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மதுரைத் திருஅவை
மரையும்!
“ஒன்றிப்பு -
உரையாடல் -
பங்கேற்பு - நற்செய்தி
அறிவிப்பு” நம்
அனைவரிடமும்
பெருகட்டும்!



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THE VOICE OF THE PASTOR

Thank you Lord for 2022

“Look, I am making the whole of creation new (Rev 21: 5)”. New year is a holy day which we celebrate with all sorts of respect and dedication. It is a time to look with hope in spite of all our fears. It is a time to start a new and fresh in all aspects of life. It is a time to reflect and better oneself to be as good as one can be.



When we trace back the past year, the rays of fear glimpse in our eyes. The horrible time when we fought against the terrible pandemic, loss of our dear and near ones, natural calamities and manmade calamities, fights for rights etc. make us stunned and queries of future arise in our hearts and minds. If we find that our faith has grown after all these ups and downs then we are on right track. God gives us hope saying “**I will wipe away all tears from your eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness or pain. The world of the past has gone (Rev 21: 5).**”

The past memories serve as guide as we keep moving on our journey and let us not be stagnated. No matter the size of the problem we face or if the challenges seem hard to face or if the situation appears impossible to solve, if we keep our faith intact, God will help us to look beyond and overcome everything as there is no problem without solution. **Let us persevere in doing good things and God will bless us abundantly (1 Corinthians 12:18-20).** He is always with us and unfolds great possibilities. All situations are well planned by God and life is not life without God by our side. We need to

be more careful, not to let out Him from the boat of our lives. He has reason for everything and he is everything.

In this New Year let us

- Give everything to God and he will give us everything
- Count our blessings as we countdown this year ahead
- Be on the right path which is laid by God
- Spread happiness in and around
- Know that there is still a chance for us to change for the better
- Understand that God called us to a task and He will qualify for that Job
- Realize that the journey may not be easy, but the arrival would be worthwhile
- “Wherever you are, be all there! Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.” - Jim Elliot

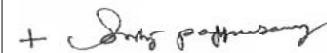
I wish and pray that the Almighty empowers you with graces needed to face this nascent year. May He bless you with health body, mind and spirit and prevents you from all kinds of ailments. May this year give you hope and reasons to live happily. Lot of promises hidden in this year for us, let us trust God and everything will be fine. Having God as our Guide and protector and with deep trust, may we be prepared to live this year happily and joyfully.

The beginning of the new year is the best time to determine your goals for the upcoming year. It's time to get away from all the things that have happened in the past year by allowing new possibilities for the next year.

As we start the New Year, let's get down on our knees to thank God. **May the new year bring new goals, new happiness, and new blessings.** Wishing you a new year loaded with happiness! May the new year bring all the good things in life you truly deserve. You had an amazing year and next year will be even better.

May God bless you!

Your loving Archbishop,



+ Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy
Archbishop of Madurai

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Archbishop's Engagements

03	Mon	M	Blessing of a new Convent, Othakadai
04	Tue	M	Archbishop's House Staff meet
05	Wed	M	Closing the Year of Youth, Arunkodai Illam, Trichy
06-07			Madha TV meeting - Chennai
12	Wed	E	Paying Homage to MLA – Late Nanmaran
13	Mon	M	Meeting at Nanjil College, Kuzhithurai
14	Fri		Feast Mass, Nattalam, Kuzhithurai
15	Sat		Blessing of the New Altar & Confirmation, Maathoor, Kuzhithurai
16	Sun	E	Feast Mass, Marambadi
18-19			Reunion at Pillar, Nagamalai Pudukottai
22	Sat	E	Feast Mass, Othaiyal
23	Sun	M	Confirmation, Anna Nagar
		E	100 வது மாத நற்செய்தி சிறப்புக் கூட்டம், Srivilliputhur
25	Tue	M	Centenary Celebration, St. Paul's Seminary
29-31			TNBC/TNLBC Meeting, Chennai

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

* Appointments are subject to change as per Government's Regulations.

பேராயரோடு இணைந்து செலிப்போம்

- இலக்கு :** அன்பற்ற வாழ்க்கை என்பது ஒரு வறண்ட வெறுமையான வாழ்க்கை என்பதை நினைவுபடுத்த (கி.வா 197)
- நோக்கு :** முத்தோருடன் உறவாடும் இளைஞராக (கி.வா 187-191)
- வாழ்தல் :** இளைஞர்களும் முதியோரும் இணைந்து பயணித்தால், நிகழ்காலத்தில் ஓர் சிறந்த எதிர்காலத்தை உருவாக்க முடியும் (கி.வா 199)

இம்மாதம் விழா கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

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| 1. | மூன்று ஞானியர் ஆலயம், வ. புதுப்பேட்டை | - | ஜனவரி 6 |
| 2. | குடிநீர் இலையக ஆலயம், உகார்தீர்த்த நகர் | - | ஜனவரி 15 |
| 3. | புனித செபஸ்தியான் ஆலயம், எல்லிஸ்நகர் | - | ஜனவரி 20 |
| 4. | வின்கென்ட் பல்லாட்டி ஆலயம், திருநகர் | - | ஜனவரி 22 |
| 5. | குடிநீர் இலையக ஆலயம், ஒத்தையால் | - | ஜனவரி 30 |
| 6. | நொன்டோபாஸ்கோ ஆலயம், ஆலங்குளம் | - | ஜனவரி 31 |

இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும், துறவறத்தாருக்கும்

இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துகளும் ஜெபங்களும்.

