



# Diocesan News Letter Madurai

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## Pope's General Prayer Intention for February 2014:

That the Church and the society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

## Pope's Mission Intention for February 2014:

That priests, religious and lay people may work together with generosity for evangelization.

### Please Note

1. **Monthly Recollection:** The Monthly Recollection of February is at vicariate level. All the seven Vicar Foranes are invited to arrange their vicariate recollections without fail.
2. **World Day of Sick:** The twenty second World Day of the Sick is celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> *inst.*, on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. May our Blessed Mother intercede for the healing of body and soul. The message of the Holy Father is published in this issue for your reference.
3. **Archdiocesan Patron Saint:** The Feast Day of our Archdiocesan Patron Saint falls on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. The Parish Priests are asked to celebrate the Feast day Mass together with the faithful. May the blood of the **Martyr** that was poured into our soil may challenge and sustain the faith of all the members of the Archdiocese of Madurai. Let the Martyr keep the Archdiocese in his constant intercession. St. John De Britto... *Ora pro nobis.*
4. **Holy Childhood Collection:** Holy Childhood Sunday falls on 9<sup>th</sup> *inst.* Kindly announce it on 2<sup>nd</sup> *inst.*, itself so that a good collection is made to the Pontifical Society which helps the children throughout the world with nutritious food, education, medicine, home and shelter. As we receive financial assistance from Holy Childhood to run our Orphanages and children's Home it is our bounden duty to support this Missionary Organization. Kindly remit your collection at Procurator's office at the end of February.

5. Kindly inculcate in the mind of children about the need of praying for others and helping others. You may hold a procession around the Church with the Kanmanikal singing songs like “Yesuvin Chella Pillaigal nangal” or “Yesu enakku yarunga. . . super star. nga” etc. Children can shout slogans of Word of God and enter into the Church. – Fr. Arul, Secretary of Evnagelization.
6. **Catechism in Schools:** All the Reverend Correspondents whether they are religious or diocesans, are responsible to conduct Catechism in our Christian Schools whether they are aided schools or not. It is one of the primary duties of the parish priests to oversee the teaching of Catechism in Catholic schools existing in a parish territory.
7. **Inter Religious Dialogue:** On 19th January inter - religious pongal festival was held at St. Mary’s at 5.30 p.m. It started with inter religious prayers and songs by CEPCHIRA team. In his talk, Mohammed Elias, Professor of Arabic language, explained the meaning of Pongal and emphasised the need of respecting the farmers. Cultural programme by students of Tamilnadu Theological seminary, St. Patrick Middle School and the youth was well applauded. Fr. Benedict, the former secretary presided over the function. – Fr. Arul, Commission for Dialogue
8. On 26th January evening “that all may be one”- a public programme was organised by the commission for Ecumenism. “Catholics should show more interest in the activities of Christian unity as they show interest in praying rosary” was pointed out in his presidential address by Rev. Fr. Anandam, Rector of St. Peter’s Seminary. Pastor Samuel Soundrapandian insisted on the need of cooperation among various churches. Fr. Angel felicitated the initiatives and activities of the commission. Sr. Irudayamary, John the Baptist invited the audience to recite the prayer for Christian unity. - Fr. Arul

9. The long awaited Madha T.V begins its transmission from 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014, on the feast of our Lady of Lourdes. The Circular of the official declaration from the TNBC president is given in this issue. The programmes can be viewed only through Arasu Cable Network at present. The arrangements will be made soon to get the telecasts through Satellite Networks and in WebTVs. It will be available in all the cable connections throughout Tamilnadu. Rev. Fathers are kindly requested to announce it to our people and ask them to watch the programmes regularly, because the more number of viewers will help the channel to grow. If anyone doesn’t get it anywhere, then the problem is with the cable operators. You can advise the people to approach the concern cable operators to tune and provide the programme.

- Fr. B. Arulanandam, Director, Sathangai



## மாதா தொலைக்காட்சி பற்றிய தமிழக ஆயர் பேரவையின் சுற்றுமடல்

அன்பார்ந்த இறைமக்களே!

