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*Wish you all a Happy Christmas
&
a Blessed New Year 2019*





Greetings on Birthday



Fr. Edward Francis Xavier T. (02)



Fr. Yesu Karunanidhi (06)



Fr. Amalraj R. (15)



Fr. Martin Jose M.F. (17)



Fr. Jeyaraj S. (22)



Fr. John Selva Manohar M. (28)



Fr. John Selvaraj M. (29)



The Voice of the Shepherd

My dear fathers, sisters and brothers,

The Greek Philosopher Heraclitus said that everything is changing and it is very true that we are changing too.



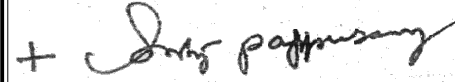
We have made commitments either in baptism or at wedding or in religious profession or in ordination. Since we made commitments in world of change we also change as much as everything else. Hence there is a dire need to renew our commitment each day in the Holy Spirit. We know that we are all weak and liable to give up our commitment at some point or other. Can we do that? No. We should come into the presence of Jesus with sincerity and with our weaknesses and day by day rely on Him in our prayers. When we develop the practice of coming and staying in His presence something miraculous will happen in our life that is we experience in the end that it is the Spirit that gives life. The fundamental truth is that without me you can do nothing (Jn. 15/15) says Jesus. We realize that it is the Holy Spirit that enables us to grow and flourish in the commitment we have made in our life. If we set apart sometime daily to be in the presence of Jesus we will be possessed by the Holy Spirit, because He alone has the words that are spirit and life.

Let us cultivate the habit of relying on Jesus through our spending

sometime before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. Then we will realize our weaknesses, brokenness and sinfulness and experience the strength of God acting through us.

May God bless you all,

Your loving Archbishop,

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+ Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy

Archbishop of Madurai

Pope's General Intention for December 2018

Evangelization : In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



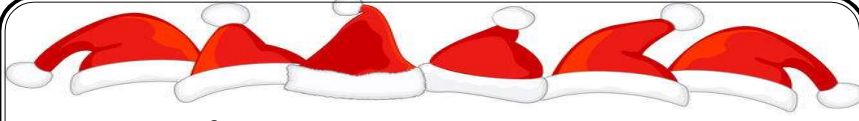
பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

சிந்திக்க: 'ஒன்றின் தொடக்கமல்ல. அதன் முடிவே கவனிக்கத்தக்கது.' (சுஉ 7:8)

செய்க்க: நம்பிக்கையை நகர்த்திச் செல்லும் நல்மனத்தோர் இக்காலக் கலாச்சாரம் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டோடு உரையாட.

செயல்பட: கிறிஸ்து பிறப்பு நற்செய்தியை அந்நியர் ஒருவரோடு பகிர.





Archbishop's Engagements

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| 1 Sat | M | Talentia - Arul Malar School Mass, Palayamkottai |
| | E | Feast Mass, Vandanam |
| 2 Sun | M | Mass & Grotto Blessing, Velayuthapuram |
| | E | Feast Mass, Thalarkulam |
| 3 Mon | M | Feast Mass, Cathedral, Palayamkottai |
| 4 Tue | M | Board Meeting of Emmaus Centre |
| 7 Fri | E | Confirmation, Thirumangalam |
| 8 Sat | M | Feast Mass, CIC Generalate |
| | | Feast Mass, Leuca Convent |
| | E | Ecumenical Carol Service, Bastian Nagar |
| | | Feast Celebration, CIC Provincialate |
| 9 Sun | M | Confirmation, Cathedral, Palayamkottai |
| | E | Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee Mass, Cathedral, Palayamkottai |
| 10 Mon | M | SC/ST Monitory Committee Meeting, NPC |
| | E | Mass, N. Panjampatti |
| 11 Tue | M | Monthly Recollection |
| 12 Wed | M | Nuptial Blessing, Vedasanthur |
| | E | Christmas Celebration, De Nobili Hostel |
| 14 Fri | M | Diamond Jubilee Mass, R.C. Little Flower Primary School, Usilampatti |
| | E | Christmas Celebration, Evangelical Comm., NPC |
| 15 Sat | E | Church Blessing, Anjal Nagar |
| 16 Sun | M | Mass & Madurai City CRI Unit Meeting, LTI |
| 17 Mon | M | Christmas Mass, Prison |
| 18 Tue | M | Christmas Celebration, MMSSS |
| | E | Madurai Archdiocesan Catholic Association of Lawyers' Christmas Gathering, LASS |
| 19 Wed | M | Jubilee Mass, St. Theresa Convent, Madurai |
| 20 Thu | M | Christmas Celebration, B.ED. College, Vaikalipatti |

