



Mass for the deceased, St. Mary's Cathedral



Pastoral visit, Nagamalai Pudukottai



Blessing, Lourdupuram

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Merry Christmas



to all of you



May God bless the third Bishop of Palayamkottai.
Most Rev. Antony Samy Savarimuthu



and the Diocese of Palayamkottai.
15.12.2019

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 Pastor

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,

+ *Antony Pappusamy*

+ Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy

Archbishop of Madurai



Pope's General Prayer Intention

Evangelization: That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

- விதைக்க :** வலிமை உடையவரை விடப் பொறுமை உடையவரே மேலானவர். நகரை அடக்குகிறவரைவிட தன்னை அடக்குகிறவரே சிறந்தவர். நீமொ 10:32
- வளர்க்க :** மக்களின் அழகுரலை போக்க இறைவாக்கு குரலாக பிறந்த இயேசு பாலனை போல நம் பிள்ளைகளை வளர்க்க.
- வாழ்வாக்க :** மக்கள் பலர் ஏழமைக்கும் மற்றும் பல ஒடுக்குமுறைகளுக்கும் உள்ளாகி வாழ்விழக்கும் சூழலை ஒழித்து புத்தொளி தந்திட.



Archbishop's Engagements

01	Sun	M	Nuptial Blessing, Marambady
		E	Seminar on Basic Christian Communities, Gnanaolivupuram
02	Mon	E	KVI Meeting, Pratiyur
03-04			Palayamkottai
05	Thu	M	VSS Meeting, Archbishop's House
06	Fri	E	Feast Mass, Melakovilpatti
07	Sat	M	Feast Mass, St. Mary of Leuca Convent, Bastian Nagar
08	Sun	M	Feast Mass, CIC Generalate, Old Kosavapalayam
		E	Feast Mass, St. Mary of Leuca Convent, Moondrumavadi
09	Mon	E	Eucharistic Adoration, CIC Provincialate
10	Tue	M	Monthly Recollection, Bishop House
13	Fri	E	CHAT Meeting, Archbishop's House
14	Sat	E	United Carols, Capron Hall, Madurai
15	Sun	E	Episcopal Consecration, Palayamkottai
16	Mon	M	Blessing of School Building, Samayanallur
17	Tue	E	Church Blessing, Palanganatham
18	Wed	M	Christmas Celebration, Central Jail, Madurai
19	Thu	M	CIC Sisters' Jubilee Celebration, St. Theresa Convent, Madurai
20	Fri	M	Christmas Celebrations, MMSSS, Madurai
21	Sat	M	Archdiocesan Priests-Religious Meet, R.C. Mahal, Gnanaolivupuram

22	Sun	M	KANI Sponsors' Meet, Archbishop's House
		E	Christmas Celebration, CSI Ground, Moondrumavadi
23	Mon	E	Christmas Celebration, Archbishop's House
24	Tue		Christmas Vigil Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai
25	Wed	M	Visit to the Homes for the Aged
28	Sat	M	Jubilee Celebration, Gnanaolivupuram
29	Sun	M	First Holy Communion, Gnanaolivupuram
		E	Priestly Ordination, K. Pudur
31	Tue		New Year Vigil Mass, Lourdes' Church, K. Pudur

January 2020

01	Wed		Grace Day, Archbishop's House, K. Pudur
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* 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

1.	சுவேரியார் ஆலயம், நத்தம்பட்டி	- டிசம்பர் 3
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**இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும், துறவறத்தாருக்கும்
இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துகளும், ஜெபங்களும்.**

+ பேராயர் அந்தோனி பாப்டொம்



HAPPY FEAST

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

Congregation of Immaculate Conception (CIC)	- 8 th Dec.
Marians of Immaculate Conception	- 8 th Dec.
Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (MMI)	- 8 th Dec.
Society of African Missions (SMA)	- 8 th Dec.
Carmites 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.
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 :**
My dear Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and all the faithful of the Archdiocese, I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Fruitful New Year 2020. May you all be filled with the divine joy and peace of Advent and Christmas Seasons which fruits you



would share with your flock in your Parishes and Institutions. May the new born baby Jesus be born at all your Parishes and Institutions. I also exhort each one of you to celebrate these two great events with your faithful joyfully and spiritually. May the arrival of 2020, the New Year, open a new era of Peace and Prosperity to all and bring God's abundant blessings to all in our Archdiocese. I appreciate each one of you for what you are and what you minister and continue the good works which the Lord has begun in you (I Tim. 4,16).

