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*Prayerful Felicitations to His Grace, on the 21st
Episcopal Consecration Anniversary Day
on 4th Feb. 2020*

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



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Blessing of Cath Lab,
St. Joseph's Hospital, Dindigul



நினைவு திரைத் திரை



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Visit to Melur Parish



Silver Jubilee - Fr John Diraviam



Visit to JDH plus Association

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Fr. Christian Anand A. (07)



Fr. Valentine Joseph G. (09)



Fr. Paul Britto S. (11)



Fr. David Sahayaraj S. (12)



Fr. Xavier Raj S. (12)



Fr. Sebastine S. (12)



Fr. Antony John Kennedy I. (20)



Fr. Maria Arul Selvam M. I. (25)



Fr. Maria Thangaraj (27)



The Voice of the Pastor

My dear Fathers, brothers and sisters,

Jesus says that "as the Father has loved me so have I loved you" (Jn.15:9). Father and the son love each other and their love is the Holy Spirit. As God has loved his Son, so his son has loved us. The love of Jesus for us cost his life on the cross because of which we are saved and our sins are forgiven. In his humanity Jesus poured out his life till there was nothing left.



Jesus has chosen us to be his friends and it is not we who chose him. His only plea is that we love others as he has loved us. Loving individuals is more valuable than loving the whole human race.

Concrete love expressed to the individuals is more valuable than all the theoretical love for the poor, oppressed and abandoned of the world. Let us look at Jesus on the cross and forget what harm others have done to us. Let us spread out our love coming from the heart of Jesus who has made his home in us through to everyone in the world.

Once we start loving individual persons our life will be one of joy. Hence Jesus says "I have told you this that your joy may be complete" (Jn.15:11). Our life will bear fruit that will last after we have gone. Our love for the individual persons as Jesus did will not only bring blessings on us but we will make the presence of God felt among the people. Let us make it a task of our life to follow Jesus which will bring us happiness, joy and fulfilment.

May God bless you all,
Your loving Archbishop,

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

Pope's General Prayer Intention

Universal prayer intention

Listen to the Migrants' Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

- இலக்கு :** நம் பண்பாட்டிற்கும் உலகளாவிய பண்பாட்டிற்கும் உள்ள வேறுபாடு அறிய (கி.வா 90)
- நோக்கு :** முழு ஆளுமையுடைய இளைஞராக (கி.வா 137)
- சீர்தூக்கு :** ஒருபோதும் இழக்கமுடியாத இயேசு நமக்கு வழங்கும் நிபந்தனையற்ற அன்பை அனுபவிக்கும் மனிதர்களாக மாற்றம் பெறுவது. (கி.வா 290)

இம்மாதம் விழாக் கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

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இப்பங்குகள் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும்,
சுறவறத்தாருக்கும் இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துகளும்
ஜெபங்களும்.

+ பேராயர் அந்தோனி பாப்பசாமி

HAPPY FEAST

The Archbishop & the Archdiocesan Priests wish the Handmaids of
Merciful Love Sisters (HML) on their Feast Day on Feb 8.

Archbishop's Engagements

01	Sat	M	Blessing of Chapel, FSPM, Nagamalai Pudukottai
02	Sun	M	Felicitation to Elected Local Body Leaders, St. Britto Hr. Sec. School, Gnanaolivupuram
04	Tue	M	Archbishop's Consecration Day, St. Joseph's Church, Gnanaolivupuram
05	Wed	M	Nuptial Blessing, Mettupatti
07	Fri	E	Flag Hoisting, K. Pudur
08	Sat	M	Thanksgiving Mass, Gnanaolivupuram
		E	Mass and Blessing of Grotto, Gnanaolivupuram
09	Sun	M	Seminar on Basic Christian Communities, Batlagundu
		E	Consecration of the Church, Theni
10	Mon	E	Confirmation, Munjikkal
11	Tue	M	Senate Meeting, Archbishop's House
		E	Feast Mass, K. Pudur
12-21			CBCI Meet, Bangalore
22	Sat	E	Confirmation, Theni
23	Sun	E	Mass and Blessing of Presbytery, Devadanam
24-25			Annual Board Meeting, St. Paul's Seminary
26	Wed	M	Ash Wednesday Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral
27-28			Annual Board Meeting, Christ Hall Seminary