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| 21 Fri | M | Christmas Celebration - Anbagam |
| | E | Christmas Celebration - Pastoral Centre |
| 22 Sat | M | Archdiocesan Priests- Religious Meet, NPC |
| | E | KANI Sponsors- Christmas Gathering |
| 23 Sun | E | Christmas Celebration - Bishop's House |
| 25 Tue | M | CHRISTMAS MASS, St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai |
| 28 Fri | E | Nuptial Blessing - Chennai |
| 29 Sat | M | Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee Mass, Murukathuranpatti |
| | E | Priestly Ordination, Sindalacherry |
| 30 Sun | M | Confirmation, Kariyapatti |
| | E | Book Release, NPC |

January

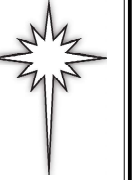
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| 1 Tue | M | NEW YEAR MASS, K. Pudur, GRACE DAY |
| 4 Fri | E | Priestly Ordination, Srivilliputhur |

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



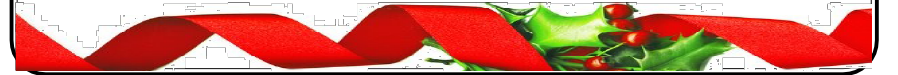
இம்மாதம் விழா கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

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| 1. | சவேரியார் ஆலயம், நத்தம்பட்டி | - டிசம்பர் 3 |
| 2. | சவேரியார் ஆலயம், சென்பகனூர் | - டிசம்பர் 3 |
| 3. | சவேரியார் ஆலயம், பாண்டியன்நகர் | - டிசம்பர் 3 |
| 4. | புனித அமல அன்னை ஆலயம், பெரியகுளம் | - டிசம்பர் 8 |
| 5. | அலோற்பவ மாதா ஆலயம், ஜயம்பாளையம் | - டிசம்பர் 8 |
| 6. | புனித அமல அன்னை ஆலயம், திருமங்கலம் | - டிசம்பர் 8 |
| 7. | அமல அன்னை ஆலயம், காரியாயபட்டி | - டிசம்பர் 8 |



**இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும், துறவறத்தாருக்கும்
இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துகளும், ஜெபங்களும்.**

+ பேராயர் அந்தோனி பாப்டிசாஸ்



HAPPY FEAST

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

Marians of Immaculate Conception	- 8 th Dec.
Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (MMI)	- 8 th Dec.
Society of African Missions (SMA)	- 8 th Dec.
Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI)	- 8 th Dec.
Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (SMMI)	- 8 th Dec.
Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (OMMI)	- 8 th Dec.
Congregation of Immaculate Conception (CIC)	- 8 th Dec.
Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI)	- 8 th Dec.
Daughters of Mary of Leuca (DML)	- 8 th Dec.
Suore Missionarie dell, Incarnazione (SMI)	- 25 th Dec.
Brothers of the Holy Family (FSF)	- 30 th Dec.
Holy Family of Bordeaux (HFB)	- 30 th Dec.
Sisters of the Holy Family of Spoleto (HSF)	- 30 th Dec.