2. Prayerful Felicitations to the Bishop Elect, Rev. Msgr.



the *third Bishop* of Palayamkottai, whose Episcopal Ordination will be held at 5:00 pm., at St. Xavier's Hr. Sec. School grounds, Palayamkottai on 15^{th inst.} We, together with our Metropolitan Archbishop of Madurai, **Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy**, the Presbyterium, religious and the lay faithful of Archdiocese of Madurai offer our prayerful felicitations to Msgr. Antonysamy; we entrust His Excellency's Episcopal Ministry and the Diocese of Palayamkottai to the *maternal protection* of our

Blessed Mother and the *evangelical zeal* of St. Francis Xavier. The bio data of the new Bishop is published at this issue.

3. The Archdiocesan Christmas Celebration will

be held, this year, on 21st, Saturday (Since the usual date, 22nd falls on Sunday) at R.C. Mahal, Gnanaolivupuram. The Archbishop invites all the diocesan priests and the religious living in the Archdiocese to participate at this **Annual Family**



Get Together which will begin at 10:00 am. The Invitation from the Vicar General will follow.



4. The Monthly Recollection and Christmas Celebration will be held at Bishop's House at 10:30 a.m., on 10th (Tuesday) inst. Let us come together joyously and celebrate Christmas as a *Presbyterium* in order to share the Blessings of Christmas and New Year with our people who are entrusted to our pastoral care.

5. The Anniversary of the **Dedication of our Cathedral Church** falls on 15th December which feast should be celebrated throughout the Archdiocese.



6. Collection of **Opus Securitas** Fund is to be taken on 1st Sunday of Advent, i.e., 1st of December. Kindly procure a good collection and remit at Procurator's Office.



7. **Congratulations to Fr. Sebastian** for the construction of St. Joseph's Primary School building which His Grace blessed on 4th November.



Bio Data - Bishop Elect Antony Samy Savarimuthu

Msgr. Antony Samy Savarimuthu was born on 8 December 1960 and was ordained priest on 26 April 1987, for the Diocese of Palayamkottai. He studied at St. Peter's Minor Seminary, Madurai, and later at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore, from 1979 to 1987. From 1992 to 2000 he was at Institut Catholique de Paris, for the Licence and Doctorate in Canon Law. He served the Diocese in the following assignments: Secretary to the Bishop of Palayamkottai (1987-1989); Professor at the Minor Seminary, Palayamkottai (1989-1992); then he studied in France (1992-2000); Vocation promoter, Palayamkottai (2000); Rector of Christ Hall Seminary, Karumathur (2000-2004); Defensor of the Bond, Palayamkottai Tribunal (2001-2003); Visiting professor, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore (2001-2010); Judicial Vicar, Tribunal Palayamkottai (2003-2008); Vicar General of



Palayamkottai (2004-2011); Parish Priest at Shantinagar (2004-2005); Parish Priest at Maharajanagar (2007-2009); Vocation promoter, Palayamkottai (2009-2011). Since 2011, he is Resident Professor at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore. At present he is also Dean of the Institute of Canon Law at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore.



இந்திய கத்தோலிக்க மறைமாவட்ட குருக்கள் பேரவை (CDPI) தேசிய மாநாடு 2020

அகில உலக குருக்கள் ஆண்டை முன்னிட்டு கடந்த 2010 ஆம் ஆண்டு அகில இந்திய மறைமாவட்ட குருக்களுக்கான மாநாடு நடைபெற்றது. இதன் பத்தாமாண்டு நினைவாகவும், மறைமாவட்ட குருக்களின் எழுச்சி மற்றும் மறுமலர்ச்சிக்காகவும் மீண்டும் ஒரு மறைமாவட்ட குருக்களுக்கான தேசிய மாநாடு திட்டமிடப்பட்டுள்ளது.

