



# Diocesan News Letter Madurai

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“ துவக்காலம்  
மணமாற்றத்தின் காலம் ”



“Go and do like wise” (Lk.10:37)

## General Intention of the Pope for February 2013

*Migrant Families* : That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties.

## Mission Intention of the Pope for February 2013

*Peace* : That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

### Please Note

- 1. Recollection:** The monthly recollection for February is vicariate level.
- 2. Feast day of St. John de Britto:** The Feast Day (4<sup>th</sup> inst.) of our Patron Saint of the Archdiocese, St. John de Britto, falls on Monday. All the reverend parish priests and the heads of Institutions are to celebrate this important Feast Day with a solemn mass in order to imbibe the values of the Martyr.
- 3. Matha TV:** Kindly speed up the shares project for Madha TV. In comparison to other dioceses we are lagging behind. I thank the parish priests who procured shares; list is published in DNL.– Rev. Fr. Arulanandam.
- 4. Holy Childhood:** As Holy Childhood Day falls on 10<sup>th</sup> inst. all the reverend parish priests are requested to announce it on 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., itself and motivate the faithful to contribute generously for the noble causes of children. DNL reminds the readers that many of the construction projects for schools and orphanages are funded by the Holy Childhood. So let us make a big collection.
- 5. The 21<sup>st</sup> World Day of the Sick** is celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst., on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Highlighting so many examples of holy persons who took care of the sick people, the Pope focuses on the theme of “Go and do Likewise” (Lk. 10:37) . The Papal message is published.
- 6. The Ash Wednesday** by falling on 13 inst., begins the Lenten Season little early. The reverend parish priests are requested to arrange in their parishes special liturgical celebrations and pious practices such as Lenten retreats, Lenten special preaching, Way

## Archbishop's Engagements -2013

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| 1     | Mass at Trichy                    |
| 2     | Mass at K. Pudur                  |
| 3     | Sattur Substation Church Blessing |
| 4-11  | CCBI Tanjore                      |
| 13    | Ash Wednesday                     |
| 17    | Vicariate Celebration             |
| 20-22 | Provincial Seminary Visit         |
| 23    | Teachers Meeting                  |
| 24    | Vicariate Celebration             |
| 28    | Keerathurai Church Blessing       |



of the Cross, Eucharistic adoration, Rosary, meditation on the passion narratives etc. Sinfulness, Forgiveness, Charity, Divine Mercy, Justice and Love are some of the liturgical themes to be addressed specially.

- 7. Lenten Recollection:** Two or three parishes can arrange for special One day Lenten recollection and preaching. For assistance reverend parish priests can make use of Bishop's House community fathers.
- 8. The Senate:** As the term of the present Senate (2010 – 2013) has come to an end, a new Senate is to be constituted.
- 9. There will be a retreat** on 'Deepening the Faith for a meaningful Evangelisation Ministry' in Batlagundu on 10th February from 9.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. for Theni, Batlagundu and Kodaikanal Vicariates.

Parish Priests are kindly reminded to send the interested people so that they may, later on, help the parish in fostering the evangelisation activities.

During the season of lent Evangelisation team members have volunteered to visit the (Christian) villages in your parish and explain about christian faith and sacraments. Reverend Parish Priest are encouraged to make use of this opportunity and build up Christian faith in the Parish. - *Fr. Arul, Secretary, Evangelization Commission.*



### **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE SICK (11 FEBRUARY 2013)**

**“Go and do likewise” (Lk 10:37)**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

1. On 11 February 2013, the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Twenty-first World Day of the Sick will be solemnly celebrated at the Marian Shrine of Altötting. This day represents for the sick, for health care workers, for the faithful and for all people of goodwill “a privileged time of prayer, of sharing, of offering one’s sufferings for the good of the Church, and a call for all to recognize in the features of their suffering brothers and sisters the Holy Face of Christ, who, by suffering, dying and rising has brought about the salvation of mankind” (John Paul II, *Letter for the Institution of the World Day of the Sick*, 13 May 1992, 3). On this occasion I feel especially close to you, dear friends, who in health care centres or at home, are undergoing a time of trial due to illness and suffering. May all of you be sustained by the comforting words of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council: “You are not alone, separated, abandoned or useless. You have been called by Christ and are his living and transparent image” (*Message to the Poor, the Sick and the Suffering*).