Please Note

- Christmas Greetings of the Archbishop:** I greet all the Reverend Fathers, Sisters and Brothers who are ministering in our Archdiocese a **Blessed Christmas** and a **Fruitful New Year 2019**. May the new Born Baby Jesus bless us and grant all of us the grace to be born anew like him in



simplicity, humility and purity. Be assured of my prayers and blessings on these two vigil celebrations, the Christmas and the New Year. May I also exhort each one of you to prepare your people, during this Advent, for a meaningful celebration of these two Solemnities. May God bless you all in the New Year, 2019.



- Silver Jubilee Celebrations:** During the Reunion in January 2019, the *Presbyterium* of Madurai will celebrate the **SACERDOTAL SILVER JUBILEE** of **Rev. Fr. J. Charles Heston, Rev. Fr. A. David Arockiam, Rev. Fr. T. Edward Francis Xavier and Rev. Fr. R. P. George Stephen** and thank them for their committed and fruitful priestly ministries for the past 25 years in the Archdiocese of Madurai and abroad.



- The Archdiocesan Annual Get-Together and Christmas Celebration** will be held on 22nd inst., Saturday at NPC. The Archbishop invites all the Diocesan priests and all the Religious – Priests, Sisters and Brothers ministering in our Archdiocese to participate at this Annual Get Together. Come let us rejoice and celebrate this Holy Season.



- Condolences:** DNL expresses its deep condolences to **Fr. Samuel A.**, over the bereavement of his beloved Father, **Mr. Amalraj**, aged 72, who passed away on 13th November 2018, and the Funeral Mass was officiated by the Archbishop, Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy on 14th November at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Ariyanallur with the large number of participation of the *Clergy*. May the soul of Mr. Amalraj rest in peace.





6. **Monthly Recollection** for December will be held at NPC on 11^{th inst.}, Tuesday at 10:00 am., with Tea.

7. The Anniversary of the Dedication of our Cathedral Church falls on 16^{th inst.}, Saturday which Feast should be celebrated by all in the Archdiocese.

8. **Congratulations** to the following Reverend Fathers for their Constructions and Contributions :

i) **Rev. Fr. Maria Michael** - A new Block in Christ the King Matric. Hr. Sec. School, blessed by His Grace on 3rd November 2018.

ii) **Rev. Fr. Tharcus MSFS** – Construction of Sacred Heart Church, Melapudur, Othayal, blessed by His Grace on 16th November 2018.

iii) **Rev. Fr. John Diraviam** – Production of an Audio CD, “நிலைத் திருப்பாய் (யோ.15,9)”, released by His Grace on 29th Oct. 2018.



9. **Creation of Two New Mission**

Centers:

i) On 12th November 2018, Sempatti was bifurcated from Usilampatti of Theni Vicariate and this **Mission Center** was entrusted to the Pastoral care of **Norbertine Fathers**. Fr. Maria Diraviam O.Praem (9443888202) and Fr. Santiago O.Praem (7598740723) are the priests In Charge of this Mission. DNL wishes the

Norbertines all the best for their pioneering ministry at this center. The Address as follows: Our Lady of Lourde's Church, Mission Residence, Norbertine Fathers, Sempatti Post, Palayur Via, ParayurTk, Madurai Dt.



ii) On 25th November 2018, Vadapatti parish was bifurcated from Thiruthangal of Virudunagar Vicariate and this **Mission Center** was entrusted to the Pastoral care of **Guanellian Fathers**. Fr. Peria Nayakam SDC (8946024850) and Fr. Vanathaiyan SDC are the Priests In Charge of this Mission Center. DNL wishes the Guanellians all the best for their pioneering ministry at this center. The Address as follows: St. Paul's Boys Home, T. Managacherry PO, Krishnapuri, Sivakasi Tk., VirudunagarDt – 626 141.



The Total Number of parishes (cum mission centers) in the Archdiocese is 77.

10. The Archdiocese thanks Fr. Paul Britto for his contribution of € 3,750 (Rs. 3,14,000) through his Summer ministry in the Diocese of Trier.



Christians continue to be the most persecuted religious group, according to a report by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)



Almost 300 million Christians, or one out of seven Christians in the world, live in a country where they face violence, arrest and human rights violations.

