubilee Arch Blessing, Nagamalai Pudukottai
11	Sat	M	St. Clair's Feast Mass and Election of Orders, Palayamkottai
		E	Inaguration of B.ED. College, Vaikalipatti
12	Sun	E	Blessing of Altar, Cumbum
13	Mon	M	Feast Mass, Bon Secours Convent, Koodal Nagar
		E	St. Thomas Chapel Blessing, Packiyapuram (Kallukuzhi) & Confirmation, Shenbaganur
14	Tue	E	Blessing of Altar & La Salette Feast Mass, Munjikkal
17	Fri	M	Nuptial Blessing, Capron Hall
18	Sat	M	PMI Meeting, NPC, Madurai
21	Tue	E	St. Pius X Feast Mass, NPC, Madurai
23	Thu	M	Nuptial Blessing, Munjikkal
24	Fri	M	Archbishop's Installation Day
28	Tue	E	Annual General Body Meeting- Madha Social Communication Centre, Santhom
30	Thu	M	Blessing of R.C. Mahal, Gnanaolivupuram
		E	Flag Hoisting, KRT Nagar (Palayamkottai)

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

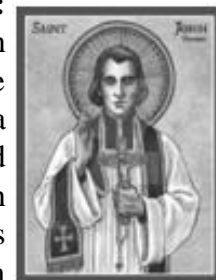
Please Note

1. **Prayerful Greetings: Your Grace**, on the **4th Anniversary Day of taking CANONICAL POSSESSION of the Metropolitan See of Madurai**, we, the *Presbyterium*, the Religious and the Laity of the Archdiocese of Madurai, wish you a Blessed Anniversary Day of your Archiepiscopate of Madurai on **24th inst.**, and seek God's abundant blessings on the Family of Archdiocese of Madurai.



2. **Solemnity of Assumption & 72th Independence Day**: DNL wishes all the readers a very happy and holy Feast Day, **Assumption of our Blessed Mother** while we, Indians have the additional joy of celebrating the 72th Independence Day of India. May our Blessed Mother intercede for our country **INDIA**, that the preamble of our **Constitution** which assures the protection of **SOVEREIGN, SOCIAL, SECULAR, DEMOCRATIC AND RUPUBLICAN** values to all the citizens of India be ever protected from any possible fundamental and fascist ideology.

3. **Feast Day of St. John Maria Vianney**: DNL wishes all the Diocesan Fathers and Parish Priests a very happy Feast on **4th inst.**, the Patron Saint, of diocesan priests, St. John Maria Vianney. All the reverend Fathers are exhorted to celebrate this Feast Day Mass fervently with the faithful. Our Patron Saint teaches that it is through the exercise of pastoral ministry in *persona Christi*, the Diocesan priests achieve and grow in holiness.





4. **Congratulations** to the Procurator, **Fr. Peter Roy** who, as per the direction of His Grace, has introduced a centralized Accounting System in the Archdiocese of Madurai. As per this accounting system all the 75 parishes of the Archdiocese will be installed with computers which have the **Default Common Accounting System**.

Hereby, all the accounts of the parishes and the institutions will be centralized. Hence forth all the accounts of parishes and institutions in the Archdiocese of Madurai should be entered through this system which replaces the books of Journal, Ledger and Quarterly Account Sheet. However, the Archbishop asks the parish priests and heads of institution to write the Journal for a year till the entire system has been incorporated into the accounting system of the Archdiocese of Madurai.

5. **Deliberations of Reunion 2018:** **i)** The Archdiocese will educate and enlighten the faithful of the Archdiocese of Madurai on the important values embedded in the Constitution of India. **ii)** It will enlighten the faithful in casting their votes responsibly in the coming election. **iii)** It will enlighten the faithful on Electoral Integrity, namely the importance of implementing VVP, Voter Verifiable Paper in the general election 2019. **iv)** The Archdiocese, having come out of the comfort zone, should move towards the fringes and work for and with the people who are in the periphery in their spiritual, social, economical, medical and political needs.



6. The Monthly Recollection for this month is Vicariate level. It is necessary that the concerned Vicars Forane also arrange the **Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession** for their priests during the Recollection.



7. **Appointment:** Fr. Martin Joseph - Secretary of Regional Youth Commission and Deepam Trust, Deepam, Karumandapam, Trichy.