2. So as to keep you company on the spiritual pilgrimage that leads us from Lourdes, a place which symbolizes hope and grace, to the Shrine of Altötting, I would like to propose for your reflection the exemplary figure of the Good Samaritan (cf. *Lk 10:25-37*). The Gospel parable recounted by Saint Luke is part of a series of scenes and events taken from daily life by which Jesus helps us to understand the deep love of God for every

human being, especially those afflicted by sickness or pain. With the concluding words of the parable of the Good Samaritan, “Go and do likewise” (Lk10:37), the Lord also indicates the attitude that each of his disciples should have towards others, especially those in need. We need to draw from the infinite love of God, through an intense relationship with him in prayer, the strength to live day by day with concrete concern, like that of the Good Samaritan, for those suffering in body and spirit who ask for our help, whether or not we know them and however poor they may be. This is true, not only for pastoral or health care workers, but for everyone, even for the sick themselves, who can experience this condition from a perspective of faith: “It is not by sidestepping or fleeing from suffering that we are healed, but rather by our capacity for accepting it, maturing through it and finding meaning through union with Christ, who suffered with infinite love” (*Spe Salvi*, 37).

3. Various Fathers of the Church saw Jesus himself in the Good Samaritan; and in the man who fell among thieves they saw Adam, our very humanity wounded and disoriented on account of its sins (cf. Origen, *Homily on the Gospel of Luke XXXIV*, 1-9; Ambrose, *Commentary on the Gospel of Saint Luke*, 71-84; Augustine, *Sermon 171*). Jesus is the Son of God, the one who makes present the Father’s love, a love which is faithful, eternal and without boundaries. But Jesus is also the one who sheds the garment of his divinity, who leaves his divine condition to assume the likeness of men (cf. *Phil 2:6-8*), drawing near to human suffering, even to the point of descending into hell, as we recite in the Creed, in order to bring hope and light. He does not jealously guard his equality with God (cf. *Phil 2:6*) but, filled with compassion, he looks into the abyss of human suffering so as to pour out the oil of consolation and the wine of hope.

4. The *Year of Faith* which we are celebrating is a fitting occasion for intensifying the service of charity in our ecclesial communities, so that each one of us can be a good Samaritan for others, for those close to us. Here I would like to recall the innumerable figures in the history of the Church who helped the sick to appreciate the human and spiritual value of their suffering, so that they might serve as an example and an encouragement. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, “an expert in the *scientia amoris*” (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 42), was able to experience “in deep union with the Passion of Jesus” the illness that brought her “to death through great suffering” (*Address at General Audience*, 6

April 2011). The Venerable Luigi Novarese, who still lives in the memory of many, throughout his ministry realized the special importance of praying for and with the sick and suffering, and he would often accompany them to Marian shrines, especially to the Grotto of Lourdes. Raoul Follereau, moved by love of neighbour, dedicated his life to caring for people afflicted by Hansen’s disease, even at the world’s farthest reaches, promoting, among other initiatives, World Leprosy Day. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta would always begin her day with an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist and then she would go out into the streets, rosary in hand, to find and serve the Lord in the sick, especially in those “unwanted, unloved, uncared for”. Saint Anna Schäffer of Mindelstetten, too, was able to unite in an exemplary way her sufferings to those of Christ: “her sick-bed became her cloister cell and her suffering a missionary service. Strengthened by daily communion, she became an untiring intercessor in prayer and a mirror of God’s love for the many who sought her counsel” (*Canonization Homily*, 21 October 2012). In the Gospel the Blessed Virgin Mary stands out as one who follows her suffering Son to the supreme sacrifice on Golgotha. She does not lose hope in God’s victory over evil, pain and death, and she knows how to accept in one embrace of faith and love, the Son of God who was born in the stable of Bethlehem and died on the Cross. Her steadfast trust in the power of God was illuminated by Christ’s resurrection, which offers hope to the suffering and renews the certainty of the Lord’s closeness and consolation.