March-2020

01 Sun M Mass and Inauguration of Year of Youth

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

Please Note

- Prayerful Greetings to His Grace, Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy on 4th February, the 21st Episcopal Consecration Anniversary Day.** We, the *Presbyterium*, the Religious and the Laity praise and thank God for the Gift of the wonderful shepherd, who leads the local church into the ways of the Lord. May the good Lord bless our Archbishop with good health, wisdom and episcopal virtues in order to lead not only the Archdiocese but also the larger Tamil Church into the Kingdom values of truth, justice and peace.
- Consecration Anniversary Celebrations of the Archbishop,** as per the Communication of Fr. V.G., will be celebrated on 4^{th inst.}, **Tuesday** at St. Joseph's Church, Gnanaolivupuram. The Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist will begin at 10:30 am., followed by the Felicitation and dinner at R. C. Mahal. All the parish priests with their 5 parish representatives, 2 Sisters from each religious Institutes and all the Major Superiors will participate at the Celebration. Kindly bring useful dresses for the poor as Offertory. It is the only meaningful Celebration which unites the whole Archdiocese with the Archbishop who had been consecrated on this Day.
- Feast Day of Patron Saint – St. John De Britto :** Let us celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint meaningfully both at Gnanaolivupuram and at all our churches in the Archdiocese on 4th. We thank God for the Gift of Fr. John De Britto (1647 – 1693) who was martyred for the **FAITH** on 4th February 1693 at Oriyur. Our Saint was beatified by Pope Pius IX on 8th April 1862 and was canonized by Pope Pius XII on 22nd June 1947. May our dear Patron Saint intercede for the growth of Christian life at this soil of Madurai.
- Monthly Recollection** of February will be Vicariate level.
- Congratulations** to the following Fathers for the construction works:

a) **Fr. Pappuraj** for the construction of the *Lourdes Grotto at Chinnamanur*, which was blessed by His Grace on 30th November 2019.

b) **Fr. Arul Rayan** for the construction of *Flag Pole at St. Sebastian's Church, New Ellis Nagar, Madurai*, which was blessed by His Grace on 17th January, 2020.

c) **Fr. Joseph Antony** for the construction of *Lourdes Grotto at Surya Nagar, Kadachanendal* parish, which was blessed by His Grace on 23rd January 2020.

6. **Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lenten Season** falls on **26th inst.** His Grace invites all the parish priests and the superiors of religious institutions to plan in advance the Lenten programs such as Lenten preaching, retreat for different groups such as students, youth, teachers and parishioners, sacrament of reconciliation, acts of charity, special collection for the poor, meditation on the Stations of the Cross etc., in order to facilitate collective renewal in the Metropolitan Church of Madurai.
7. Archbishop reminds all the parish priests and heads of institutions to arrange **special Retreat** for the youth during this Lenten season as the Tamilnadu church concentrates on our **YOUTH** this year 2020.
8. A **Festschrift** commemorating the 70th age of our Archbishop will be celebrated by the Archdiocese, Bishops, priests and nuns known to His Grace and his student priests and nuns throughout Tamilnadu on 17th March at **PILLAR**, Madurai. Official invitations will follow.

Commission for Thiruvarutperavai

On 3rd January Thiruvarutperavai Secretary Dr. Amanullah, Treasurer Vijayarahavan together with 35 other members met the Archbishop Antony Pappusamy to get the new year blessing. Archbishop in his address told that we should work, crossing beyond our religion and we should stand united. We should also work for the upliftment of all the people who have lost their human dignity and work for social harmony and peace. As a sign of new year gift, he gave a

'Tirukural book' to each one of them. Earlier, Fr. Arul, organising secretary, welcomed all the participants. Thiru. Karuppaiah and John Moses felicitated the Archbishop. Bro. Charles SHJ, Proposed the vote of thanks.