8. **Congratulations to the following Fathers for their Contribution to the Archdiocese:**

i) **Fr. Joseph Arockia Raj** – Construction of a Marian Grotto, **Rayappanpatti**.

ii) **Fr. Edward Francis** – Construction of St. Joseph’s Primary School building, **Samayanallur**.



iii) **Fr. G. Antony Raj** – Altar Blessing, Sacred Heart Church, **Srivilliputhur**.

iv) **Frs. Anandam & Madan Babu** – Construction of a Smart Basket Ball Court, **De Nobili School, Madurai**.

9. **Erection of 75th New Parish, Melakovilpatti** will be held on 4th inst. The Archdiocese wishes all God’s graces to the New Parish Priest, Fr. S. Jeyaraj CSC and all the would be parishioners of Melakovilpatti, to be bifurcated from Batlagundu parish. God bless the new parish.



10. **Condolences:** i) DNL expresses its deep sentiments of condolences to **Rev. Fr. Francis Borgia** whose beloved Mother, **Mrs. Salethammal**, aged 83 passed away on 14th July, 2018 at Rayappanpatti. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by the Vicar General, Msgr. J. Jeyaraj together with Fr. Borgia and the large number of *Presbyterium* on 15th, Sunday at Our Lady of Snows Church, Rayappanpatti. May the soul of Mrs. Salethammal, the Mother of Fr. Francis Borgia, rest in peace.



ii) DNL expresses its deep sentiments of condolences to **Rev. Fr. George Stephen** whose beloved Father, **Mr. Packiam**, aged 80 passed away on 26th July,



2018. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by our Archbishop together with Fr. George Stephen and the large number of *Prsbyterium* on 28th, Saturday at Sacred Heart Church, T. Sindalachery. May the soul of Mr. Packiam, the Father of Fr. George Stephen, rest in peace.

11. **Annual Retreat:** The Annual Retreat, 2018 of the Archdiocese of Madurai will be held at **Chalakuudi, Kerala** animated by the Divine Retreat Center, Potta from **16th to 21st September 2018**. Kindly book the dates. All the diocesan priests should participate at this canonical obligation and it is open to other religious parish priests too who wish to join. Kindly contact Fr. Vicar General.



12. **New Arrival:** A new Book, “முட்புத்ர பூமி” authored by Fr. John Diraviam, from Nam Vazhvu publication, was released by Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy, the President of TNBC and was received by Most Rev. J. Soosaimanickam, the Chairman of Bible Commission, CBCI on 15th July 2018 at TNBC Meeting held at Poondi. DNL congratulates the author. The book is available in all the major church book depots.

Commission for Dialogue

1. To form the students with an attitude of understanding and cooperation with the people of other religions, and to live in a peace loving society, Dialogue commission plans systematically and tries its best to motivate and rejuvenate the dialogue groups in the schools. The first step towards achieving the goal is to have training for the guide teachers on a particular and relevant theme every year.

The training for the guide teachers was held in pastoral centre on 21.07.18, presided over by Msgr. Fr. J. Jeyaraj and felicitation

message was given by Fr. L. Anandam, Director, Nobili Pastoral Centre. Smt. Sadasivananda Swamigal, Prof. Mohammed Eliyas, Wakf Board College and Fr. A. Arul delivered messages on the theme, ‘ In the milieu of propagating false messages through print media, perspective and response from the Holy Books of the respective Religion. Besides, Role and functions of a dialogue group in the schools were explained by the secretary through power point.

I thank the correspondents and principals who have taken pains to send the teachers for this useful training.

I request the Headmaster or the Principal of each school to conduct the dialogue meeting every month at school level.

Eid Celebration by Thiru Arut Peravai

On 5.7.18, in Wakf Board College, Eid Celebration was organized by Thiru Arut Peravai. Thiru N. Jamal Mohaideen, Correspondent, Thiru Kartikeyan Manimozhiyan, Managing Director, College House, Prof. Bhasheer Ahmed, Smt. Santhikumara Swamigal gave felicitation messages. In his presidential address, Archbishop Antony Pappusamy highlighted the salient features of Ramalan Fast. He explained well how Muslim brothers commit themselves to Fast, Acts of Mercy and to be Present with (Allah) God. And he also pointed out how other religions also have these features in their religious practices and invited all to work for peace and harmony in the society.

Dr. Amanullah looked after the arrangements and Thiru Vijayarahavan, treasurer spiced the occasion by his valuable presence. Dr. Alagirisamy gave the vote of thanks.

I thank all the priests and the commission members who participated and made the event a bridge-building one.