பல ஆண்டுகளாகவே கத்தோலிக்க திருச்சபையின் மறையுண்மைகளை மக்களுக்கு கொண்டு செல்ல தமிழக திருச்சபைக்கென ஒரு தொலைக்காட்சி இல்லையே என்ற ஏக்கம் இருந்து வந்தது. 2012 ஆம் ஆண்டு ஜனவரி திங்கள் திருச்சியில் நடைபெற்ற தமிழக ஆயர் பேரவையின் கூட்டத்தில் இதுபற்றி விவாதிக்கப்பட்டு தமிழக திருச்சபைக்கென மாதா தொலைக்காட்சி ஆரம்பிக்க முடிவெடுக்கப்பட்டது.

ஏறக்குறைய இரண்டு ஆண்டுகள் மாதா தொலைக்காட்சியின் நிறுவன கட்டமைப்பு பணிகள் நடைபெற்று, வருகின்ற 2014 பெப்ரவரி திங்கள் 11ஆம் நாள் தூய லூர்து அன்னை திருவிழா அன்று மாதா தொலைக்காட்சி நம் இல்லத் திரைகளில் ஒளிபரப்பைத் தொடங்குகிறது என்பதை மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் தெரிவிக்கின்றேன்.

தமிழக ஆயர் பெருமக்கள் அனைவரின் ஒத்துழைப்பிற்கும், மக்கள்

தாராளமாக உதவிய பொருளாதார உதவிகளுக்கும், உற்சாகத்திற்கும், இத்தொலைக்காட்சியின் கட்டமைப்புப் பணியாளர்களின் உழைப்பிற்கும், நம்பிக்கைக்கும் கிடைத்த வெற்றியாக மாதா தொலைக்காட்சி இருப்பதால் உதவிய / ஒத்துழைத்த அனைவருக்கும் பாராட்டும் நன்றியும்.

தற்சமயம் மாதா தொலைக்காட்சியின் நிகழ்ச்சிகள் அனைத்தும் தமிழக அரசு கேபிள் வழியாக மட்டுமே ஒளிபரப்பப்படும். இதர DTH வழியாக ஒளிபரப்ப அதிக நிதி தேவைப்படுவதால் அதற்கான முயற்சிகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டு விரைவில் DTH வழியாகவும் ஒளிபரப்பப்படும்.

மாதா தொலைக்காட்சிக்காக பங்குகள் வாங்கிய பங்குதாரர்களுக்கு சான்றிதழ்கள் மே மாத இறுதிக்குள் வழங்கப்படும். மாதந்தோறும் மாதா தொலைக்காட்சிக்கு நன்கொடை வழங்க விரும்புவர்கள் பணமாகவோ, காசோலை, வரைவோலை, பணவிடை மூலமாகவோ கீழ்க்கண்ட முகவரிக்கு அனுப்ப வேண்டுகிறேன்.

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மாதா தொலைக்காட்சி மூலம் “மரியின் வழியில் இயேசுவிடம்” உலக மக்களைக் கொண்டு செல்ல தொடர்ந்து நிதி உதவியும் ஜெப உதவியும் தேவை. மரியின் வழியில் இயேசுவிடம் செல்வோம்! மீட்பின் செய்தியை ஊடக வழியில் சொல்வோம்!

இறையாசீர் என்றும் உங்களோடு!

*+ S.P. Remigues*

**மேதகு ஆயர் பீட்டர் ரெமிஜியஸ்**

தமிழக ஆயர் பேரவையின் தலைவர்

**குறிப்பு:** இந்த சுற்றறிக்கையை வருகின்ற 2014 பெப்ரவரி திங்கள் 9ஆம் தேதி (ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை) அனைத்து பங்குகளிலும் வாசிக்க வேண்டும்.