+ பேராயர் அந்தோனி பாப்பசாமி

HAPPY FEAST

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

Order of Mother of God (OMD)	-	1 st January
Society of the Divine Word (SDW)	-	15 th January
Society of the Catholic Apostolate (SAC)	-	22 nd January
Pallottine Missionary Sisters (SAC)	-	22 nd January
Congregation of St. Francis de Sales (MFS)	-	24 th January
Congregation of Samaritan Sisters (CSS)	-	25 th January
Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB)	-	31 st January
Montfort Fathers (SM)	-	31 st January

Pope's General Prayer Intention

For true human fraternity - We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Please Note



1. **NEW YEAR GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS:** I wish you all, my dear Brothers and Sisters, a blessed and Synodal New Year 2022, which brings from the hands of God, once again a lot of opportunities to serve God and His People. May Peace, Joy and Love which the Saviour brought to the earth, bloom in your hearts and minds throughout this New Year. May the pandemic be driven away by the collective collaboration of Nations! May “*Dialogue between Nations, Education and Work become tools for all of us to build lasting Peace in the World*” (World Day of Peace Message of Holy Father, 01-01-2022).

2. **Happy Feast Day to His Grace** on the Feast Day of St. Antony the Great, on 17th inst. May the good Lord, through the intercession of St. Antony, shower His blessings on our Archbishop and his shepherding ministries.



3. **Silver and Golden Jubilee Celebrations:** During the Reunion on 18 – 19 inst., we, the Presbyterium of the Archdiocese of Madurai, will celebrate the SACERDOTAL SILVER JUBILEE of **Fr.**

Maria Louis A. and Fr. Peter Roy S. and SACERDOTAL GOLDEN JUBILEE of Fr. Vedamanickam A. We thank God and our Silver and Golden Jubilarians for the gift of themselves to the Archdiocese and for their dedicated Ministries for the past 25 and 50 years at our Archdiocese. Ad multos annos.

4. **பொங்கல் நல்வாழ்த்துகள்:** அனைவருக்கும் தமிழர் திருநாளாம், தமிழ் புத்தாண்டின் முதல் நாளாம், பொங்கல் திருநாள் நல்வாழ்த்துகள். நலமும் வளமும் தமிழர் அனைவரும் பெறவும், உலகெங்கும் வாழும் தமிழர் அனைவரும் சமூக, கலாச்சார, பொருளாதார மற்றும் பண்பாட்டு வாழ்வில் சிறக்கவும் மதுரை உயர்மறைமாவட்ட இச்செய்தி மடல் வாழ்த்துகின்றது.



5. **Reunion** will be held on 18-19 inst. at PILLAR. Senate Election also will be held during one of the Sessions. Detailed programmes will be communicated. If anyone wants to propose any suggestion in the Revised Statutes of the Senate kindly send it in writing to the Chancellor's office before 16th of inst.
6. **Synod of Bishops 2021-2023, Parish Synod, Vicariate Synod & Archdiocesan Synod :** It is to the personal supervision of the Archbishop and the cooperation of all the Parish Priests, of the Vicar General, of the Vicar for the Religious, of the NPC Director and of Prison Ministry Secretary, the Synod Committee has received all the data from all the parishes of the Archdiocese (4 parishes are yet to submit). Totally we have received 19,874 responses from the laity and 793 responses from the Religious. (Fr. J. Jeyaraj collected responses from the Religious; Fr. Benedict collected from Tamilnadu Theological College (TTS); Sr. Fatima sjl collected from 2 prisons). Now what is lacking is the response of the Priests. Hence it is important to know what the crème of the Church thinks about the Church and so, all the priests are requested to fill the Questionnaire and submit at the Reunion.

We are also going to conduct **Parish / Vicariate Synod** in which the whole parish or the Vicariate will be gathered on a Sunday to

reflect over their responses with regard to the theme of “Communion-Participation-Mission.” The Core Team will be ready to come to your parish / Vicariate. To sum up all the activities finally we will have the **Diocesan Synod** in which the whole Archdiocese will reflect about its responses to the given themes of the Synod. – **Fr. John Diraviam & Sr. Delphine CIC**, Diocesan Contact Persons, Synod 2021-2023.

7. **Congratulations** to the following Fathers for their contribution to the Archdiocese: i) **Fr. John Britto Packiaraj** for the renovation of St. Thomas Church, Perumalmalai which was blessed by His Grace on 10th December 2021.
ii) **Fr. Cruz Divakaran** for authoring a book on St. Joseph, “நிழல் நில் தந்தை” which was released by His Grace on 8th December 2021.
8. **The Church Unity Octave** is celebrated traditionally from 18th to 25^{th inst.}, during which week of this year the Parish Priests are asked to promote Christian Unity by inviting other pastors to our Catholic Church for a Prayer Session, and by attending their services. Let the prayer of Christ ‘that they all may be one’ (Jn. 17, 22) be fulfilled. The Roman Document, “*Ut unum sint*” of Pope St. John Paul II, 1995 and “*Unitatis reintegratio*”, the Decree of Vat. II Council on Ecumenism will be of great help. A model of Ecumenical Service is provided at this Issue.