Some 61 percent of the world's population live in countries where religious freedom is not respected, meaning that six out of every 10 people around the world cannot express their faith with total freedom.



These were some of the figures unveiled in the Religious Freedom Report 2018 by ACN, the international pontifical Catholic charity and foundation that helps persecuted Christians worldwide.

The report looks at 196 countries, examining the degree to which the basic right to religious freedom, as defined in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is respected with regard to all the major religious faiths.

The report, which contains data from June 2016 to June 2018, shows grave in 38 countries. In 17 of them there is serious discrimination on grounds of religious faith, while in 21 there is outright persecution of religious minorities, in some cases to the point of death.

The report reveals that in some of the worst countries for religious freedom, the situation has deteriorated over the past two years. On the global level in general, overall respect for religious freedom has also worsened.

The ACN study shows that in 22 countries the reasons for attacks on religious freedom are rooted in radical Islamism, while in other countries the dominant causes are the authoritarianism of states or governments which pursue policies of “aggressive nationalism.” Among these countries are China, India, North Korea, Myanmar, Vietnam and Kyrgyzstan.

On a more positive note, the report pointed to an improved level of religious freedom for minorities in Syria and Iraq following the military defeat of terrorist group Islamic State.

(courtesy – Ucan News.)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018 to 25.11.2018

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 11/2/18	Holy See 11/3/18	Hunger Disease 29/3/18	Good Friday 30/3/18	Vocation Sunday 22/4/18
1	A. Nathampatti	300	300	1500	1000	400
2	Alankulam	600	600	2250	2250	600
3	Ammapatty	1180	1280	8150	4130	800
4	Anjal Nagar	6125	5200	65257	43351	6300
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	1520
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	200	3500	2700	200
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	320
27	Kottur	1000	1000	15000	16700	1000
28	Lourdupuram	500	500	2000	2000	500
29	Megamalai	200	200	200	300	200
30	Mangalamkombu	400	470	3000	1955	400
31	M. Meenachiapuram	1020	1210	4520	3700	1280
32	Mathankovilpatti	600	500	5000	1500	500
33	Marianus Nagar					
34	Meenampatti	3860	2120	31333	4035	2077
35	Melur		1910	12762	6260	1200

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600	600	600		8000	1000		
800	800	800	1000	8500	1500		
4500	5000	5250					
8780	8410	10000	8730	153405	9070		
1000	1000						
9000	15502	23000	13092				
2500	2500	2500	2500	37050	3000		
2732	3468						
300	400	500	1000	20500	500		
500	500	500	500	7200			
1480	1850	1450		15550	2050		
1200	1200	1200	1200	12000	1200		
11140	11301	10287	11600				
1250	1300	1800	1230	47000			
149	873	392	476	6740	260		
7000	10000						
1500	1500	2000					
200	200	200	200	3500			
450	555	505	490				
1000	1000	1000	1000	20346	1000		
500	500	725	875	4500	900		
				6320			
1000	1000	1000	1000	20000	1000		
500	500	500	500	6270			
400	400	400	400	6140	480		
1460	1520	2180	1860	16900			
600	420	480	500	6020	650		
		1000	2000	30000	1000		
1890	2200	2050	1000				
1090	1185	1000		15600			