மையப் பொருள் : குருத்துவத்தின் மகிழ்ச்சி (Joy of Priesthood)

நாள் : 28-31 ஜனவரி 2020 (4 நாட்கள்)

இடம் : வேளாங்கண்ணி

ஒவ்வொரு மறைமாவட்டத்திலிருந்தும் 10-15 குருக்கள் மட்டுமே பங்குபெற முடியும். எனவே, பங்கேற்க விரும்புகிறவர்கள் குருக்கள் மாமன்ற செயலரிடம் 30 டிசம்பர் 2019-ற்குள் பெயர்களைப் பதிவு செய்து கொள்ளவும்.

நன்றி.

அருள்பணி. அ. அலெக்ஸ் ஞானராஜ்

செல்: 9894800140

குருக்கள் மாமன்றச் செயலர்

குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும் திருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்



07.08.12.2019 நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்

சனி, ஞாயிறு

14.15.12.2019 உத்தம்பாளையம்

சனி, ஞாயிறு

21.22.12.2019 நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்

சனி, ஞாயிறு

அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்

கிறிஸ்தவ வாழ்வுப் பணிக்குழு

கடந்த செப்டம்பர் மாதத்தில் பணிக்குழுவின் சார்பாக, விவிலிய வினா-விடை போட்டியானது 1,2 சாமுவேல், யோனா, மற்றும் யோவான் நூல்களிலிருந்து மறைமாவட்ட அளவில் நடத்தப்பட்டது. இந்தப் போட்டியில் கலந்து கொண்டவர்கள் விபரம்.

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அதிகமான மக்களைப் பங்கெடுக்கச் செய்த பங்கு அருள்பணியாளர்களுக்கு எமது மனமார்த்த நன்றியும் பாராட்டுகளும். பரிசுகளைப் பணிக்குழு அலுவலகத்தில் டிசம்பர் 04 தேதி முதல் 20ம் தேதிக்குள் பெற்று மக்களுக்கு வழங்கிட மற்றும் பரிசு பெற்ற அனைவருக்கும் எமது சிறப்பான பாராட்டுகள்.

ஆ. அந்தோணிசாமி

செயலர், கிறிஸ்தவ வாழ்வுப் பணிக்குழு



Advent Wreath

Advent wreaths are circular, representing God's infinite love, and are usually made of *evergreen leaves*, which "represent the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus Christ."

Within the Advent wreath are four candles that generally represent the four weeks of the Advent season as well as "the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus Christ". The Four candles specifically symbolize the Christian concepts of *hope* (week one), *peace* (week two), *joy* (week three) and *love* (week four) in many traditions.



Many Advent wreaths have a **White Candle** in the centre, sometimes known as the "Christ candle." It is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The Christ candle is coloured white which symbolises Christ, the New born Baby.

As per the tradition of the Churches, the most popular colours for the four surrounding Advent candles are **violet, blue, rose and green** corresponding with the themes and liturgical vestments for Advent Sundays.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.11.2019

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 10/02/19	Holy See 31/03/19	Hunger Disease 18/04/19	Good Friday 19/04/19	Vocation Sunday 12/05/19
1	A. Nathampatti	300	300	3000	1000	400
2	Alankulam	1000	1000	9000	9000	1000
3	Ammapatty	800	800	8300	4200	1000
4	Anjal Nagar	6080	5672	70938	45470	2000
5	Anna Nagar	10360	9810	130000	20000	8453
6	Aruppukottai	1500	1000	15000	5000	1500
7	Ayravathanallur	4500	2450	15000	15000	2000
8	Bastin Nagar	12000	8000	130300	31000	8500
9	Batlagundu	2600	3000	40000	10000	3000
10	Bibikulam	5000	3140	40580	12580	3330
11	Bodinayakanur	500	500	10000	3000	400
12	Chinnamanur	500	500	10000	1000	500
13	Cumbum	1550	1450	20250	4550	1600
14	Devadanam	2000	1500	24500	4500	1500
15	Ellis Nagar	9845	10534	101192	22510	5984
16	Gnanaolivupuram	7500	7000	125000	45000	6500
17	Hanumanthanpatty	1300	1500	15000	8000	1600
18	Holy Rosary Church	4500	4500	45000	10000	3500
19	Iyyampalayam	1120	328	1050	1510	300
20	K. Pudur	8370	2000	73870	71780	3000
21	Kadachanendal	2000	2000	30000	20000	2000
22	Kadamalaikundu	300	250	4500	4000	300
23	Kalladipatti	500	500	4000	1000	
24	Kariapatty	1000	1000	8140	5380	1000
25	Karumathur	1450	750	2020	5050	500
26	Kavirayapuram			7100	7140	
27	Kottur	1100	1200	14500	13800	1500
28	Lourdupuram	1500	1000	6795	6100	1000
29	Megamalai	300	200	300	1000	200
30	Mangalamkombu	500	500	4330	2670	500
31	M. Meenatchiapuram	1410	1630	6800	5210	1690
32	Mathankovilpatti	600	500	620	2300	600
33	Marianus Nagar	500	500	8000	6000	1000
34	Meenmpatti	3100	2064	35000	5000	1952
35	Melur	1350	1000	25000	10000	1500