பல்சமய உரையாடல், திருவருட்பேரவை மற்றும் கிறிஸ்தவ ஒன்றிப்பு கிறிஸ்மஸ் இன்னிசை மகிழ்ச்சி பெருவிழா

நாள் : 16.12.2021

நேரம் : மாலை 4.30 - 7.00

கூட்டொருங்கியக்கத் திரு அவையினை நோக்கிய திருப்பயணம் 2021-2023 ஆகிய உலக ஆயர்கள் மாமன்றம் சிறப்பிக்கும் வண்ணம் பல்சமய உரையாடல் பணிக்குழு திருவருட்பேரவை, கிறிஸ்தவ ஒன்றிப்பு - பணிக்குழுவினர் இணைந்து கிறிஸ்மஸ் விழா நொபிலி வளாகத்தில் சிறப்பிக்கப்பட்டது.

இந் கிறிஸ்மஸ் விழாவில் மதுரை மறை மாவட்ட முதன்மைகுரு பேரருட தந்தை ஜெரோம் எரோணிமுஸ் தலைமையில் RC, CSI, AG, IELC, TELC

மற்றும் சீரோன் மலபார், காந்தி மியூசியம் இஸ்லாமிய இந்து நண்பர்கள் பணிக்குழு உறுப்பினர்கள் மற்றும் YMCA காது கேளாதோர் காமக் பள்ளி மாணவர்கள், பிரம்மகுமாரி அமைப்பினர் AG சபை இளையோர் குழுவினர் கலந்துக் கொண்டு சிறப்பித்தனர்.

இவ்விழாவின் மேரி ஆன் பள்ளி தாளாளர் திரு. ஜெயபால், ஜார்ஜ் சர்ச் பொறுப்பாளர் திரு. மனுவேல் ஜெயராஜ் வாழ்த்து செய்தியும் முதன்மை குரு அவர்கள் கிறிஸ்மஸ் செய்தியும் வழங்கி சிறப்பித்தார்கள்.

இந்நிகழ்வில் பணிக்குழுவினர் கிறிஸ்மஸ் பாடல் பாடினர். AG இளையோர் குழு பாடல் பாடினர். YMCA காமக் பள்ளி மாணவர் நடனமாடினர். பணிக்குழு உறுப்பினர்களின் குழந்தைகள் நடனமும், ஆங்கில பாடலும் மற்றும் கிறிஸ்மஸ் தாத்தாவின் நடனம் விழாவிற் கு சிறப்பு சேர்ந்தது. வருகை தந்த அனைவருக்கும் பணிக்குழு உறுப்பினர்களின் குழந்தைகள் நடனமும், ஆங்கில பாடலும் மற்றும் கிறிஸ்மஸ் தாத்தாவின் நடனம் விழாவிற் கு சிறப்பு சேர்ந்தது. வருகை தந்த அனைவருக்கும் பணிக்குழு சார்பில் ஆசீர்வாத இறைவாக்கும் (2022) கிறிஸ்மஸ் உறவு விருந்தும் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.

நொபிலி மறைப்பணி நிலையத்தின் - கிறிஸ்மஸ் விழா

நாள் : 22.12.2021

நேரம் : காலை 10.00

நொபிலி மறைப்பணி சார்பில் அனைத்து பணிக்குழுக்களின் பணியாளர்களை இணைந்து இயக்குநர் தந்தை பெனடிக்ட் பர்னபாஸ் மற்றும் செயலர்கள் இவ்விழாவை சிறப்பித்தனர். இக்கிறிஸ்மஸ் விழாவிற் கு முதன்மைகுரு. ஜெரோம் எரோணிமுஸ் மற்றும் பொருளாளர் தந்தை அருட்பணி. பீட்டர் ராய், செயலக முதல்வர் தந்தை. ஜான் திரவியம், மூத்த குரு. ஞானசந்தானம் ஆகியோர் முன்னிலையில் கிறிஸ்மஸ் விழா நடைப்பெற்றது. அருட்தந்தை லூர்து ஸ்டீபன் (திருப்பயணமாதா மையம்) அவர்கள் கிறிஸ்மஸ் செய்தி வழங்கினார்கள்.

இவ்விழாவில் பணியாளர்கள் இணைந்து கிறிஸ்மஸ் பாடல் பாடினர். இளையோர் பணிக்குழுவினர் நடனமாடினர் மற்றும் பணிக்குழு பணியாளர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் பேராயர் சார்பில் அன்பளிப்புகள் வழங்கப்பட்டது. குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு, இளையோர் பணிக்குழு செயலர்கள் இணைந்து விளையாட்டி போட்டி நடத்தி பரிசு வழங்கினர்.

இறுதியில் அனைவருக்கும் கிறிஸ்மஸ் விழா சிறப்பு விருந்து அளிக்கப்பட்டது.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE
FRANCIS
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 55th WORLD DAY
OF PEACE - 1 JANUARY 2022**
*Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work:
Tools for Building Lasting Peace*

1. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace" (Is 52:7).

The words of the prophet Isaiah speak of consolation; they voice the sigh of relief of a people in exile, weary of violence and oppression, exposed to indignity and death. The prophet Baruch had wondered: "Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among those in Hades?" (3:10-11). For the people of Israel, the coming of the *messenger of peace* meant the promise of a rebirth from the rubble of history, the beginning of a bright future.

Today the *path of peace*, which remains sadly distant from the real lives of many men and women and thus from our human family, which is now entirely interconnected. Despite numerous efforts aimed at constructive dialogue between nations, the deafening noise of war and conflict is intensifying. While diseases of pandemic proportions are spreading, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation are worsening, the tragedy of hunger and thirst is increasing, and an economic model based on individualism rather than on solidary sharing continues to prevail. As in the days of the prophets of old, so in our own day *the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth* constantly make themselves heard, pleading for justice and peace.