5. Lastly, I would like to offer a word of warm gratitude and encouragement to Catholic health care institutions and to civil society, to Dioceses and Christian communities, to religious congregations engaged in the pastoral care of the sick, to health care workers’ associations and to volunteers. May all realize ever more fully that “the Church today lives a fundamental aspect of her mission in lovingly and generously accepting every human being, especially those who are weak and sick” (*Christifideles Laici*, 38).

I entrust this Twenty-first World Day of the Sick to the intercession of Our Lady of Graces, venerated at Altötting, that she may always accompany those who suffer in their search for comfort and firm hope. May she assist all who are involved in the apostolate of mercy, so that they may become good Samaritans to their brothers and sisters afflicted by illness and suffering. To all I impart most willingly my Apostolic Blessing.

- From the Vatican, 2 January 2013

- **BENEDICTUS PP XVI**

தவக்கால டி.வி நிகழ்ச்சிகள் - மாா்ச்

தேதி	நிகழ்ச்சி	தயாரிப்பு
3	ஆலையங்கள் அறிவோம்	சாந்தோம் கலைத் தொட்பு நிலையம்
4	திருப்பலி	பெசன்: நகர் அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி திருத்தலம்
5	விசுவாச குடும்பம்	சிவகங்கை ஆனந்த கங்கை கலைத் தொட்பு நிலையம்
6	திருப்பலி	பெசன்: நகர் அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி திருத்தலம்
7	நம்பிக்கையின் பரிமாணங்கள் “விவியுத்தில் நம்பிக்கை”	தம்முரி - கலையருவி கலைத் தொட்பு நிலையம்
10	ஆலையங்கள் அறிவோம்	சாந்தோம் கலைத் தொட்பு நிலையம்
11	திருப்பலி	பெசன்: நகர் அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி திருத்தலம்
12	விசுவாச குடும்பம்	மதுரை - சதங்கை அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி திருத்தலம்
13	திருப்பலி	பெசன்: நகர் அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி திருத்தலம்
14	நம்பிக்கையின் பரிமாணங்கள் “அன்பும் நம்பிக்கையும்”	ஊடடி - நீலவாணி கலைத் தொட்பு நிலையம்
17	ஆலையங்கள் அறிவோம்	சாந்தோம் கலைத் தொட்பு நிலையம்
18	திருப்பலி	பெசன்: நகர் அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி திருத்தலம்
19	விசுவாச குடும்பம்	சேலம் - ழவேந்தர் கலைத் தொட்பு நிலையம்
20	திருப்பலி	பெசன்: நகர் அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி திருத்தலம்
21	நம்பிக்கையின் பரிமாணங்கள் “மறைக்கலவியும் நம்பிக்கையும்”	கோயமுத்தூர் - ஜீவஜோதி கலைத் தொட்பு நிலையம்
24	ஆலையங்கள் அறிவோம்	சாந்தோம் கலைத் தொட்பு நிலையம்
25	திருப்பலி	பெசன்: நகர் அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி திருத்தலம்
26	விசுவாச குடும்பம்	கிளர்சியன் கலைத்தொட்புகம்
27	திருப்பலி	பெசன்: நகர் அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி திருத்தலம்
28	நம்பிக்கையின் பரிமாணங்கள்	தருச்சி - காவிரி கலைத் தொட்பு நிலையம்
31	ஈஸ்டர் (டீயிர்ப்பு) சிறப்பு	நிகழ்ச்சி- சாந்தோம் கலைத் தொட்பு நிலையம்