On 19.01.2020 Sunday interreligious pongal preparation and celebration was held in Gnanaolivupuram, presided over by the Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop of Madurai. Honourable Su. Venkatesan, Member of Parliament and Sri. Santhikumaraswamigal adorned the stage as chief guests. Dr. Amanullah welcomed the dignitaries. Fr. Arul introduced about Thiruvarutperavai. Thiru Kajamoidheen and Nanmaran (Ex. MLA) expressed their felicitations. Students of Holy Family Higher Secondary School and the youth of Gnanaolivupuram coloured the stage with cultural events. In his speech, Archbishop told, A proper mixture of Rice Dhal, Vellam(வெள்ளம்) and other grains is needed to have a good taste of pongal. In the same way, people when joining hands, transcending their religious barriers will build up a beautiful society based on truth and love.

Sr. Amala Rani proposed the vote of thanks. Our special thanks to Fr. Sebastin, parish priest who generously cooperated for the good arrangement of the venue and stage. The celebration was successful and it made a good impact on the participants.

Fr. A. Arul, Organising Secretary, Thiruvarutperavai

World Day of the Sick - 2020

'Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest' (Mt 11:28)

'Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest' (Mt 11:28)', is the title of the Holy Father's Message for the 28th World Day of the Sick, to be held on February 11, the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Here is the full text of the Message, which was signed on January 3, 2020, Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus: Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28)

Dear brothers and sisters,

1. Jesus' words, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28) point to the mysterious path of grace that is revealed to the simple and gives new strength to those who are weary and tired. These words of Christ express the solidarity of the Son of Man with all those who are hurt and afflicted. How many people suffer in both body and soul! Jesus urges everyone to draw near to him – "Come to me!" – and he promises them comfort and repose. "When Jesus says this, he has before him the people he meets every day on the streets of Galilee: very many simple people, the poor, the sick, sinners, those who are marginalized by the burden of the law and the oppressive social system... These people always followed him to hear his word, a word that gave hope! Jesus' words always give hope!" (Angelus, 6 July 2014).

On this XXVIII World Day of the Sick, Jesus repeats these words to the sick, the oppressed, and the poor. For they realize that they depend entirely on God and, beneath the burden of their trials, stand in need of his healing. Jesus does not make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers his mercy and his comforting presence. He looks upon a wounded humanity with eyes that gaze into the heart of each person. That gaze is not one of indifference; rather, it embraces people in their entirety, each person in his or her health condition, discarding no one, but rather inviting everyone to share in his life and to experience his tender love.

2. Why does Jesus have these feelings? Because he himself became frail, endured human suffering and received comfort from his Father. Indeed, only those who personally experience suffering are then able to comfort others. There are so many kinds of grave suffering: incurable and chronic diseases, psychological diseases, situations calling for rehabilitation or palliative care, numerous forms of disability, children's or geriatric diseases... At times human warmth is lacking in our approach to these. What is needed is a personalized approach to the sick, not just of curing but also of caring, in view of an integral human healing. In experiencing illness, individuals not only feel threatened in their physical integrity, but also in the relational, intellectual, affective and spiritual dimensions of their lives. For this reason, in addition to therapy and support, they expect care and attention. In a word, love. At

the side of every sick person, there is also a family, which itself suffers and is in need of support and comfort.

3. Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labour and are burdened", and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me". In him, you will find strength to face all the worries and questions that assail you during this "dark night" of body and soul. Christ did not give us prescriptions, but through his passion, death and resurrection he frees us from the grip of evil.

In your experience of illness, you certainly need a place to find rest. The Church desires to become more and more the "inn" of the Good Samaritan who is Christ (cf. Lk 10:34), that is, a home where you can encounter his grace, which finds expression in closeness, acceptance and relief. In this home, you can meet people who, healed in their frailty by God's mercy, will help you bear your cross and enable your suffering to give you a new perspective. You will be able to look beyond your illness to a greater horizon of new light and fresh strength for your lives.

A key role in this effort to offer rest and renewal to our sick brothers and sisters is played by healthcare workers: physicians, nurses, medical and administrative professionals, assistants and volunteers. Thanks to their expertise, they can make patients feel the presence of Christ who consoles and cares for the sick, and heals every hurt. Yet they too are men and women with their own frailties and even illnesses. They show how true it is that "once Christ's comfort and rest is received, we are called in turn to become rest and comfort for our brothers and sisters, with a docile and humble attitude in imitation of the Teacher" (Angelus, 6 July 2014).