In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. Indeed, we can speak of an "architecture" of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, and an "art" of peace that directly involves each one of us. All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations.

Here I wish to propose *three paths* for building a lasting peace. First, *dialogue between generations* as the basis for the realization of shared projects. Second, *education* as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development. Finally, *labour* as a means for the full realization of human dignity. These are three indispensable elements for "making

possible the creation of a social covenant", without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial.

2. Dialogue between generations to build peace

In a world still gripped by the pandemic that has created untold problems, "some people attempt to flee from reality, taking refuge in their own little world; others react to it with destructive violence. Yet between selfish indifference and violent protest there is always another possible option: that of dialogue. Dialogue between generations.

All honest dialogue, in addition to a correct and positive exchange of views, demands basic trust between the participants. We need to learn how to regain this mutual trust. The current health crisis has increased our sense of isolation and a tendency to self-absorption. The loneliness of the elderly is matched in the young by a sense of helplessness and a lack of a shared vision about the future. The crisis has indeed been painful, but it has also helped to bring out the best in people. Indeed, during the pandemic we encountered generous examples of compassion, sharing and solidarity in every part of the world.

Dialogue entails listening to one another, sharing different views, coming to agreement and walking together. Promoting such dialogue between generations involves breaking up the hard and barren soil of conflict and indifference in order to sow the seeds of a lasting and shared peace.

Although technological and economic development has tended to create a divide between generations, our current crises show the urgent need for an intergenerational partnership. Young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly, while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity and dynamism of the young.

Great social challenges and peace processes necessarily call for dialogue between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward – the young. Each must be willing to make room for others and not to insist on monopolizing the entire scene by pursuing their own immediate interests, as if there were no past and future. The global crisis we are experiencing makes it clear that encounter and dialogue between generations should be the driving force behind a healthy politics, that is not content to manage the present "with piecemeal solutions or quick fixes", but views itself as an outstanding form of love for others, in the search for shared and sustainable projects for the future.

If, amid difficulties, we can practise this kind of intergenerational dialogue, "we can be firmly rooted in the present, and from here, revisit the past and look to the future. To revisit the past in order to learn from history and heal old wounds that at times still trouble us. To look to the

future in order to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom. Together, we can learn from one another". For without roots, how can trees grow and bear fruit?

We need only think of care for our common home. The environment, in fact, "is on loan to each generation, which must then hand it on to the next". We ought to esteem and encourage all those young people who work for a more just world, one that is careful to safeguard the creation entrusted to our stewardship. They go about this with restlessness, enthusiasm and most of all a sense of responsibility before the urgent change of direction required by the challenges emerging from the present ethical and socio-environmental crisis.

On the other hand, the opportunity to build paths of peace together cannot ignore education and labour, which are privileged settings and contexts for intergenerational dialogue. Education provides the grammar for dialogue between generations, and in the experience of labour men and women of different generations find themselves able to cooperate and to share expertise, experiences and skills in view of the common good.

3. Teaching and education as drivers of peace

In recent years, there has been a significant reduction worldwide in funding for education and training; these have been seen more as expenditures than investments. Yet they are the primary means of promoting integral human development; they make individuals more free and responsible, and they are essential for the defence and promotion of peace. In a word, teaching and education are the foundations of a cohesive civil society capable of generating hope, prosperity and progress.

Military expenditures, on the other hand, have increased beyond the levels at the end of the Cold War and they seem certain to grow exorbitantly. It is high time, then, that governments develop economic policies aimed at inverting the proportion of public funds spent on education and on weaponry. The pursuit of a genuine process of international disarmament can only prove beneficial for the development of peoples and nations, freeing up financial resources better used for health care, schools, infrastructure, care of the land and so forth.

It is my hope that investment in education will also be accompanied by greater efforts to promote the culture of care, which, in the face of social divisions and unresponsive institutions, could become a common language working to break down barriers and build bridges. "A country flourishes when constructive dialogue occurs between its many rich cultural components: popular culture, university culture, youth culture,

artistic culture, technological culture, economic culture, family culture and media culture". It is essential, then, to forge a new cultural paradigm through "a global pact on education for and with future generations, one that commits families, communities, schools, universities, institutions, religions, governments and the entire human family to the training of mature men and women". A compact that can promote education in integral ecology, according to a cultural model of peace, development and sustainability centred on fraternity and the covenant between human beings and the environment. By investing in the education and training of younger generations, we can help them – through a focused programme of formation – to take their rightful place in the labour market.

4. Creating and ensuring labour builds peace

Labour is an indispensable factor in building and keeping peace. It is an expression of ourselves and our gifts, but also of our commitment, self-investment and cooperation with others, since we always work *with* or *for* someone. Seen in this clearly social perspective, the workplace enables us to learn to make our contribution towards a more habitable and beautiful world.

The Covid-19 pandemic has negatively affected the labour market, which was already facing multiple challenges. Millions of economic and productive activities have failed; short-term workers are increasingly vulnerable; many of those who provide essential services have an even lower public and political profile; and in many cases, distance teaching has led to a deficit in learning and delays in completing programmes of study. Furthermore, young people entering the job market and recently unemployed adults presently face bleak prospects.