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	St. Peter's Pence 30/06/19	Communi- cation Day 14/07/19	Prision Ministry 11/08/19	Bible Sunday 29/09/19	Mission Sunday 20/10/19	African Mission 03/11/19	Peter the Apostle 24/11/19	Opus 02/12/19
1								
2	500	500	500	1500	7100	600		
3	900	900	1300	1000	13000	1000		
4	1500	1500	2000	1500	38060	2000		
5	6500	9110	9230	9864	56900	14070		
6	1000	1000						
7	2450	2500	2530	3145	20515			
8	8000	12000	18000					
9	2700	3000	3200	3000	29000			
10	4250	3960						
11	500	500	500	700	25140			
12	500	500	500	500		500		
13	1000	1000	1500	1200				
14	1500	1500	1500	1500				
15	12180	12372	10541		270835	11350		
16								
17	1200	1150	1250	1400	48000	1450		
18	3000	4500	3000	4500				
19	350	350	400	500				
20	13860	9060	18000					
21	2000	2000	2000					
22	200	1000	250	1500	5500			
23		620	700	680				
24	1000	1000	1000	1000	27000	1000		
25	500	500	500	600	4800	800		
26								
27	1200	1400	1300	1000		1500		
28				2100				
29								
30	500	500	500	500	7720	580		
31	1650	1710	2210	2180	21650	2100		
32	500	530	500	600	4200			
33	1000	1000	1000					
34	2040	2000	1600	2050				
35	1200	1300	1000	1000				

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36	Melakovilpatti			5000	2200	
37	Michaelpalayam	750	750	*10,000	1500	750
38	Munjikkal	3000	3000	10000	5000	3000
39	Murugathuranpatti					
40	Nagamalai	4000	2000	90000	20000	3000
41	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	11500	2000	1000
42	Nilakottai	1000	500	6400	4200	1000
43	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)	1000	1000	10000	10000	1000
44	Othaiyal	300	200	700	1100	400
45	Packiapuram	2350	2250	25350	10220	2370
46	Packianathapuram					
47	Palanganatham	6000	5000	150000	25000	5000
48	Pandian Nagar	2000	2000	3000	4500	2000
49	Periyakulam	1100	500	21000		
50	Perumalmalai	1500	1500			
51	R.R. Nagar	3000	3000	35000	6500	2000
52	Railway Colony	2600	1200	5100	4100	1100
53	Rajapalayam	1500	1200	18200	3400	1400
54	Rayappanpatti	6000	3500	30000	25000	3500
55	Rayapuram			10200	3350	
56	Samayanallur	3000	3300	50000	11000	4000
57	Sattur					
58	Shenbaganur	3000	3200	11000	3500	2000
59	Sengole Nagar	2000	2000	60000	43500	2500
60	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	10000	5000	
61	Sivakasi	11500	12500	116200	50200	10500
62	Srivilliputhur			15000	40000	
63	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000	5000	60000	50000	5000
64	Sundaranatchiapuram					
65	T. Sindalacherry	3000	1000	19400	20600	1000
66	T. Vadipatti Shrine	1100	1000	10500	16300	1500
67	Theni	4200	3600	42015	19043	3722
68	Thirumangalam	1600	1100	3600	6010	1450
69	Thirunagar	1500	2000	7500	21000	1500
70	Thiruthangal	3800	2200	25000	9000	3000