Fr.A. Arul, Secretary

Excerpts from the Constitution of INDIA

THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a 1[SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC] and to secure to all its citizens:

JUSTICE, social, economic and political;

LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;

EQUALITY of status and of opportunity;

and to promote among them all

FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the 2[unity and integrity of the Nation];

IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twentieth day of November, 1949, do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS

CONSTITUTION.

(Part III. —Fundamental Rights.—Arts. 15-16.)

- 15.** (1) The State shall not discriminate against any citizen on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them.
- (2) No citizen shall, on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them, be subject to any disability, liability, restriction or condition with regard to—

(a) access to shops, public restaurants, hotels and places of public entertainment.

16. (1) There shall be equality of opportunity for all citizens in matters relating to employment or appointment to any office under the State.

(2) No citizen shall, on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, descent, place of birth, residence or any of them, be ineligible for, or discriminated against in respect of, any employment or office under the State.

(3) Nothing in this article shall prevent Parliament from making any law prescribing, in regard to a class or classes of employment or appointment to an office.

17. “Untouchability” is abolished and its practice in any form is forbidden. The enforcement of any disability arising out of “Untouchability” shall be an offence punishable in accordance with law.

18. (1) No title, not being a military or academic distinction, shall be conferred by the State.

(2) No citizen of India shall accept any title from any foreign State.

(3) No person who is not a citizen of India shall, while he holds any office of profit or trust under the State, accept without the consent of the President any title from any foreign State.

(4) No person holding any office of profit or trust under the State shall, without the consent of the President, accept any present, emolument, or office of any kind from or under any foreign State.

Right to Freedom

19. (1) All citizens shall have the right—(a) to freedom of speech and expression; (b) to assemble peaceably and without arms; (c) to form associations or unions; (d) to move freely throughout the territory of

India; (e) to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India; 1 [and] (g) to practise any profession, or to carry on any occupation, trade or business.

3 [(2) Nothing in sub-clause (a) of clause (1) shall affect the operation of any existing law, or prevent the State from making any law, in so far as such law imposes reasonable restrictions on the exercise of the right conferred by the said sub-clause in the interests of 4 [the sovereignty and integrity of India,] the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency or morality, or in relation to contempt of court, defamation or incitement to an offence.]

20. (1) No person shall be convicted of any offence except for violation of a law in force at the time of the commission of the Act charged as an offence, nor be subjected to a penalty greater than that which might have been inflicted under the law in force at the time of the commission of the offence.

(2) No person shall be prosecuted and punished for the same offence more than once.

(3) No person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself.

21. No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law.

*[**21A.** The State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years in such manner as the State may, by law, determine.]

22. (1) No person who is arrested shall be detained in custody without being informed, as soon as may be, of the grounds for such arrest nor shall he be denied the right to consult, and to be defended by, a legal practitioner of his choice.

(2) Every person who is arrested and detained in custody shall be produced before the nearest magistrate within a period of twenty-four hours of such arrest excluding the time necessary for the journey from the place of arrest to the court of the magistrate and no such person shall be detained in custody beyond the said period without the authority of a magistrate.

** (4) No law providing for preventive detention shall authorise the detention of a person for a longer period than three months unless— (a) an Advisory Board consisting of persons who are, or have been, or are qualified to be appointed as, Judges of a High Court has reported before the expiration of the said period of three months that there is in its opinion sufficient cause for such detention: Provided that nothing in this sub-clause shall authorise the detention of any person beyond the maximum period prescribed by any law made by Parliament under sub-clause (b) of clause (7); or (b) such person is detained in accordance with the provisions of any law made by Parliament under sub-clauses (a) and (b) of clause (7).

(5) When any person is detained in pursuance of an order made under any law providing for preventive detention, the authority making the order shall, as soon as may be, communicate to such person the grounds on which the order has been made and shall afford him the earliest opportunity of making a representation against the order.

(6) Nothing in clause (5) shall require the authority making any such order as is referred to in that clause to disclose facts which such authority considers to be against the public interest to disclose.

Right against Exploitation

23. (1) Traffic in human beings and *begar* and other similar forms of forced labour are prohibited and any contravention of this provision shall be an offence punishable in accordance with law.

(2) Nothing in this article shall prevent the State from imposing compulsory service for public purposes, and in imposing such service

the State shall not make any discrimination on grounds only of religion, race, caste or class or any of them.