In a particular way, the impact of the crisis on the informal economy, which often involves migrant workers, has been devastating. Many of the latter are not even recognized by national legislation; it is as though they did not exist. They and their families live in highly precarious conditions, prey to various forms of slavery and with no system of welfare to protect them. Currently only one third of the world's population of working age enjoys a system of social protection, or benefit from it only in limited ways. Violence and organized crime are on the increase in many countries, impinging on people's freedom and dignity, poisoning the economy and hampering the development of the common good. The only answer to this is an expansion of dignified employment opportunities. Labour, in fact, is the foundation on which to build justice and solidarity in every community. For this reason, our aim should not be "that

technological progress increasingly replace human work, for this would be detrimental to humanity. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfilment". We need to combine our ideas and efforts in order to create the solutions and conditions that can provide everyone of working age with the opportunity, through their work, to contribute to the lives of their families and of society as a whole.

It is more urgent than ever to promote, throughout our world, decent and dignified working conditions, oriented to the common good and to the safeguarding of creation. The freedom of entrepreneurial initiatives needs to be ensured and supported; at the same time, efforts must be made to encourage a renewed sense of social responsibility, so that profit will not be the sole guiding criterion.

In light of this, there is a need to promote, welcome and support initiatives that, on all levels, urge companies to respect the fundamental human rights of workers, raising awareness not only on the part of institutions, but also among consumers, civil society and entrepreneurial entities. As the latter become more and more conscious of their role in society, the more they will become places where human dignity is respected. In this way, they will contribute to building peace. Here, politics is called to play an active role by promoting a fair balance between economic freedom and social justice. All who work in this field, starting with Catholic workers and entrepreneurs, can find sure guidelines in the Church's social doctrine.

Dear brothers and sisters, as we seek to combine our efforts in order to emerge from the pandemic, I renew my thanks to all those who continue to work with generosity and responsibility in the areas of education, safety and protection of rights, in supplying medical care, in facilitating meetings between family members and the sick, and in providing economic support to the needy and those who have lost their jobs. I continue to remember the victims and their families in my prayers.

To government leaders and to all those charged with political and social responsibilities, to priests and pastoral workers, and to all men and women of good will, I make this appeal: let us walk together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education, and work. May more and more men and women strive daily, with quiet humility and courage, to be artisans of peace. And may they be ever inspired and accompanied by the blessings of the God of peace!

From the Vatican, 8 December 2021

FRANCISCUS

Unity Octave – The Order of Worship

L Leader **R** Reader **C** Congregation

Opening: The clergy and other participants enter in procession while an Oriental hymn is sung or played.

1 Call to Worship L : In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen. **L** Brothers and sisters, we are united today with fellow believers in the four corners of the world as we gather to pray for the visible unity of the Church. We do this with worship resources prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches. Our texts are inspired by the visit of the Magi to the new-born King, as described in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew: "We observed his star in the East, and have come to pay him homage." Let us fix our eyes on the star that was seen in the East and allow it to lead us too. Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and joy, bringing all the sick, the suffering, the marginalized, the refugees, and the uprooted before him, knowing that God can dispel our darkness with his light. As we pray today for the unity of the Church, may we and our communities also be lights that guide others to Jesus the Saviour.

L Glory be to you Father Almighty, for you have revealed yourself through your creation and invited all people to stand in your presence. We have seen the star of Jesus in our lives and have come to worship him just as the Magi did. We offer him ourselves today and we ask for the presence of the Holy Spirit among us.

C Unite us with one another as we come from the North and from the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women to bow down before you and offer you homage, our heavenly king. Amen.

Hymn O Worship the King (p. 17)

Prayer of Praise and Confession: L We glorify you, O Lord, creator of heaven and earth, for you have set the lights in the vault of the sky. You separated light from darkness and arranged signs to mark sacred times, and days and years. You studded the firmament with stars. How majestic are your works, the heavens declare your glory and the skies proclaim the work of your hands!
- **C** We glorify you, O Lord.

L We praise you for you did not abandon us despite our rebellion but sent your Son to brighten our darkness and be our light and our salvation. In him was life, and that life was the light of all humanity. And the light shines in the darkness.
- **C** We praise you, O Lord.

L We worship you, O Lord, for you accompany us in the chaos of our life through the power of your Holy Spirit. You light up our paths and give us wisdom and faith in a world of untruth and doubt. **C** We worship you, O Lord.

L We thank you, O Lord, for you send us into the world to reflect this light around us, in our various churches and diverse cultures and to witness to Jesus, the one true King, offering ourselves to him.

- **C** We thank you, O Lord.

L May all the peoples bow before you and worship you. We have often preferred darkness, but you have given us light. Therefore, we come to you confessing our sins and saying:

C We confess before you that we have turned away from your ways and disobeyed your ordinances. We have disfigured your good creation and squandered its resources through our consumerist practices. We have polluted your rivers and seas and poisoned your air and soil and contributed to the extinction of many species. (Silence) **C** We have acted selfishly towards our brothers and sisters. We have allowed our own needs and desires to prevail over our commitment to justice. We have built walls between us and planted the seeds of distrust towards the other. (Silence) **C** We have separated people based on ethnicity, religion and gender and we have claimed Jesus on our side in any war we waged. Forgive all these thoughts and deeds, O Lord, as we come before you in repentance. (Silence)

L Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have sent in the fullness of time to redeem all the people, we ask you to have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and transform us into his glorious image so we can shine as a beacon of hope in our troubled world. (Silence)

L Almighty God hears our prayers, has mercy on us and forgives our sins. **C** Thanks be to God, whom we praise with all our voices. Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! Psalm 8 (responsively)

R O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. **C** Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. **R:** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; **C** what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? **R** Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour. **C** You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, **R**

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. **C** O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2. A number of versions from the Eastern and Oriental traditions are suggested in the Appendix (p. 20). 3. Taizé chant. A version in Arabic can be found in the Appendix (p. 19). 14 First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 Chant Song of Light⁴ (Saint Ephrem) Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14 Gospel Acclamation (sung) Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Sermon (Moment of silence or hymn)

Nicene Creed: (according to the tradition of the Eastern Churches) We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. Sharing Christ's Light A piece of dark blue cloth is hung to evoke the night sky, on which a large star is placed. Paper stars are made available for the worshippers, who are invited to come forward and add their stars to the cloth.