**Madha TV shares from the Parishes/ Institutions - I Phase**

Name of the Parish / Institution	Share	Amount
Bibikulam	43	43,000.00
Leuca School - Bastin Nagar	20	20,000.00
Thiruthangal	91	91,000.00
Perumalmalai	32	32,000.00
Nagamalai Pudukottai	64	64,000.00
Sivakasi	10	10,000.00
Anna Nagar	142	1,42,000.00
St. Mary's Parish	7	7,000.00
Aloysius Conzaga Provincialate - Vadipatti	25	25,000.00
Kadachanendal	50	50,000.00
Silukkuvarpatti	22	22,000.00
Virudhunagar	123	1,23,000.00
Rosary Church	8	8,000.00
	<b>637</b>	<b>6,37,000.00</b>

**Mission Sunday Collection for the year 2012**

Sivakasi	2,00,100.00
Gnanaolivupuram	1,35,500.00
K. Pudur	1,00,000.00
Virudhunagar	70,000.00
Rayappanpatti	55,000.00
Bibikulam	48,000.00
Palanganatham	45,150.00
Ellis Nagar	45,000.00
Anna Nagar	41,000.00
Thiruthangal	36,000.00
St. Mary's Church	30,500.00
Batlagundu	30,000.00
Munjikkal	30,000.00
Bastin Nagar	30,000.00
Sundaranatchiapuram	27,150.00
Hanumanthanpatti	25,000.00
Samayanallur	23,000.00
Ugarthe Nagar	18,700.00
Anjal Nagar	17,100.00
Silukkuvarpatti	17,000.00
Nagamalai	16,000.00
Sattur	15,400.00
Holy Rosary Church	15,250.00
Meenampatti	15,069.00
A. Nathampatti	15,000.00
Kadachanendal	15,000.00
Shenbaganur	15,000.00
Michaelpalayam	12,500.00
Y. Othakadai	11,758.00
Aruppukottai	11,000.00
Usilampatti	10,300.00
R.R.Nagar	10,150.00
Periyakulam	10,000.00
Railway Colony	10,000.00
Melur	6,000.00
Bodinayakanur	6,000.00
Uthamapalayam	5,600.00
Pandian Nagar	5,500.00
Thirumangalam	5,020.00

Thirunagar	5,000.00
Perumalmai	5,000.00
Chinnamanur	4,585.00
Kalladipatti	4,485.00
Kadamalaikundu	4,260.00
Lourdipuram	4,030.00
Rajapalayam	3,490.00
Manalar	3,100.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	3,000.00
Rayapuram	2,700.00
T. Sindalacherry	2,500.00
Iyyampalayam	2,100.00
Othyal	2,004.00
Kavirayapuram	2,000.00
Kottur	2,000.00
Nilakottai	1,500.00
Thummichinampatti	1,250.00
Alangulam	1,000.00
Karumathur	850.00
Mathankovilpatti	800.00
	<b>12,90,401.00</b>
<b>Institutions</b>	
S.F.S. Matric School, Pandian nagar	25,000.00
Christ Hall Seminary	24,258.00
Holy Cross Hr. Sec. School Batlagundu	15,000.00
St. Britto Hr. Sec. School	5,000.00
	<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>
	<b>13,59,659.00</b>

### Bible Sunday Collection

<b>Collection as on 02/01/2013</b>	<b>81,932.00</b>
Bastin Nagar	2,500.00
Rayappanpatti	2,100.00
Shenbaganur	2,000.00
W. Pudupatti	1,175.00
Sattur	600.00
Thummuchinampatti	200.00
	<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>
	<b>90,507.00</b>