4. Dear healthcare professionals, let us always remember that diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic treatments, research, care and rehabilitation are always in the service of the sick person; indeed the noun "person" takes priority over the adjective "sick". In your work, may you always strive to promote the dignity and life of each person, and reject any compromise in the direction of euthanasia, assisted suicide or suppression of life, even in the case of terminal illness.

When confronted with the limitations and even failures of medical science before increasingly problematic clinical cases and bleak

diagnoses, you are called to be open to the transcendent dimension of your profession that reveals its ultimate meaning. Let us remember that life is sacred and belongs to God; hence it is inviolable and no one can claim the right to dispose of it freely (cf. Donum Vitae, 5; Evangelium Vitae, 29-53). Life must be welcomed, protected, respected and served from its beginning to its end: both human reason and faith in God, the author of life, require this. In some cases, conscientious objection becomes a necessary decision if you are to be consistent with your “yes” to life and to the human person. Your professionalism, sustained by Christian charity, will be the best service you can offer for the safeguarding of the truest human right, the right to life. When you can no longer provide a cure, you will still be able to provide care and healing, through gestures and procedures that give comfort and relief to the sick.

Tragically, in some contexts of war and violent conflict, healthcare professionals and the facilities that receive and assist the sick are attacked. In some areas, too, political authorities attempt to manipulate medical care for their own advantage, thus restricting the medical profession’s legitimate autonomy. Yet attacking those who devote themselves to the service of the suffering members of society does not serve the interests of anyone.

5. On this XXVIII World Day of the Sick, I think of our many brothers and sisters throughout the world who have no access to medical care because they live in poverty. For this reason, I urge healthcare institutions and government leaders throughout the world not to neglect social justice out of a preoccupation for financial concerns. It is my hope that, by joining the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity, efforts will be made to cooperate in ensuring that everyone has access to suitable treatments for preserving and restoring their health. I offer heartfelt thanks to all those volunteers who serve the sick, often compensating for structural shortcomings, while reflecting the image of Christ, the Good Samaritan, by their acts of tender love and closeness.

To the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all those who bear the burden of illness, along with their families and all healthcare workers. With the assurance of a remembrance in my prayers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican, 3 January 2020,
Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 28.01.2020

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	600
27	Kottur	1100	1200	14500	13800	1500
28	Lourdipuram	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	Communication 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	1000	1000
3	900	900	1300	1000	13000	1000		
4	1500	1500	2000	1500	38060	2000	2000	2000
5	6500	9110	9230	9864	56900	14070	5140	5400
6	1000	1000						
7	2450	2500	2530	3145	20515	5085	2835	2495
8	8000	12000	18000	12000	140000	8000	8000	8000
9	2700	3000	3200	3000	29000	3000	3000	3500
10	4250	3960	3780	3420	80500	3400		
11	500	500	500	700	25140	500	500	500
12	500	500	500	500	8000	1000	500	500
13	1000	1000	1500	1200	30600	1300	1400	1200
14	1500	1500	1500	1500	23000	1700	1600	1500
15	12180	12372	10541	9880	270835	11350	13350	13440
16	5000	7000	6000	11000		5000	6000	8000
17	1200	1150	1250	1400	48000	1450	1490	1380
18	3000	4500	3000	4500	45000	3000	3000	3000
19	350	350	400	500	7000	400	400	400
20	13860	9060	18000					
21	2000	2000	2000	2000	50500	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	500	400
26	550	580	600	650	6080	680	620	
27	1200	1400	1300	1000	25000	1500	1500	1500
28				2100				
29	200	200	200	200	3500	200	200	200
30	500	500	500	500	7720	580		
31	1650	1710	2210	2180	21650	2100		
32	500	530	500	600	4200	550	550	600
33	1000	1000	1000	2000	32000	500	500	500
34	2040	2000	1600	2050	30000	1750	2050	2000
35	1200	1300	1000	1000	22222	1110	1040	1070