L A star led the Magi to Christ. Today this star points to the presence of Christ, who has been revealed to us and whose light shines on us. As the Magi followed the star to Bethlehem, we gather under this star today, adding our own stars to the sky, uniting our own gifts and prayers for the visible unity of Church. As we journey towards that goal, may our lives together give a luminous witness that leads others to know Christ.

Prayers of Intercession: **L** With faith and confidence, we come in prayer, before God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: **R** The Magi came from the East to pay homage and offer special gifts from their

cultures and countries. We pray today for all Christian communities around the world in all of their diversity of worship and tradition: Lord we ask you to preserve these treasures, particularly in areas of the world where the presence and survival of Christians is threatened by violence and oppression. **C** O, Lord hear our prayer (spoken or sung) **R** The early years of the Lord's life were marked by violence and massacres at the orders of the despot Herod. We pray for children living in places in the world where violence continues and where its results are tangible: Strengthen, O Lord, the bonds of unity and mutual love among our churches and help us to cooperate and witness to your holy Name. Inspire us to work without ceasing in order to defend the oppressed and include the marginalized. Encourage us to stand together in the face of tyranny and oppressive regimes as we seek your Kingdom among us. **C** O, Lord, hear our prayer. **R** After the visit of the Magi, the holy family experienced migration through the wilderness and became refugees in the land of Egypt. We pray for all the refugees and uprooted people in this world: Equip us, Lord, to show hospitality to those driven from their homes, and grant us the spirit of welcome to those looking for a safe haven. **C** O, Lord, hear our prayer **R** The birth of Jesus was good news for all, gathering people from different nations and religions in worship of the holy child. We pray for our efforts to seek harmony and dialogue with other religions: Lord, give us humility and patience to walk with others with respect on their journey. **C** O, Lord, hear our prayer **R**: The Magi returned to their home by a different way. We pray for our churches in this changing world: Lord, help us to find new and creative ways to follow you and to witness to you so that the world may believe. **C** O, Lord, hear our prayer **R** When the Magi saw the holy child, they rejoiced with great joy. Heavenly Father, fix our eyes on him so we do not lose our way. Unite us in the Lord Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, and who has taught us to pray, saying:

C Our Father in heaven... Hymn

Sending and Blessing: **L** Go now and live as children of light. **C** For the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

L Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness. **C** Let us wake from sleep and Christ will shine upon us.

L Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ. **C**. Amen. Thanks be to God. Parting Hymn.

"URBLET ORBI" MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS

CHRISTMAS 2021 - Saturday, 25 December 2021

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Christmas!

The Word of God, who created the world and who gives meaning to history and to humanity's journey, became flesh and came to dwell among us. He came like a whisper, like the murmur of a gentle breeze, to fill with wonder the heart of every man and woman who is open to this mystery.

The Word became flesh in order to dialogue with us. God does not desire to carry on a monologue, but a dialogue. For God himself, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, *is* dialogue, an eternal and infinite communion of love and life.

By the coming of Jesus, the Person of the Word made flesh, into our world, God showed us the way of encounter and dialogue. Indeed, he made that way incarnate in himself, so that we might know it and follow it, in trust and hope.

Let us think of the people of Syria, who for more than a decade have experienced a war that has resulted in many victims and an untold number of displaced persons. Let us look to Iraq, which still struggles to recover from a lengthy conflict. Let us listen to the cry of children arising from Yemen, where an enormous tragedy, overlooked by everyone, has silently gone on for years, causing deaths every day.

Let us recall, too, the continuing tensions between Israelis and Palestinians that drag on without a resolution, with ever more serious social and political consequences. Nor should we forget Bethlehem, the place of Jesus' birth, which is experiencing hardship also from the economic repercussions of the pandemic, preventing pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land and adversely affecting the life of the people. Let us think of Lebanon, which is undergoing an unprecedented crisis, accompanied by very troubling economic and social conditions.

Yet, in the heart of the night, look! The sign of hope! Today, "the Love that moves the sun and the other stars" (*Paradiso*, XXXIII, 145), as Dante says, became flesh. He came in human form, he shared in our plight and he broke down the wall of our indifference. In the cold of the night, he stretches out his tiny arms towards us: he is in need of everything,

yet he comes to give us everything. Let us ask him for the strength *to be open to dialogue*. On this festive day, let us implore him to stir up in the hearts of everyone a yearning for reconciliation and fraternity. Let us now turn to him in prayer.

Baby Jesus, grant peace and concord to the Middle East and the whole world. Sustain all those who provide humanitarian aid to peoples forced to flee from their homelands; comfort the Afghan people, who for more than forty years have been sorely tested by conflicts that have driven many to leave the country.

King of all peoples, help political authorities bring peace to societies roiled by tension and conflict. Sustain the people of Myanmar, where intolerance and violence not infrequently target the Christian community and its places of worship, clouding the peaceful countenance of that people.