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.11.2019								
	St. Peter's Pence 30/06/19	Communi- cation Day 14/07/19	Prision Ministry 11/08/19	Bible Sunday 29/09/19	Mission Sunday 20/10/19	African Mission 03/11/19	Peter the Apostle 24/11/19	Opus 02/12/19
36					10490			
37					7500			
38	3000	3000	3000	3000		3000		
39					12121			
40	3000	3000	3000		90000	3000	3000	
41	1000	1000	1000	1000	12000			
42	700	1000	600	2000	20400	600		
43								
44	320	200	800	1000	5200	750		
45	5206	3976	5021	5300	85701	3947		
46				1654		1325		
47				5000				
48	2000	2000	2000	2000	41000			
49			1200					
50								
51	1000	1000	5000	3000	20000	3000		
52	1330	1040	1120	2010	18100			
53	1200	1500	1500	1800				
54	3500	3500	3500	3500	160000			
55								
56	3000	3100	3000	3400	130000	3000	3100	
57								
58	1000	1000	1000					
59	2000	2000	2000	2000	125000			
60								
61	15000	12000	12100	12500				
62								
63	5000	3000	4000	6000	73000	5000		
64								
65	1000	1000	1000					
66	2000	2000	1000	3000	18250	1000	1000	
67	4200	3300	3800	4000				
68	1100	1000	1200	1500				
69	1500	1500	1200	1300	30040	1000		
70	2200	2100	2200	3000				

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.11.2019						
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 10/02/19	Holy See 31/03/19	Hunger Disease 18/04/19	Good Friday 19/04/19	Vocation Sunday 12/05/19
71	Thummuchinampatty	750	570	820	1000	850
72	Ugarthe Nagar	2000	2000	25000	15000	2000
73	Usilampatti	3000	1000	25000	6000	1000
74	Uthamapalayam					
75	Virudhunagar	9500	9500	130000	70000	9500
76	Vadapatti Mission	200	300	400	600	245
77	W. Pudupatti	1000	1000	9468	10956	1000
78	Y. Othakadai	2000	1022	16141	19725	1830
	Fr. Lourduraj Arockia Illam			1400	1000	
	Holycross Convent, Pambarpuram	10000				
	Fouriere Home, Pambarpuram	20000				
	St. Agnes Home for Children, Rayappanpatti	10000				
	St. Aloysius Instituion Rayappanpatti	10000				
	Mariamalkulam School, T. Vadipatti	10000				
	HolyCrosss Convent Batlgundu					
	Holy Cross Convent M. Vadipatti					
	Total	258185	157720	2124979	967254	149926
NB: * Michaelpalayam Parish Rs. 10,000/- for Hunger & Disease collection paid directly to MMSSS.						

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 25.11.2019							
St. Peter's Pence 30/06/19	Communi- cation Day 14/07/19	Prision Ministry 11/08/19	Bible Sunday 29/09/19	Mission Sunday 20/10/19	African Mission 03/11/19	Peter the Apostle 24/11/19	Opus 02/12/19
900	900	850	820	3500	500		
2000	2000	2000	3000		2000		
1000	1200			15020			
9500	8700	6700	9600	205000	9300		
1000	1000	1000	1000				
1436	1591	1510	1357				
				22000			
				5000			
149772	147569	158812	127260	1688742	74376	7100	