24. No child below the age of fourteen years shall be employed to work in any factory or mine or engaged in any other hazardous employment.

Right to Freedom of Religion

25. (1) Subject to public order, morality and health and to the other provisions of this Part, all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise and propagate religion.

(2) Nothing in this article shall affect the operation of any existing law or prevent the State from making any law—

(a) regulating or restricting any economic, financial, political or other secular activity which may be associated with religious practice;

(b) providing for social welfare and reform or the throwing open of Hindu religious institutions of a public character to all classes and sections of Hindus.

Explanation I.—The wearing and carrying of *kirpans* shall be deemed to be included in the profession of the Sikh religion.

Explanation II.—In sub-clause (b) of clause (2), the reference to Hindus shall be construed as including a reference to persons professing the Sikh, Jaina or Buddhist religion, and the reference to Hindu religious institutions shall be construed accordingly.

26. Subject to public order, morality and health, every religious denomination or any section thereof shall have the right—

(a) to establish and maintain institutions for religious and charitable purposes;

(b) to manage its own affairs in matters of religion; (c) to own and acquire movable and immovable property; and

(d) to administer such property in accordance with law.

27. No person shall be compelled to pay any taxes, the proceeds of which are specifically appropriated in payment of expenses for the promotion or maintenance of any particular religion or religious denomination.

28. (1) No religious instruction shall be provided in any educational institution wholly maintained out of State funds.

(2) Nothing in clause (1) shall apply to an educational institution which is administered by the State but has been established under any endowment or trust which requires that religious instruction shall be imparted in such institution.

(3) No person attending any educational institution recognised by the State or receiving aid out of State funds shall be required to take part in any religious instruction that may be imparted in such institution or to attend any religious worship that may be conducted in such institution or in any premises attached thereto unless such person or, if such person is a minor, his guardian has given his consent thereto.

குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும் திருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்



04,05.08.2018	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
11,12.08.2018	உத்தமபாளையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
18,19.08.2018	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
25,26.08.2018	கொடைக்கானல்	சனி, ஞாயிறு

அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்

KANI (Seminarians Fund)

Opening Balance as on 25.06.2018 **17,52,466.77**

Fr. Parish Priest, Gnanaolivupuram	33,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Srivilliputhur (Confirmation Mass)	15,861.00
Mr. Francis & Preethi, Iravathanallur (Wedding Mass)	11,000.00
Fr. Superior, Mary Matha School, Theni	10,000.00
Parishioners, Sulakkarai, Niraivazhvu Nagar	5,000.00
Leonardians, O.M.D. Community, Oothupatty	
Chekkanoorani	5,000.00
Mr. A. Sahayaraj	2,000.00
Sivagnanapuram	2,000.00
Fr. Lourdu Raj, Retired Priest, Arockia Illam	2,000.00
Mrs. Usha Bernadeth	1,000.00
St. Theresa's H.S. Pambarpuram, Kodaikanal	420.00

18,39,747.77

Add : Bank Interest: 9228 9,228.00

18,48,975.77

Less : Payment for Seminary: 26826 26,826.00

Closing Balance 25.07.2018 **18,22,149.77**

Cash in Hand	: Nil
Cash at Bank	: <u>18,22,149.77</u>
	<u>18,22,149.77</u>

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018 to 25.07.2018

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood	Holy See	Hunger Disease	Good Friday	Vocation Sunday
1	A. Nathampatti	300	300	1500	1000	400
2	Alankulam	600		2250	2250	
3	Ammapatty	1180	1280	8150	4130	
4	Anjal Nagar	6125		65257	43351	
5	Anna Nagar	12530	10360	150000	38726	8850
6	Aruppukottai	1500	1000	15000	5000	1000
7	Ayravathanallur	2000	2000	10000	8000	
8	Bastin Nagar	15000	9000	124000	29000	11000
9	Batlagundu	2600	2400	40000	10000	2500
10	Bibikulam	4500	2750	43017	10183	3440
11	Bodinayakanur	500	500	10000	3000	300
12	Chinnamanur	460	270	1050	2030	417
13	Cumbum	1600	1270	17200	4400	
14	Devadanam	3930	1600	23270	3880	1800
15	Ellis Nagar	11917	7560	110981	23220	9947
16	Gnanaolivupuram	7000	7000	116110	43500	6390
17	Hanumanthanpatty	1200	1300	14000	7340	1150
18	Holy Rosary Church	5000	5000	50000	10000	3000
19	Iyyampalayam	200	200	1300	1200	200
20	K. Pudur	2000	2000	40000	30000	2000
21	Kadachanendal	1500	1500	25500	17000	1500
22	Kadamalaikundu	200		3500	2700	
23	Kalladipatti	1000	1000	5000	2100	1000
24	Kariapatty	1000	1000	6230	6070	1000
25	Karumathur	630	510	1500	3650	500
26	Kavirayapuram	350	350	2810	4860	
27	Kottur	1000	1000	15000	16700	1000
28	Lourdupuram					
29	Megamalai	200	200	200	300	200
30	Mangalamkombe	400	470	3000	1955	400
31	M. Meenachiapuram	1020	1210	4520	3700	1280
32	Mathankovilpatti	600	500	5000	1500	500
33	Meenampatti	3860	2120	31333	4035	2077
34	Melur		1910	12762	6260	
35	Michaelpalayam	2100	2200	15000	10000	2100