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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
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	Niravazhvu 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	Sempatti Mission	200	200	200	200	200
61	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	10000	5000	1000
62	Sivakasi	11500	12500	116200	50200	10500
63	Srivilliputhur			15000	40000	
64	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000	5000	60000	50000	5000
65	Sundaranatchiapuram					
66	T. Sindalacherry	3000	1000	19400	20600	1000
67	T. Vadipatti Shrine	1100	1000	10500	16300	1500
68	Theni	4200	3600	42015	19043	3722
69	Thirumangalam	1600	1100	3600	6010	1450
70	Thirunagar	1500	2000	7500	21000	1500

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36				10490				
37				7500				
38	3000	3000	3000	3000		3000		
39				12121				
40	3000	3000	3000		100000	3000	5000	2000
41	1000	1000	1000	1000	12000	500	500	500
42	700	1000	600	2000	20400	600		
43	1000	1000	500	1000	15000	500	500	500
44	320	200	800	1000	5200	750		
45	5206	3976	5021	5300	85701	3947	3338	5168
46				1654	32520	1325	1320	1410
47			4999	5000	185000		5925	4526
48	2000	2000	2000	2000	41000	2500	3500	3000
49			1200					
50								
51	1000	1000	5000	3000	20000	3000	1000	1000
52	1330	1040	1120	2010	18100	1310	1290	1200
53	1200	1500	1500	1800	30800			
54	3500	3500	3500	3500	160000	3500	3500	3500
55					9000			
56	3000	3100	3000	3400	130000	3000	3100	3000
57								
58	1000	1000	1000					
59	2000	2000	2000	2000	125000			
60	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
61	1000	1000	1000	1000	5000	1000	1000	1000
62	15000	12000	12100	12500	450000	10000	10000	11500
63								
64	5000	3000	4000	6000	73000	5000		
65								
66	1000	1000	1000	1000	96410	1000	1000	1000
67	2000	2000	1000	3000	18250	1000	1000	
68	4200	3300	3800	4000	110500	3500	4400	2600
69	1100	1000	1200	1500				
70	1500	1500	1200	1300	30040	1000	1500	1000

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2019 TO 28.01.2020						
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	Thiruthangal	3800	2200	25000	9000	3000
72	Thummuchinampatty	750	570	820	1000	850
73	Ugarthe Nagar	2000	2000	25000	15000	2000
74	Usilampatti	3000	1000	25000	6000	1000
75	Uthamapalayam					
76	Virudhunagar	9500	9500	130000	70000	9500
77	Vadapatti Mission	200	300	400	600	245
78	W. Pudupatti	1000	1000	9468	10956	1000
79	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					
	Angelo Provincialate, Trichy					
	Total	258385	157920	2125179	967454	151726

NB: * Michaelpalayam Parish Rs. 10,000/- for Hunger & Disease collection paid directly to MMSSS.

நொபிலி 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

Bibikulam (227 Masses)	22,700.00
Ellis Nagar (140 Masses)	14,000.00
Usilampatti (56 Masses)	5,600.00

Total 42,300.00

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.

SI 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 20/12/2019)
1	Ellis Nagar	20/12/2019
2.	Chinnamanur	19/12/2019
3.	Bodinayakkanur	13/12/2019
4.	Samayanallur	30/11/2019
5.	Murugathooranpatti	29/11/2019
6.	Cumbum	26/11/2019
7.	Kadamalaikundu	01/11/2019
8.	Anna Nagar	30/09/2019
9.	Kottur	30/09/2019
10.	Mangalamkombu	30/09/2019
11.	Mathankovilpatti	30/09/2019
12.	Melur	30/09/2019
13.	Palanganatham	30/09/2019
14.	Virudunagar	30/09/2019
15.	Thummuchinampatti	30/06/2019
16.	Packiapuram	01/06/2019
17.	Anjal Nagar	31/05/2019
18.	Kadachanendal	31/03/2018
19.	Meenampatti	31/03/2019
20.	Railway Colony	31/03/2019
21.	Theni	31/03/2019

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.

35
17 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

முழு ஆளுமையுடைய இளைஞராக

சிந்தனை:

இளைஞர் இயேசுவின் ஆளுமை, ஆளுமைத் திறனறிதல், ஆளுமைப் பயிற்சி, இளைஞர்களின் தனித்திறன் அடிப்படையில் பயிற்சி.