## Commission Secretaries Meeting for 2014

**Month & Date**

**Programme**

8 <sup>th</sup> April - Tuesday	Commission Secretaries Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> July - Tuesday	Commission Secretaries Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> October - Tuesday	Commission Secretaries Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> December - Morning	Commission Secretaries Meeting
Evening	Christmas Celebration

**Note: Any Change in the programme will be notified in advance**

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Director, Nobili Pastoral Centre, Madurai

## Archdiocese of Madurai

### Pastoral Plan of the Year 2014 For Priests

January 21 - Tuesday	Priest Reunion	Archbishop's House
February	Monthly Recollection	Respective Vicariate
March 11 - Tuesday	Monthly Recollection	Archbishop's House
April 15 - Tuesday	Monthly Recollection Chrism Mass	Archbishop's House Cathedral
May	Summer Vacation	
June 10 - Tuesday	Priests Reunion	Archbishop's House
July	Monthly Recollection	Respective Vicariate
August 12 - Tuesday	Monthly Recollection	Archbishop's House
September	Annual Retreat	
October 2 - Tuesday	Diocesan Pilgrimage	Oriyur
November 11 - Tuesday	Monthly Recollection Mass for the Deceased	Archbishop's House Cathedral
December 16 - Tuesday	Monthly Recollection Christmas get - together	Archbishop's House

**Note: Any change in the programme will be notified in advance through DNL**

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## தீருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்

பிப்ரவரி	1,2.02.2014	வத்தலக்குண்டு / நிலக்கோட்டை	சனி, ஞாயிறு
	7,8.02.2014	நொபிலி மறைப்பணி நிலையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி
	15,16.02.2014	உத்தமபாளையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
	21,22.02.2014	நொபிலி மறைப்பணி நிலையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி



### MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 22nd WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2014

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

1. On the occasion of the Twenty-second World Day of the Sick, whose theme this year is Faith and Charity: “We Ought to Lay Down Our Lives for One Another” (1 Jn 3:16), I turn in a special way to the sick and all those who provide them with assistance and care. The Church recognizes in you, the sick, a special presence of the suffering Christ. It is true. At the side of – and indeed within – our suffering, is the suffering of Christ; he bears its burden with us and he reveals its meaning. When the Son of God mounted the cross, he destroyed the solitude of suffering and illuminated its darkness. We thus find ourselves before the mystery of God’s love for us, which gives us hope and courage: hope, because in the plan of God’s love even the night of pain yields to the light of Easter, and courage, which enables us to confront every hardship in his company, in union with him.



2. The incarnate Son of God did not remove illness and suffering from human experience but by taking them upon himself he transformed



them and gave them new meaning. New meaning because they no longer have the last word which, instead, is new and abundant life; transformed them, because in union with Christ they need no longer be negative but positive. Jesus is the way, and with his Spirit we can follow him. Just as the Father gave us the Son out of love, and the Son gave himself to us out of the same love, so we too can love others as God has loved us, giving our lives for one another. Faith in God becomes goodness, faith in the crucified Christ becomes the strength to love to the end, even our enemies. The proof of authentic faith in Christ is self-giving and the spreading of love for our neighbours, especially for those who do not merit it, for the suffering and for the marginalized.

3. By virtue of Baptism and Confirmation we are called to conform ourselves to Christ, who is the Good Samaritan for all who suffer. “We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another” (1 Jn 3:16). When we draw near with tender love to those in need of care, we bring hope and God’s smile to the contradictions of the world. When generous devotion to others becomes the hallmark of our actions, we give way to the Heart of Christ and bask in its warmth, and thus contribute to the coming of God’s Kingdom.

4. To grow in tender love, and a respectful and sensitive charity, we have a sure Christian model to contemplate: Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, who is always attentive to the voice of God and the needs and troubles of her children. Mary, impelled by God’s mercy which took flesh within her, selflessly hastened from Galilee to Judea to find

and help her kinswoman Elizabeth. She interceded with her Son at the wedding feast of Cana when she saw that there was a shortage of wine. She bore in her heart, throughout the pilgrimage of her life, the words of the elderly Simeon who foretold that a sword would pierce her soul, and with persevering strength she stood at the foot of the cross of Jesus. She knows the way, and for this reason she is the Mother of all of the sick and suffering. To her we can turn with confidence and filial devotion, certain that she will help us, support us and not abandon us. She is the Mother of the crucified and risen Christ: she stands beside our crosses and she accompanies us on the journey towards the resurrection and the fullness of life.