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S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 11/2/18	Holy See 11/3/18	Hunger Disease 29/3/18	Good Friday 30/3/18	Vocation Sunday 22/4/18
36	Melakovilpatti					
37	Michaelpalayam	2100	2200	15000	10000	2100
38	Munjikkal	11000	6000	60000	30000	7500
39	Nagamalai					
40	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	12000	2000	1000
41	Nilakottai	1100	600	5700	4200	600
42	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)	500	500	6930	3110	500
43	Othaial	250	250	800	700	200
44	Packiapuram	3020	2350	23020	6020	3160
45	Palanganatham	6000		110000	21000	4000
46	Pandian Nagar	1020	530	6020	7080	2256
47	Periyakulam	800	600	*26000	4200	1800
48	Perumalmalai	1470	1530	29047	6000	1650
49	R.R. Nagar	3000	3000	22000	5500	1000
50	Railway Colony	2100	1000	4500	4500	1200
51	Rajapalayam	1500	1000	22500	3500	1500
52	Rayappanpatti	6000	3000	35000	30000	3500
53	Rayapuram					
54	Samayanallur	3000	3100	47000	10000	3600
55	Sattur	500	500	500	500	500
56	Shenbaganur	750	750	10000	3000	1330
57	Sengole Nagar	2750	2200	60000	30000	2000
58	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	10000	5000	1000
59	Sivakasi	15500	12900	103400	45500	15500
60	Srivilliputhur					
61	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000	5000	60000	50000	5000
62	Sundaranatchiapuram	3300	3300	70000	16000	3300
63	T. Sindalacherry	2000	1000	54600	21400	1000
64	T. Vadipatti Shrine	4000	3000	10200	15500	1300
65	Theni	4100	3400	39377	16767	3000
66	Thirumangalam	1500	1000	3500	5010	1300
67	Thirunagar	2000	3000	9000	20000	1500
68	Thiruthangal					
69	Thummuchinampatty	630	370	520	530	500
70	Ugarthe Nagar	2000	2000	20000	10000	2000

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				8000			
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1000	500	1000	1000	12500			
600	1000	1000	1500	20100	1000		
1000	1000	500					
250	200	300	250				
2020	2050	2461	2300	32100	2700		
3000	5000	7000	5780	180000			
3034	3030	3613	2355				
1870	1630	1350					
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2500	1300	2050	2600	17440	1560		
1200	1500	1500	1800	30000			
3500	3500	3500	4000	120000	3500		
3000	3100	3500	3100	124000			
1347	1283	1431	1263				
1300	1500	750	1000	25000			
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13250	14500	12100					
				310521			
5000	3000	4000	6000	70000			
3300	3300						
1000	1000	1000	1000				
2000	2000	1000		17250			
4000	3200	3100	4500	303001	4000		
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1500	1500	1500					
4200	3000	4000					
500	500	610	910	2670	580		
2000	2000	2000	2500		2000		

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S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 11/2/18	Holy See 11/3/18	Hunger Disease 29/3/18	Good Friday 30/3/18	Vocation Sunday 22/4/18
71	Usilampatti	1100	1000	21000	6317	1000
72	Uthamapalayam	1000	1000	4100	8300	
73	Virudhunagar	6000	8000	85000	75000	8000
74	Vadapatti Mission					
75	W. Pudupatti	1000	1000	35000	5000	1000
76	Y. Othakadai			15962	20725	2650
	St. Agnes Home for Children, Rayappanpatti	10000				
	Holy cross Convent, VNR				5000	
	Melavadakkur			557	556	
	Fr. Lourduraj, Arockia Illam			900	1100	
	St. Anne's Provincialate Ansarinagar			4000		
	J.A. College, Periyakulam	15800			10200	
	Holy Cross Convent, Bat.					
	Holy Cross Convent, Vadipatty					
		221192	151140	2004573	872255	160737

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

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 seperatly by Cheque or Bank Draft favouring **The R.C. Diocese of Madurai** to the Procurator's Office. This is in accordance with Government norms for restricting cash transactions.

- Fr. Procurator

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1000	1000	6221	1536				
9000	18000	9000	9000				
				13190		.	
1000	1000	1500					
				10500			
				6000			
142992	162277	158805	111547	1993813	43450		

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. M. John Diraviam, Chancellor, Madurai	15,000
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	2,06,000