<u>KANI (Seminarians Fund)</u>	
Opening Balance as on 25.10.2019	39,05,574.77
Parishioners, St. Joseph's Church, Lourdhupuram	20,200.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Lourdu Amirtha Raj, Anjal Nagar	15,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Sengole Nagar	15,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, St. Joseph's Church, Lourdhupuram	15,000.00
Confirmation Mass, Usilampatti	11,800.00
Mr. Bilavendran, Kariapatti	10,000.00
Auxilium Convent, Thirumalpuram, Madurai	10,000.00
Claret Bhavan, Karumathur	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, K. Pudur	10,000.00
Mrs. Irene & Yuvaraj Family, Niraivazhvu Nagar	10,000.00
Association of Delasalle Brothers, Nagamalai	10,000.00
Fr. Xavier Arul Rayan, Packiapuram	5,000.00
Mr. Edwin Sam	5,000.00
Mrs. Stella Irudayam & Family, Bastin Nagar	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Alangulam	5,000.00
Fr. Correspondent, St. Joseph's Mat. School, Gnanaolivupuram	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Batlagundu	5,000.00
Parishioners, Alangulam	4,424.00
St. Theresa's High School, Pambarpuram, Kodaikanal	2,500.00
Evangelization Commission, Nagamalai	2,000.00
Mrs. Rajeshwari, Narchaithi Panikuzhu, Usilampatti	2,000.00
Vincent De Paul Society, Usilampatti	1,000.00
Mr. Irudayam & Josephin Daicy, Nagamalai	1,000.00
Fr. John Diraviam, Chancellor, Bishop's House	1,000.00
G. Usha Bernadett	1,000.00
Mrs. Bernadett, Narchaithi Panikuzhu, Usilampatti	1,000.00
P. Gnanapackiam, Arasaradi, Madurai	500.00
Savariammal, Bibikulam	200.00
Amali Theresa, Bibikulam	100.00
	40,89,298.77
Less: Payment for Christ Hall Seminary - 32860.00	32860.00
Closing Balance as on 25.11.2019	40,56,438.77
Cash in Hand : 71,200.00	
Cash at Bank : 39,85,238.77	
40,56,438.77	

நொயிலி அருள்பணி மையம்

புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வதற்காக தாராள மனதுடன் உதவும் உள்ளங்கள்

Diocese of Venice in Florida, U.S.A.	
(Through Fr. T.R. Jayabalan)	14,40,699.96
Saint Alphonsus Congregation, U.S.A.	
(Through Fr. Britto Raja Suresh)	6,15,616.62
Fr. Valentine Joseph, USA	1,65,504.00
Fr. Britto Raja Suresh, USA	1,39,835.00
Fr. Arul Joseph, USA	1,04,816.00
Fr. G. Lourdu Raj, Arockia Illam	55,000.00
Fr. Dhivyanandam	50,000.00
Fr. Arul, Secretary, Dialogue Commission	50,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Irudaya Raj - Lilly Rose, Annanagar	50,000.00
Fr. A. Antony Samy, Secretary, C.C.L	25,000.00
Fr. Vincent Mathan Babu	20,000.00
Fr. M. John Diraviam, Chancellor	15,000.00
Fr. A. Vedamanickam, Palanganatham	10,000.00
Fr. I. Maria Arul Selvam	10,000.00
Mr. Arulanandam, Rtd., H.M, Annanagar	10,000.00
Amaladass Nithya, Annanagar	10,000.00
Mr. Jeevanandam & Elizabeth Mary, K. Pudur	10,000.00
Fr. Xavier Arul Rayan, Packiapuram	5,500.00
The Teachers, R.C. Mid.Sch. P. Chettiapatti, Usilampatti	5,000.00
Fr. Gnanasandanam, Arockia Illam	5,000.00
Nazrane Isabella Family, Usilampatti	1,000.00
Mrs. Badma James, Kadachanendal	1,000.00

Total 27,98,971.58

Mass Received From Parishes

Vadipatti (2000 Masses)	2,00,000.00
Packiapuram (201 Masses)	20,100.00
Srivilliputhur (200 Masses)	20,000.00
Virudhunagar (200 Masses)	20,000.00
Nagamalai (100 Masses)	10,000.00
Total	2,70,100.00

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 separately 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.
- ✳ **NEW ADDRESS BOOK** is available in the Diocesan Office & Nobili Book Center. It costs Rs. 110/- only.
- ✳ **NEW ORDO** is available in the Diocesan Office & Nobili Book Center. It costs Rs. 70/- only.
- ✳ The Parishes having Surplus masses are kindly asked to remit those masses to the diocese, and thus help the other priests to offer it.

We are thankful and appreciate the following parishes for having finalized their parish account upto September 2019 manually. Other parishes are kindly asked to submit their accounts at the earliest before 15th December 2019.

Sl No.	Name of the Parish
1	Alangulam
2	Ammapatti
3	Batlagundu
4	Nagamalai
5	Nilakottai
6	Othakadai
7	Sivakasi
8	St. Mary's

It is a gentle reminder that necessary steps should be initiated to link the Parish/School accounts to the Diocesan Server as a process of centralization.

We appreciate and thank the following parishes for having computerized their accounting system and come into one diocesan accounting purview.