விழிப்புணர்வு:

இளம் சாதனையாளர்களைக் கண்டறிதல், சாதனையாளர்களோடு உறவாடுதல்,

செயல்:

அறிவுத்திறன்களை கண்டறிந்து தனித்திறனில் வளர.

செயலர், இளைஞர் பணிக்குழு

குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும் திருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்



01,02.02.2020	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
08,09.02.2020	நிலக்கோட்டை	சனி, ஞாயிறு
15,16.02.2020	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
22,23.02.2020	உத்தமபாளையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு

அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்

Adoration Sunday

February	March
02 Anjal Nagar	01 Batlagundu
09 Aruppukottai	08 Bastian Nagar
16 Ayravathanallur	15 Bibikulam
23 Ayyampalayam	22 Bodinayakkanur
	29 Chinnamanur



Necrology

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



XXXIII. MADURA MISSION - HISTORICAL NOTES

A Prophet of Kallar Mission - Fr. C.J. Montaurd S.J.

The very utterance of the Name “Mondho Samie” brings so much good memory to the people of Usilampatti and Karumattur area. A great missionary who worked for the reformation of Kallar community! During the British era this community was considered as ‘kutra parambarai’ and it was treated by the government officials as criminal. But it is the foreign Christian missionaries who understood the psyche of these people and helped them to integrate into the society with honour and dignity. Here comes the name of Fr. Montaurd which name is akin to god’s name for the Kallar Christians in Usilampatti region.

The French Jesuit Missionaries, Fr. Pierre Montaurd and Fr. Clement Montaurd are brothers and opted to work for Madura mission. Both were loved so deeply by their parishioners. The elder brother, Fr. Peter Montaurd was the parish priest of Srivilliputhur and Aathoor for so many years. As the parish priest of Srivilliputhur he renovated and extended the old church into siluvai koil, says our veteran priest, Fr. Vedamanickam. (It was during the same period Sundaranachiapuram church also was renovated and extended into a siluvai koil.) The parishioners of Aathoor loved him so much that when he died, all of them in tears and agony, were steadfast in their request and pleaded the Archbishop and the Jesuit Provincial to take the body of their beloved pastor and bury him at the parish campus itself. Though it was not the custom in the Archdiocese of Madurai to bury the priests elsewhere other than the diocesan priests’ cemetery, the superiors granted special permission to bury the senior at Aathoor.

The younger brother, Fr. Clement Montaurd was loved by the parishioners of Usilampatti and Karumattur region. Fr. Isidore Prince

and Fr. Montaurd are called the princes and pioneers of Kallar mission. As seen earlier it is because of Fr. Montaurd, the junior’s ministry Kallar reclamation was possible. He met the collector of Madurai and the other officials and had been the channel of social integration for the community. All the old people fondly remember the zealous ministry of Fr. Montaurd. He had been a pastor at Usilampatti for 17 years (1930-1947). Ariapatti, a small village near Karumattur was his first mission center. From there he moved to Vadugapatii where he built a beautiful church and evangelized. Appreciating their unique characteristics of valour and undaunted courage, he slowly educated Kallar Community to earn their livelihood not by stealing but by working hard and serving the society at large with dignity and honour. In order to achieve this he built schools at this region and helped the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon to begin their pioneering ministry for the girl children whose birth were considered a burden and a curse in the family.

With government aid he educated most of the Christians at this region and guided them for employment. He catechised them personally and was present invariably at every function of their families. Thus he was very much accepted by the people and conversions were rapid during his term as the parish priest of Usilampatti. The social stigma, thief, vanished away and many of them entered into civil offices and business like any other citizens of India.

It is sad that after Fr. Montaurd there was no continuity to nurture these people pastorally. Since the Christian population in this region was a thin one, and more so, due to their homogeneous nature, the converted Christians later fell back to Hinduism since they had no Christian brides and grooms. However, Fr. Montaurd is, even now, very much revered and kept in great esteem by the people of Usilampatti – Karumattur region. The Archdiocese salutes this valiant soldier of God who spent his life for the spread of Gospel in Kallar community.

(to be continued)

- Fr. Jodir.