<u>KANI (Seminarians Fund)</u>	
Opening Balance as on 25.10.2018	22,06,163.77
Mrs. M. Mary Rupheena Prema, Ayothiyapattanam, Salem	25,000.00
Parishioners, Palanganatham	20,000.00
The Corres. Monfort Mat.Hr.Sec.Sch.Majampatty, Manapara	10,000.00
Mr. M. Bilavendran & Family, Kariapatti	10,000.00
Fr. M. John Diraviam, Chancellor, Madurai	5,000.00
Sr. Superior, St. Anne's Convent, Periyakulam	5,000.00
Fr. Corres, Christ the King Mat.Hr.Sec.School, Sengol Nagar	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Ayan Nathampatti	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Othayal	5,000.00
Usha Bernadett	1000.00
Sivagnanapuram	1000.00
St. Theresa High School, Pambarpuram, Kodaikanal	280.00
St. Theresa's H.School, Pambarpuram, Kodaikanal	140.00
	22,98,583.77
Less: Payment for Little flower Seminary (Tuticorin):	62,645.00
Closing Balance 25.11.2018	22,35,938.77
Cash in Hand : Nil	
Cash at Bank : 22,35,938.77	
	22,35,938.77
<u>Mass Received From Parishes</u>	
T. Vadipatti (2000 Masses)	2,00,000.00
Bastin Nagar (250 Masses)	25,000.00
Nagamalai (100 Masses)	10,000.00
Total	2,35,000.00

Kerala Flood Relief Contributions

Gnanaolivupuram	1,50,000.00
Samayanallur	1,00,000.00
Correspondent, St. Britto Hr.Sec.School, Madurai	91,500.00
Annai Velankanni Mat. School, Batlagundu	71,550.00
Nagamalai pudukottai	70,200.00
Sundaranachiarapuram	65,800.00
T. Vadipatti	61,480.00
New Ellis Nagar	57,256.00
Palanganatham	55,000.00
St. Mary's Cathedral	53,000.00
Theni	51,000.00
Annanagar	50,000.00
Periyakulam	49,000.00
Sivakasi	45,000.00
Munjikkal	44,210.00
Parishioners Srivilliputhur	43,200.00
Bastin Nagar	43,000.00
Sengole Nagar	41,000.00
Anjal Nagar	36,100.00
Ugarthenagar	30,000.00
Virudhunagar	30,000.00
Iyravathanallur	28,890.00
Silukkuvarpatti	25,150.00
Karumathur	25,000.00
K. Pudur	25,000.00
Pandian Nagar	25,000.00
Corres., St. Britto Mat. Hr.Sec. School, Madurai	25,000.00
Batlagundu	24,550.00
Perumalmalai	22,000.00

Chinnamanur	20,000.00
Mr. Sikkandar, Narimedu	18,000.00
Cumbum	17,071.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	16,140.00
Tirunagar	16,000.00
Railway Colony	16,000.00
Devadhanam	15,000.00
Holy Cross Sisters, Batlagundu	15,000.00
Packiapuram	15,000.00
Madona Arts and Science College for Women	13,500.00
Sattur	12,720.00
Holy Rosary Church	12,500.00
Kariapatti	11,900.00
Niraivazhvunagar	11,674.00
Y. Othakadai	10,481.00
Thiruthangal	10,030.00
Kottur	10,000.00
Fr. Correspondent, AVM School, Batlagundu	10,000.00
Melakovilpatti	10,000.00
Bibikulam	10,000.00
Fr. Director, Sathangai Academy	10,000.00
Kadachanendal	10,000.00
Christ Hall Seminary Staff, Karumathur	10,000.00
Fr. Rector, Carmel Philosophy College, Karumathur	10,000.00
Rayappanpatti	10,000.00
Correspondent, De Nobili Mat.Hr.Sec.School,Madurai	10,000.00
Usilampatti	9,020.00
St. Joseph Church	8,000.00
Kavirayapuram	7,245.00
Alangulam	7,000.00
Uthamapalayam	6,350.00