5. Saint John, the disciple who stood with Mary beneath the cross, brings us to the sources of faith and charity, to the heart of the God who “is love” (1 Jn 4:8,16). He reminds us that we cannot love God if we do not love our brothers and sisters. Those who stand with Mary beneath the cross learn to love as Jesus does. The cross is “the certainty of the faithful love which God has for us. A love so great that it enters into our sin and forgives it, enters into our suffering and gives us the strength to bear it. It is a love which enters into death to conquer it and to save us... the cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, teaching us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer, who are in need of help” (Way of the Cross with Young People, Rio de Janeiro, 26 July 2013). I entrust this Twenty-second World Day of the Sick to the intercession of Mary. I ask her to help the sick to bear their sufferings in fellowship with Jesus Christ and to support all those who care for them. To all the ill, and to all the health-care workers and volunteers who assist them, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

*From the Vatican, 6 December 2013* FRANCIS

## THE POPE APPOINTS NINETEEN NEW CARDINALS

Pope Francis announced that on 22 February, feast of the Chair of St. Peter, a consistory will be held during which 19 new cardinals will be appointed. They will comprise 16 electors and 3 archbishops emeritus, from twelve different countries from all over the world, and “represent the deep ecclesial relationship between the Church of Rome and the other Churches throughout the world”. The day after the



consistory, the Holy Father will preside at a solemn concelebration with the new Cardinals, while on February 20 and 21 he will hold a consistory with all the cardinals to reflect on the theme of the family.

The list of the Cardinals as follows:-

Archbishop Pietro Parolin, secretary of State. - Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, secretary general of the Synod of Bishops- Archbishop Gerhard Ludwig Muller, emeritus of Regensburg, Germany, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

- Archbishop Beniamino Stella, prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy.
- Archbishop Vincent Nichols of Westminster, Great Britain.
- Archbishop Leopoldo Jose Brenes Solorzano of Managua, Nicaragua.
- Archbishop Gerald Cyprien Lacroix of Quebec, Canada.
- Archbishop Jean-Pierre Kutwa of Abidjan, Cote D’Ivoire.
- Archbishop Orani Joao Tempesta, O. Cist. of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Archbishop Gualtiero Bassetti of Perugia-Citta della Pieve, Italia.
- Archbishop Mario Aurelio Poli of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

- Archbishop Andrew Yeom Soo jung of Seoul, Korea.
- Archbishop Ricardo Ezzati Andrello, S.D.B. of Santiago del Chile, Chile.
- Archbishop Philippe Nakellentuba Ouedraogo of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
- Archbishop Orlando B. Quevedo, O.M.I. of Cotabato, Philippines.
- Archbishop Chibly Langlois of Les Cayes, Haiti. The three archbishops emeritus are:
- Archbishop Loris Francesco Capovilla, ex prelate of the Shrine of Loreto and ex personal secretary of Blessed John XXIII.
- Archbishop Fernando Sebastian Aguilar, C.M.F. emeritus of Pamplona, Spain.
- Archbishop Kelvin Edward Felix, emeritus of Castries, Saint Lucia.



#### St. Peter's Pence

<b>Collection as on 31/12/2013</b>	<b>72,692.00</b>
Anna Nagar	5,000.00

<b>Collection as on 28/01/2014</b>	<b>77,692.00</b>
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#### Holy Childhood

<b>Collection as on 31/12/2013</b>	<b>1,26,014.50</b>
St. Agnes Home for Children, Rayappanpatti	10,000.00
St. Aloysius Institution, Rayappanpatti	10,000.00
St. Mary's Society, St. Joseph Orphanage, Madurai	10,000.00

<b>Collection as on 28/01/2014</b>	<b>1,56,014.50</b>
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#### Peter the Apostle

<b>Collection as on 31/12/2013</b>	<b>7,451.00</b>
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Sivakasi	5,650.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Anjal Nagar	4,560.00
Virudhunagar	3,400.00
Bastin Nagar	3,000.00
K. Pudur	3,000.00
Ellis Nagar	3,000.00
Meenampatti	2,380.00
Packiapuram	2,000.00
Nagamalai	1,100.00
Batlagundu	1,000.00
Michaelpalayam	1,000.00
Munjikkal	1,000.00
Silukkuvarpatti	1,000.00
Usilampatti	600.00
Kavirayapuram	500.00
R.R. Nagar	350.00
Melur	250.00
Karumathur	250.00
Lourdipuram	200.00
Nilakottai	200.00