Be a source of light and support for all those who believe in and strive, despite all obstacles, to advance encounter and dialogue. In Ukraine, prevent fresh outbreaks of a long-festering conflict.

Prince of Peace, help Ethiopia to find once again the path of reconciliation and peace through a forthright encounter that places the needs of the people above all else. Listen to the plea of those living in the Sahel region, who experience the violence of international terrorism. Turn your gaze to the peoples of the countries of North Africa, tormented by divisions, unemployment and economic inequality. Alleviate the pain of our many brothers and sisters who suffer from internal conflicts in Sudan and South Sudan.

Grant that, through dialogue, mutual respect and recognition of the rights and cultural values of every human being, the values of solidarity, reconciliation and peaceful coexistence may prevail in the hearts of the peoples of the Americas.

Son of God, comfort the victims of violence against women, which has increased in this time of pandemic. Offer hope to young children and adolescents suffering from bullying and abuse. Show consolation and warmth to the elderly, especially those who feel most alone. Give serenity and unity to families, the first educators of their children and the basis of the fabric of society.

God-with-us, grant health to the infirm and inspire all men and women of good will to seek the best ways possible to overcome the current health crisis and its effects. Open hearts to ensure that necessary medical care – and vaccines in particular – are provided to those peoples who need them most. Repay those who generously devote themselves to caring for family members, the sick and the most vulnerable in our midst.

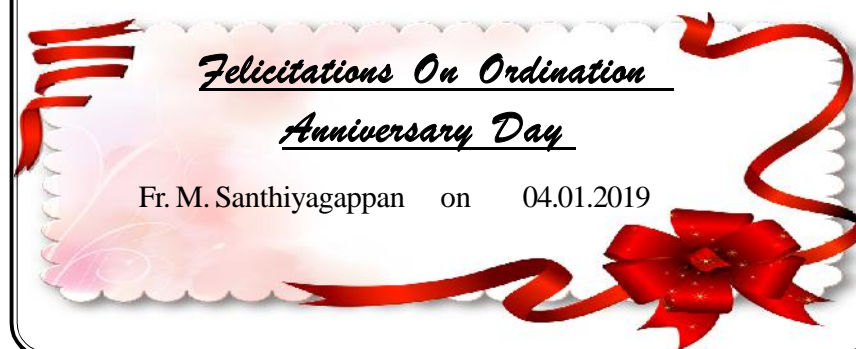
Child of Bethlehem, grant that the many military and civilian prisoners of war and recent conflicts, and all those imprisoned for political reasons, may soon return home. Do not leave us indifferent before the tragic situation of migrants, displaced persons and refugees. Their eyes beg us not to look the other way, ignoring our common humanity, but instead to make their stories our own and to be mindful of their plight.

Eternal Word become flesh, make us attentive to our common home, which is suffering from the carelessness with which we so often treat it. Inspire political leaders to reach effective agreements, so that future generations can live in an environment respectful of life.

Dear brothers and sisters, amid all the many problems of our time, hope prevails, “for to us a child is born” (*Is* 9:6). He is the word of God, who became an infant, capable only of crying, and in need of help for everything. He wished to learn how to speak, like every other child, so that we might learn to listen to God, our Father, to listen to one another and to dialogue as brothers and sisters.

O Christ, born for our sake, teach us to walk beside you on the paths of peace.

Happy Christmas to all!



KANI (Seminarians Fund)

Opening Balance as on 25.11.2021	34,08,020.57
Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women, Periyakulam	50,000.00
St. Michael, Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Madurai	20,000.00
Fr. Vicar Forane & Parish Priest, Holy Rosary Church	20,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Perumalmalai	20,000.00
Fr. Durai Raj, Kovilpatti	15,000.00
Mr. Durairaj & Siriya Pushpam, Melur	15,000.00
Superior General, CIC Generalate, Madurai	10,000.00
Superior General, Congregation of the Immaculate Conception, Madurai -9	10,000.00
CIC Provincialate, Maghizhur, Virahanur	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Kariapatti	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Samayanallur	5,000.00
Fr. Secretary, Mashot Trust, K. Pudur	5,000.00
CRI Madurai City, Madurai	2,000.00
Archbishop, Madurai	2,000.00
Amalraj & Usha Bernadett	2,000.00
Arockiam & Family, Perumalamalai	2,000.00
OMMI, Oothu, Perumalmalai	1,000.00
Asir Bhavan, FMM Sisters, Perumalmalai	1,000.00
Sr. Superior & Community, Presentation Convent, Perumalmalai	1,000.00
St. Thomas Youth Commission, Perumalmalai	1,000.00
Fr. A. Ambrose S.J., St. Mary's Community, Madurai (Bination Mass)	900.00
Sr. Superior & Community, I.C. Convent, Perumalamalai	500.00
Sr. Superior & Community, DMI Convent, Perumalmalai	500.00
P. Gnanapackiam, Arasaradi, Madurai	500.00
Mr. Stephan Thambu & Dorathy, Perumalamalai	200.00
Joe Stephen Thambu, Leo, Perumalmalai	100.00