Bodi	6,000.00
The Teachers, St. Joseph School, Pattakulam	5,270.00
Fr. A. Xavier Vicar Forane, Batlagundu	5,000.00
Fr. Rex Peter, Principal, AVM School Batlagundu	5,000.00
Shenbaganur	5,000.00
Fr. Appolin	5,000.00
Meenampatti	5,000.00
R.R. Nagar	5,000.00
Mangalamkombu	5,000.00
Kadamalaikundu	5,000.00
Ayyampalayam	4,600.00
Melur	4,000.00
Srivilliputhur	4,000.00
Marianus Nagar	4,000.00
Rajapalayam	3,500.00
Secretary, CCL, Madurai	3,000.00
Fr. Jeganathan Bishop's House	3,000.00
Hanumanthanpatty	3,000.00
Nilakottai	3,000.00
Rayapuram	2,500.00
Fr. Antony Samy	2,000.00
MSFS Community, Pandian Nagar	2,000.00
Holy Cross Community, Soolakarai	2,000.00
Montfort Brothers Community, Sathur	2,000.00
Ammampatti	2,000.00
Thummuchinampatti	1,630.00
Lourdhpuram	1,500.00
R. Iruthayamary, Madurai	1,500.00
Mathankovilapatti	1,400.00
MSFS Community, Othaiyal	1,000.00
CIC Community, Aruppukottai	1,000.00

SMMI Community, Othaiyal	1,000.00
Othaiyal	1,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Nathampatti, Virudhunagar	1,000.00
Megamalai	1,000.00
Kalladipatti	1,000.00
Fr. Justin Prabhu, Asst, P.P. Batlagundu	500.00
CIC Community, Kariapatti	500.00
Virudhunagar	261.00
	18,97,678.00

Adoration Sunday

December		January	
02	Kariapatti	07	Rajapalayam
09	Ellis Nagar	14	Kalladipatti
16	Railway Colony	21	Thirunagar
23	Sattur	28	Meenatchiapuram
30	Silukkuvarpatti		

குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும் திருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்

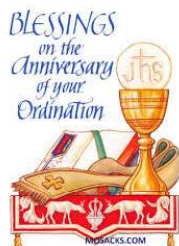
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08,09.12.2018	உத்தமபாளையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
15,16.12.2018	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்		





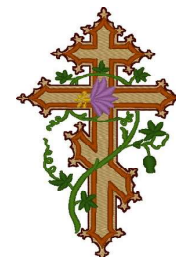
Felicitations On Ordination Anniversary Day

Fr. Augustine Prabhu A.	on	08.12.2013
Fr. Rajan A.	on	08.12.2013
Fr. Francis Xavier	on	09.12.2012
Fr. Joseph Amalan	on	09.12.2012
Fr. Panneer Raja	on	09.12.2012
Fr. Thomas Edison	on	09.12.2012
Fr. Thomas Venish	on	09.12.2012
Fr. Vincent Raja X.	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Pothakar Michael Raj	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Arputha Samy	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Sebastian Jerome	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Maria Prabhu R.	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Murali Anand R.	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Paulraj B.	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Santhana Sahayam S.	on	11.12.2011
Fr. Joseph V.	on	12.12.2002
Fr. Vedamanickam A.	on	13.12.1971
Fr. Appolin Claret Raj M.	on	30.12.2000
Fr. Parivalan S. A.	on	30.12.2000



Necrology

Archbishop Peter Leonard	05.12.1985
Archbishop Peter Fernando	31.12.2016
Fr. Vedamuthu S.	01.12.1984
Fr. Arulsamy R.	01.12.2001
Fr. Benedict Pinto	06.12.1975
Fr. Savarimuthu V.M.	06.12.1997
Fr. Vimi Charlie	14.12.2017
Fr. Maria Diraviam	26.12.1989
Fr. Arulrayan	31.12.2004



MADURA MISSION - HISTORICAL NOTES

XVII. Ministry of St. John De Britto

Tattuvangery: Among the *Pandaraswamigal* the most committed and ardent missionary was Fr. John De Britto. When he was a Parish Priest in Tattuvangery, he converted many local Hindus who most of them were miraculously healed by the Saint. Some from the Royal family also voluntarily came forward to receive Baptism. Supported by the Poligar of Udayarpalayam our Saint freely moved in his territory and preached the Good News to the poor peasants.