<b>Collection as on 28/01/2014</b>	<b>46,891.00</b>
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#### Communication Day

<b>Collection as on 31/12/2013</b>	<b>61,267.00</b>
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Virudhunagar	3,500.00
Nilakottai	200.00

<b>Collection as on 28/01/2014</b>	<b>69,967.00</b>
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### Mission Sunday

<b>Collection as on 31/12/2013</b>	<b>10,20,662.00</b>
K. Pudur	81,000.00
Virudhunagar	53,200.00
W. Pudupatti	25,523.00
Anna Nagar	25,000.00
Packiapuram	20,000.00
Meenampatti	10,000.00
Silukkuvarpatti - (II Part)	8,000.00
Lourdipuram	4,000.00
Manalar	3,000.00
Nilakottai	1,100.00

**Collection as on 28/01/2014** **12,51,485.00**

### African Mission

<b>Collection as on 31/12/2013</b>	<b>30,328.00</b>
Sivakasi	5,350.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
K. Pudur	3,000.00
Anjal Nagar	4,130.00
Virudhunagar	3,300.00
Nagamalai	1,100.00
Munjikkal	1,000.00
Silukkuvarpatti	1,000.00
Usilampatti	600.00
Matha Kovilpatti	350.00
Melur	300.00
R.R. Nagar	300.00
Nilakottai	200.00
Lourdipuram	200.00

**Collection as on 28/1/2014** **56,158.00**

### Bible Sunday

<b>Collection as on 31/12/2013</b>	<b>60,853.00</b>
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Virudhunagar	3,600.00
Nilakottai	200.00

**Collection as on 28/1/2014** **69,658.00**

### Opus Fund (Parishes)

Sivakasi	5,550.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Anjal Nagar	4,500.00
Virudhunagar	3,100.00
Bastin Nagar	3,000.00
K. Pudur	3,000.00
Ellis Nagar	3,000.00
Nagamalai	3,000.00
Hanumanthanpatti	2,560.00
Meenampatti	2,429.00
Bibikulam	2,000.00
Kadachanendal	1,800.00
Packiapuram	1,500.00
Ugarthenagar	1,200.00
Munjikkal	1,000.00
Batlagundu	1,000.00
Michaelpalayam	1,000.00
Perumalmalai	1,000.00
Uthamapalayam	1,000.00
Aruppukottai	750.00
Kavirayapuram	500.00
Othakadai	450.00
Kottur	300.00

Mathankovilpatti	250.00
R.R. Nagar	250.00
Karumathur	250.00
Melur	250.00
Nilakottai	200.00
Iyyampalayam	200.00
Lourdipuram	200.00
Alangulam	200.00
Kalladipatti	150.00

**Collection as on 28/1/2014** **50,589.00**

#### Mass Intention from Parishes

T. Vadipatti (1953 Nos)	1,95,250.00
Bastin Nagar (120 Nos)	6,000.00

#### Seminarians Fund

Msgr. Joseph Selvaraj, Vicar General	7,500.00
Mr. V.F. Amalraj, Kochadai	5,000.00
Bastin Nagar	3,000.00
Fr. Victor Vimalanathan Asst Priest, Sundaranatchiapuram	1,050.00
Pambarpuram Convent	260.00
Mrs. Mary Grace, Silukkuvarpatti	200.00

**Collection as on 28/1/2014** **17,010.00**

### 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. Sebastine S.	on	12.02.1979
Fr. Sebastian Chinnadurai S.	on	13.02.1980
Fr. Antony John Kennedy I.	on	20.02.1964
Fr. Maria Arul Selvam M.I.	on	25.02.1950



### Adoration Sunday

February	March
02 Railway Colony	02 Silukkuvarpatti
09 Sattur	09 Rajapalayam
16 Silukkuvarpatti	16 Kalladipatti
23 Rajapalayam	23 Thirunagar
	30 Michaelpalayam



### Necrology

Fr. Jacob Manala	03.02.1998
Fr. Arulappar	28.02.2004
Fr. Jude Vadakara	01.02.2013