SI No.	Name of the Parish	Account updated till (Data Collected on 23/11/2019)
1	Anjal Nagar	31/05/2019
2	Anna Nagar	30/09/2019
3	Bodinayakkanur	17/11/2019
4	Chinnamanur	30/04/2019
5	Cumbum	31/10/2019
6	Ellis Nagar	23/10/2019
7	Kadachanendal	31/03/2018
8	Kadamalaikundu	01/11/2019
9	Kottor	30/09/2019
10	Mangalamkombu	30/09/2019
11	Mathankovilpatti	30/09/2019
12	Meenampatti	31/03/2019
13	Melur	30/09/2019
14	Muruguthoornpatti	19/11/2019
15	Packiapuram	31/05/2019
16	Palanganatham	30/09/2019
17	Pandian Nagar	15/05/2019
18	Railway Colony	31/03/2019
19	Samayanallur	30/09/2019
20	Theni	31/03/2019
21	Thummuchinampatti	30/06/2019
22	Virudunagar	31/07/2019

SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNTS

1. Separate bank accounts must be kept in a proper order as per the directions given by our auditors so that we may avoid unnecessary problems in our accounting system.
2. The Parish Bank Account alone should be linked with Diocese's PAN (Permanent Account Number) and it should be in the name of the Parish.
3. The Parish Priest's personal bank account should be opened in the name of the Priest concerned with his PAN Card.
4. The allowance received from the diocese, medical bills, Christmas and Easter gifts should be deposited in the Priest's Personal Bank Account and not in the Parish Account.
5. If anyone has not yet taken PAN, kindly apply and get it now. This should not be reason for depositing your personal money in the Parish Account.
6. Hereafter all the deposits and withdrawals from the Parish Bank Account is to be included in the Diocese account and informed to Income Tax Department.
Hence, none of your personal funds should be deposited or withdrawn in the Parish Account.
7. Kindly bring xerox copy of your personal bank passbook front page for our record to transfer the Allowance, Medical bill and Mass stipend to your account.

Regarding Land and Tax

- I sincerely thank all those who are co-operating with us to retrieve our diocesan lands successfully from the unlawful encroachers.
- I am happy to know that many of our parishes and institutions are paying the tax regularly for land and buildings.
- In this context, I would like to draw your kind attention with regard to our properties as we are facing many problems and serious issues regarding the payment of tax.

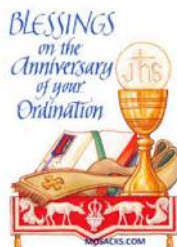
³⁵₁₇ Verify the land details (Survey No., Patta) and documents for your Parish and Institutions lands.

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¹⁷ Make a visit to our lands now and then which will ensure the safety of our property from the encroachers.
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¹⁷ It is most important to pay land Tax and Building Tax to the authorities concerned by registering the title as “The Procurator, R.C Diocese of Madurai”.
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¹⁷ In the Building Tax receipt kindly mention the Title /Purpose /Name of the buildings / Survey No. of that particular building.
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¹⁷ Kindly submit the original documents of land if any in your office and hand over the original land tax receipt and the xerox copy of the building tax receipt to the Procurator’s office.
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¹⁷ Kindly avoid giving N.O.C to anybody with regard to our land or building without consulting the Procurator.
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¹⁷ Please contact the Procurator’s office for any clarification, guidance with regard to the land problems or payment of taxes.

Fr. S. Peter Roy, Procurator

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



Adoration Sunday

December		January
01 Kariapatti		05 Rajapalayam
08 Ellis Nagar		12 Kalladipatti
15 Railway Colony		19 Thirunagar
22 Sattur		26 Meenatchiapuram
29 Silukkuvarpatti		

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

Soldiers in the New Madura Mission – Prophet of Social Justice

Following our quest on the missionary journey of Madura Mission, let us travel in the daring footsteps of some of the valiant soldiers for God.