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018 to 25.07.2018

St. Peter's Pence	Communication Day	Prision Ministry	Bible Sunday	Mission Sunday	African Mission	Peter the Apostle	Opus
1000	1000						
600	1000						
2020	2050						
2500	1300						
3000	3100						
3300	3300						
2000	2000						
4200							
500	500						
2000	2000						
1000							

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018 to 25.07.2018

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood	Holy See	Hunger Disease	Good Friday	Vocation Sunday
71	Virudhunagar	6000	8000	85000	75000	8000
72	W. Pudupatti	1000				
73	Y. Othakadai			15962	20725	2650
	St. Agnes Home for Children, Rayappanpatti	10000				
	Holycross Convent, VNR				5000	
	Melavadakkur			557	556	
	Fr. Lourduraj, Arockia Illam			900	1100	
	St. Anne's Provincialate Ansarinagar			4000		
	J.A. College, Periyakulam	15800			10200	
	Total	216472	139910	1966773	864555	136391

NB: * Periyakulam Parish Rs. 26,000/- for Hunger & Disease collection paid directly to MMSSS.

Mass Received From Parishes

The Diocese of Thanjavur (10000 Masses)	10,00,000
The Diocese of Thanjavur (5000 Masses)	5,00,000
Fr. Parish Priest, Arockia Annai Shrine, T. Vadipatti (2000 Masses)	2,00,000
Fr. Parish Priest, Kadamalaikundu (5 Masses)	500

Total	17,00,500
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From the Procurator's Desk

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Kindly verify the above statement and confirm the remittances. If any discrepancy is found, you are welcome to correct the same with the receipt available with you.

Kindly remit all the Diocesan Collections (13 Nos) and the DMF (1%) Collections only by Cheque or Bank Draft to the Procurator's Office. This is in accordance with Government norms for restricting cash transactions.

- Fr. Procurator

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018 to 25.07.2018

St. Peter's Pence	Communication Day	Prision Ministry	Bible Sunday	Mission Sunday	African Mission	Peter the Apostle	Opus
9000	9000						
44599	39233						

நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்

புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வதற்காக தாராள மனதுடன் உதவும் உள்ளங்கள்

Fr. G. Lourdu Raj, Arockia Illam	55,000
Fr. Dhivyanandam, Ayravathanallur	50,000
Fr. A. Antony Samy, Secretary, C.C.L	25,000
Fr. Vincent Mathan Babu	20,000
Fr. A. Vedamanickam, Palanganatham	10,000
Fr. I. Maria Arul Selvam	10,000
Mr. Arulanandam, Rtd., H.M, Annanagar	10,000
The Teachers, R.C. Mid.Sch. P. Chettiapatti, Usilampatti	5,000
Fr. Gnanasandanam, Arockia Illam	5,000
Nazrane Isabella Family, Usilampatti	1,000
Total	1,91,000

Adoration Sunday

August

05	Sundaranachiapram
12	Usilampatty
19	A. Nathampatty
26	Y. Othakkadai



September

02	Karumathurm
09	Theni
16	Sengole Nagar
23	Melur
30	Pudur

Necrology

Fr. S. Peter Kulandai	02.08.2015
Fr. Valentine Diaz	06.08.1971
Fr. Joseph Xavier	08.08.1981
Fr. Sebastian	09.08.1991
Fr. Arulanandam V.D.	29.08.1991



THE OLD MADURA MISSION

**XIV. Ministry of St. John De Britto -
Padroado System**

Who were the Pandara Swamigal?