<b>Good Friday Collection</b>	
<b>Collection as on 02/01/2013</b>	<b>4,42,515.00</b>
Thummuchinampatti	400.00
	<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>
	<b>4,42,915.00</b>
<b>St. Peter's Pence Collection</b>	
<b>Collection as on 02/01/2013</b>	<b>81,219.00</b>
Bastin Nagar	2,500.00
Rayappanpatti	2,000.00
Shenbaganur	1,500.00
Thummuchinampatti	200.00
	<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>
	<b>87,419.00</b>
<b>Communication Day Collection</b>	
<b>Collection as on 02/01/2013</b>	<b>64,924.00</b>
Bastin Nagar	2,500.00
Rayappanpatti	2,500.00
Shenbaganur	500.00
Thummuchinampatti	150.00
	<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>
	<b>70,574.00</b>
<b>African Mission Collection</b>	
<b>Collection as on 02/01/2013</b>	<b>31,280.00</b>
Virudhunagar	3,250.00
Munjikkal	3,000.00
Bastin Nagar	2,500.00
Rayappanpatti	2,000.00
W. Pudupatti	1,805.00
Sattur	600.00
Shenbaganur	500.00
Kottur	300.00
Thummuchinampatti	250.00
	<b>Collection as on 25/01/2013</b>
	<b>45,485.00</b>

### Peter the Apostle Collection

<b>Collection as on 02/01/2013</b>	<b>8,701.00</b>
Anjal Nagar	3,895.00
Virudhunagar	3,100.00
Munjikkal	3,000.00
Rayappanpatti	2,000.00
Bastin Nagar	2,500.00
Ugarthe Nagar	1,180.00
W. Pudupatti	1,575.00
Sattur	600.00
Shenbaganur	500.00
Uthamapalayam	500.00
Kottur	300.00
Melur	250.00
Thummichinampatti	200.00

**Collection as on 25/01/2013** **28,301.00**

### Hunger & Disease Collection

<b>Collection as on 02/01/2013</b>	<b>6,31,041.00</b>
Thummuchinampatti	250.00

**Collection as on 25/01/2013** **6,31,291.00**

### Vocation Sunday Collection

<b>Collection as on 02/01/2013</b>	<b>77,426.00</b>
Bastin Nagar	2,500.00
Thummuchinampatti	150.00

**Collection as on 25/01/2013** **80,076.00**

### Opus Securitatus Fund

<b>Collection as on 02/01/2013</b>	<b>20,772.00</b>
Virudhunagar	3,300.00
Munjikkal	3,000.00
Bastin Nagar	2,500.00
Rayappanpatti	2,300.00
Ugarthe Nagar	1,100.00

W. Pudupatti	906.50
Kavirayapuram	750.00
Uthamapalaham	500.00
Sattur	600.00
Shenbaganur	500.00
Kottur	300.00
Melur	250.00
Thummuchinampatti	200.00

**Collection as on 25/01/2013** **36,978.50**

### Seminarians Fund

Anna Nagar 7,500.00

### Greetings on Happy Birthdays

Fr. Thomas Edison	on	02.02.1984
Fr. Valentine Joseph	on	09.02.1959
Fr. Antony Britto Amalanthan A.	on	10.02.1970
Fr. Paul Britto S.	on	11.02.1977
Fr. David Sahayaraja S.	on	12.02.1974
Fr. Xavier Raj S.	on	12.02.1964
Fr. S. Sebastine S.	on	12.02.1979
Fr. Antony John Kennedy I.	on	20.02.1964
Fr. Maria Arul Selvam M.I.	on	25.02.1950



### Adoration Sunday

February	March
03 Railway Colony	03 Silukkuvarpatti
10 Sattur	10 Rajapalayam
17 Silukkuvarpatti	17 Kalladipatti
24 Rajapalayam	24 Thirunagar
	31 Michaelpalayam



### Necrology

Fr. Jacob Manala	on	03.02.1998
Fr. Arulappar	on	28.02.2004