As there was a custom among the Hindus to smear their forehead with holy ashes (*vibuthi*), our saint in his letter (1677) to his Superior, Fr. Belevendirar, states that the Christians also continued this custom of adorning themselves with the sacred ash, which is blessed on Ash Wednesday and preserved thereafter. There are few incidents in which the local Hindus requested our Saint the sacred ash which they spread in their paddy fields and smeared on the sick cattle.





To their amazement they saw by their own eyes that both the crops and the cattle were alive yielded plenty.

Ekoji, who occupied Tanjore region once planned to plunder from our Saint. When the soldiers came to arrest and plunder from our Saint, fortunately our Saint was out and they, to their disappointment, took away only a silver coated Chalice and a couple of bronze candle stands. Such a simple life he led. Our Saint never hoarded money or any jewels which he received from royal families. Immediately he dispersed all the goods to the poor through his faithful Catechists. One such Catechist he had was Gnanamuthu. When he was at his death bed in order to bestow him the Sacrament of Anointing, our Saint was walking three days and nights with the swollen legs and bleeding feet. Such was his love and concern towards his fellow workers.

On 17th December 1677, there came a great flood and deluge in the river Cauvery and Kollidam which swept away the hut and the church of Fr. Britto at Tattuvangery. But foreseeing such threat the same night he ordered his new Christians to swim the river and reach a nearby Fort. All of them were saved on that day from the onslaught of the flood miraculously. Coming to know about the sad situation of the Saint, the Poligar (Zamindar) of Udayarpalayam rebuilt the church and the houses just for the love and respect he had for the foreign Sanyasi.

In all the places such as **Kolei, Tattuvangery, Sirukadambanur, Kuthur (1978-1979), Karayanpatti and Vadakkankulam**, Fr. Britto faced many sufferings from the local Brahmins and from the greedy rulers who wanted to extract money from our Saint. Most of his days, weeks, months and years of his pastoral ministry in Tamilnadu were numbered by hardships; hardships due to continuous walk amidst thick forests; hardship due to heavy flood which would sweep away the Church and the houses of the Christians; hardship due to living in thick forest without clean drinking water and exposed to severe weather and insects etc.

His mission Superior, Belevendra Swamigal wonders about the health of this poor and fragile missionary in his annual letter saying that it

is only the special grace of God that kept Fr. Britto without any set back to his health while he was always marching by foot in search of his flock. In all the places Fr. Britto used to give exhortation to the Catechumens; hear their confessions and baptize them. Thus our Saint had a great desire and thirst for the Liberation of the Souls.

No Saint would be spared from misunderstanding and punishment from the Superiors which may be induced by the factors of jealousy and narrow mindedness of the fellow missionaries. When, in 1680 – 1681, the Saint was asked to supervise the ministry in Chengi and Tanjore, Fr. Britto was very sad of leaving his flock unattended. Yet, Obedience, the great virtue, pushed him towards this new ministry of overseeing, which ministry can be compared to the present Office of Vicar Forane or Dean.



When he went to discuss about the outcome of his observations with the Provincial Superior (of Malabar Province) in Thoppur of Trivangore, the Superior expressed his disapproval of the method that the Saint was using in his ministry; to name a few that Fr. Britto was swimming across the river together with the people at the time of flood; and the Superior accused the Saint that the marriage celebrations of the converts were not proper as per law. Upon his return, our Saint shared this suffering with his mission superior, Belevendraswamigal, who was very much upset about the remarks of the Provincial Superior. Instead of appreciating and encouraging the hard work and the undaunted missionary spirit of a young conferrer, he thought, that the Superior had discouraged and admonished the holy soul. So immediately he wrote a letter to the Provincial Superior and to the General in Rome about the zealous and committed ministry and the missionary spirit of the young Jesuit who was living a total witness to Christ and to his values. The report changed the minds of his superiors who, then, changed their opinion and thus this paved the way for Fr. Britto to do his ministry with authority and with the support of his Office. He was made the Mission Superior of Madurai.

(to be continued)

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