When Britto, a scholastic, was studying Philosophy in the University of Coimbra, Portugal, where the Jesuits were studying, there came many missionaries, navigators, travellers etc., coming back from Asiatic missions, who addressed the students about the people, culture, stories and rare things that they found at Asiatic missions. Among one was Balthazar Da Costa who was the Missions Superior of Madurai in c. 1640. He was recruiting zealous seminarians for Madura mission and used to narrate stories about the Nayak kings, the Hindu customs of sati and caste system.

Already when our Saint was sick during his childhood, his Mother, Mrs. Dona Brittus Pereira made a special novena to her native

saint, St. Francis Xavier with the vow of adorning her child for a year with the missionaries' habit (black cassock and sash). The child was miraculously saved and our young saint was going about like a small Francis Xavier. Hence right from the childhood Britto was burning with the zeal to go to Madura mission like his favourite saint. Hence when Balthasar was sharing about his stories of Madura mission, Britto decided conclusively that the Lord calls him to the Marava land.

As we have seen, Rev. Balthasar Da Costa S.J., who was working as official translator of Portugal King's communications in Nayak's palace, Madurai also was entrusted with the responsibility of heading the Madura mission under Malabar province. His contemporary was Nobili who after a great ordeal established the Inculturation method by which he converted the high caste people and thus he succeeded in destroying the derogatory term of *Paranghees* for missionaries. Nobili brought acceptance of Christian religion among the common Hindus. At the same time since his missionary mind was yearning for the souls of 'ordinary and low caste' people, who were deprived of spiritual care. Here started another 'order', the order of *Pandara Swamigal*, which was set apart exclusively for the spiritual ministry of low caste people, other than the Brahmins. Balthasar was the pioneer of pandaraswamigal mission, who devoted his life for the conversion of simple and ordinary people of Madura mission. Naturally, inspired by the missionary zeal of Balthasar, the mission superior, our Saint identified himself with this pandaraswamigal way of life when he came to Goa, India on 4th September 1673.

In Lisbon Fr. John De Britto started his voyage secretly one day earlier lest his beloved mother would use her royal influence, as a last resort, to stop her beloved son going as a missionary to Indies. The good Mother pleaded, coaxed and wept to our Saint not to go to the East where the missionary life was very dangerous. But Britto embarked the ship, *Capittano* on the Feast Day of Annunciation, 25th of March 1673.

Those days all the missionaries who were assigned to the Eastern countries had to arrive Portugal and embark from Lisbon only; they had to visit the palace of the Portugal King and get his approval and blessing.

Then there would be a solemn mass in the Cathedral of Lisbon followed by a procession in which the Prelates, Ecclesiastics, the noble men and the common people would accompany the missionaries to the Ship. The King would take care of all the expenses of the missionary journey to the Eastern countries. This ecclesiastical arrangement was called *Padroado*, which in Portuguese means 'Patronage'.

It was an agreement between the Holy See and the Kingdom of Portugal entered with *Concordats* through which the Holy See delegated the administrative power to the King of Portugal to establish and administer Churches in the Eastern countries. Portugal, which was a maritime supreme power in the sixteen and seventeen centuries, colonized many countries through its mighty naval power and established its trade centers in eastern countries. Never the King of Portugal, abstained from his royal duty of spreading Christianity simultaneously in those countries. The Kings of Portugal and Spain considered themselves that they were responsible to implant cross in the infidel eastern lands. Thus they sent the missionaries to the eastern countries along with the traders and established churches in those lands. The liturgical laws and rubrics were patronized by the See of Lisbon. Meanwhile the Dutch, the French and English mission also established themselves in the eastern countries due to which a lot of administrative clash occurred between the churches. It lasted till 1622 when the Holy See finally established a separate Congregation, Sacred Congregation for Propagation of the Faith (*Propaganda Fide*).

When the kingdom of Portugal started to wane, the king was not able to support economically the churches in the mission land. Here by its timely intervention, the Holy See cancelled all the concordats entered with sovereign countries over the propagation of the faith and brought all the jurisdiction of the missionary countries under the Office of Propaganda fide, which created dioceses; played a key role in appointing bishops and administered the churches in the mission countries. Hence Padroado came to an end in 1622. The vestiges of the padroadan liturgical norms and church construction can be seen in Santhome Church, Mylapore, Bon Jesu Basilica, Goa etc. *(to be continued)*

– Jodir.