FR. JOHN BAPTIST TRINCAL! (1815 – 1892)

If one examines the notice board of many parishes of the Archdiocese, which had recorded the names of their former pastors, among them, a

holy and valiant name will shine invariably; that is the name of Fr. Trincal. Describing about him Fr. Houpert says thus: “a giant in stature, intellect and courage, his influence was dynamic”. After assuming various offices in the mission he became a touring missionary for almost 30 years (1863 – 1892); he rode on horseback up and down of fifty



miles of territory from Sattur to Srivilliputhur and upto Periakulam. He is also known as the architect of Watrap mission. The whole of Srivilliputhur Vicariate is very much indebted to the ardent missionary work of this valiant Soldier of God. His usual method of evangelization goes like this: he used to camp at the entrance of the village in a jungle after clearing the ground; there would he build a small chapel with bricks and tiles. Then he used to send his catechists into the village who would talk to the folks about Jesus Christ and the salvific message. The well trained and committed Catechists would catechise them and prepare them for Baptism after testing their faith. When they are fully prepared for the reception of the Sacrament Fr. Trincal would enter into the village and would live with them offering them social, spiritual, pastoral, economical and legal assistance.

Fr. Trincal also is famous for his lawsuits lodged against unjust zamindars in the state. He became famous when he filed a Law Suit against a Zamindar who had forbidden him to build a chapel with bricks and tiles (a novelty at that time). Fr. Trincal won the case and completed the chapel. After this incident many villagers invited Fr. Trincal to their villages to unchain them free from the tyrant land lords and zamindars. Fr. Trincal in all his ministries fought for the rights of the untouchables when they were forbidden of their basic rights of human freedom. Notable cause is the lawsuit of women to have their right of wearing shirts and blouses. In this region there had been a continuous hostility between the Christian parayars and the Baptist Pallars; the latter rich community was ruling the former group at this region. Here came the Saviour in the person of Fr. Trincal. He fought against the zamindars who subjugated the parayar group at this region and most of the rich pallars.

Within 8 years Fr. Trincal had baptized 1600 adults; built 15 chapels and had regular instruction in 20 villages. In 1879 he settled in W. Puduppatti built a chapel, Orphanage and a School for Catechists. In 1881, 14 families at Kansapuram requested baptism from Fr. Trincal. It was an apt occasion for Fr. Trincal to enter into the village of high caste nayakkars. As usual he put up a tent at the abandoned Hindu temple outside the village and at the gate he placed 2 guns for all to see it. It was not to threaten the people but to warn the mischief mongers and the landlords



who would oppose any good thing done to the untouchables. More than a month he was spending his life at the tent till the construction work was going on at Kansapuram. Meanwhile he sent his catechists into the village to engage with the inquirers of the new faith. Once the chapel's construction was over, he entered into the village and lived there with his Neophytes. On the very first day of his stay at Kansapuram he baptized 70 Catechumens.



In 1881 the protestants of Srivilliputhur claimed the use of the Catholic cemetery. Immediately Fr. Trincal ordered his flock to occupy the cemetery and to fight to death. When this law suit was on the court, the English protestant magistrate during the prosecution told Fr. Trincal "your cemetery has no compound wall. I might as well bury my horse in it." Came the reply from Fr. Trincal: "bury! but I warn you that they will bury you together with it". Thus he valiantly fought for his flock. Fr. Trincal's name always stands boldly in the annals of Archdiocesan history as the one who fought for social justice. All his converts at once enjoyed a new found freedom from i) forced labour ii) sunday work and iii) pagoda service (carrying or pulling the temple car). Fr. Trincal also had to face so much ordeals in his life from the local land lords and zamindars who were enjoying unquestioned privilege of cheap labour of the untouchables at their fields and lands. In 1891 when he built a big palm leaved chapel at Kollapatti near Sattur which was ready to witness the baptism of 260 catechumens, the local zamindar set fire to the chapel and the chapel was reduced to a heap of ashes.

Here is the man who fought for the rights of the poor converts in this mission land. Amidst his continuous ministries on horse back he has also contributed to Tamil literature. For his credit he had a Tamil of translation of New Testament. a Gospel Concordance, a refutation of Protestantism etc.

Though Fr. Trincal was based at Pudupatti, he had toured the entire Madura mission and established churches. In 1854, under the jurisdiction of Fr. Alex Canoz the Vicar Apostolic of Madura mission, Fr. Trincal opened a School at Madura, which is the present St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School, Madurai. Similarly he had established many parishes in the Archdiocese of Madurai. Therefore hats off to Fr. Trincal, the prophet of Social Justice!.

(to be continued)

- Fr. Jodir.