Closing Balance as on 21.12.2021

36,07,720.57

Cash in Hand - Nil

Cash at Bank - 36,07,720.57

36,07,720.57

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2021 - 21.12.2021

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 07/02/21	Holy See 14/03/21	Hunger Disease 01/04/21	Good Friday 02/04/21	Vocation Sunday 25/04/21
1	A. Nathampatti					
2	Alankulam	700				
3	Ammapatty			4000	4600	
4	Anjal Nagar	2000	1500	76222	49165	
5	Anna Nagar	13000	7950	87600	34300	
6	Aruppukottai	1500	1000	15000	5000	
7	Ayravathanallur	5340	3400	24840	8111	1070
8	Bastin Nagar	15000	10000	106050	45200	10000
9	Batlagundu	7220	3440	42000	10700	4100
10	Bibikulam	15000	3800	51640	16480	3800
11	Bodinayakanur	500	500	10000	3500	500
12	Chinnamanur	500	500	500	500	500
13	Cumbum	500	500	6230	4220	
14	Devadanam	4000	2000	32000	5270	1500
15	Ellis Nagar	10170	6526	120192	24797	
16	Gnanaolivupuram	5412	4998	79549	35818	
17	Hanumanthanpatty	500	600	1000	1200	600
18	Holy Rosary Church	3500	3000	30000	15000	2000
19	Iyyampalayam	400	400	6000	3000	
20	K. Pudur	21290	2000	101820	80050	2000
21	Kadachanendal	2300	2300	32000	20000	2400
22	Kadamalaikundu			4200	5000	
23	Kalladipatti	2000	1000	2300	2000	1000
24	Kariapatty	1200	1200	8450	5550	1200
25	Karumathur	1500	500	2000	3000	500
26	Kavirayapuram	800	1000	12630	11200	1000
27	Kottur	1500	800	10000	2000	900
28	Lourdupuram	500	500	3500	2000	400
29	Megamalai					
30	Mangalamkombu	500	500	4500	3000	500
31	M. Meenatchiapuram	1000	1000	8000	2500	500
32	Mathankovilpatti	1000		5000	2000	
33	Marianus Nagar	2500	2000	15000	5000	2000
34	Meenampatti	2100	1600	13300	4600	2100
35	Melur	3000	1000	33333	16666	800

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2021 - 21.12.2021							
St. Peter's Pence 04/07/21	Communi- cation Day 11/07/21	Prision Ministry 15/08/21	Bible Sunday 26/09/21	Mission Sunday 17/10/21	African Mission 01/11/21	Peter the Apostle 21/11/21	Opus 08/12/21
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3	500	500	500	500	7500	500	500
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S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 07/02/21	Holy See 14/03/21	Hunger Disease 01/04/21	Good Friday 02/04/21	Vocation Sunday 25/04/21
36	Melakovilpatti	2000	500	3000	1000	500
37	Michaelpalayam					
38	Munjikkal	2000	2000			
39	Murugathuranpatti	1121		32000	4727	
40	Nagamalai	10000	3000	105000	20000	
41	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	14000	4250	
42	Nilakottai	1500		13000	5000	
43	Niraiavzhvu Nagar (VNR)	1000				
44	Othaiyal	700	500	5000	1500	500
45	Packiapuram	11111	4060	60120	20655	3340
46	Packianathapuram	1900	1500	10000	3500	
47	Palanganatham	12500	11200	130000	30000	10000
48	Pandian Nagar	3100	1200	6100	4050	1000
49	Periyakulam	500	500	15000	5000	500
50	Perumalmalai	1000	1000	15000	10000	1000
51	R.R. Nagar	1500	600	6000	1500	600
52	Railway Colony	1500	1400	8000	4000	1000
53	Rajapalayam	1300	1200	12600	3400	1000
54	Rayappanpatti	8500	4000	35000	30000	3500
55	Rayapuram			4040	2810	
56	Samayanallur	8000	2000	68140	16915	2000
57	Sattur					
58	Shenbaganur	2000	1100	4000	2500	750
59	Sengole Nagar	7060	6630	71585		
60	Sempatti Mission			1100	700	
61	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	5000	5000	
62	Sivakasi	7429	8292	50264	32451	4861
63	Srivilliputhur			20000	50000	
64	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000	4000	45000	40000	4000
65	Sundaranatchiapuram					
66	T. Sindalacherry	4100		11000	17000	2000
67	T. Vadipatti Shrine	1000	1000	10000	15500	1000
68	Theni	4000				
69	Thirumangalam	6240	1500	2500	7040	1000
70	Thirunagar	4340	4090	27080	22410	3630

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2021 - 21.12.2021							
St. Peter's Pence 04/07/21	Communi- cation Day 11/07/21	Prision Ministry 15/08/21	Bible Sunday 26/09/21	Mission Sunday 17/10/21	African Mission 01/11/21	Peter the Apostle 21/11/21	Opus 08/12/21
36	400	450	400	500	2300	450	
37							
38							
39							
40				2000	63000	2000	1500
41	500	500	500	500	13000		
42					15000		
43							
44	500	500	700	500	6000	500	200
45	2000	2000	1000	2000	50000	2000	2000
46							
47	11500	10500	10300	10800	201000	10800	11500
48	800	750	750	1450	5400	1480	1000
49	500	500	500	500	20000	1000	1100
50	1000	1000	1000	1000			
51	600	1500	600	3300	6000	1500	600
52	1000			1500	25500	1000	1000
53							
54	3500				160100	3500	
55					6080		
56	2000	2000	2000	3000	40600	2000	
57							
58	715	650	700	750	15000	600	650
59						4750	
60							
61	1270	1074	1134	1277	21859	1584	2121
62		5361		2726	485000	3726	
63							
64	5000	4000	3000	5000			
65			1000	1000	35000	1000	1000
66	1500	2000	1500	4000	72200	1500	
67	1000	1000	1500	1500	18500	1500	1000
68							
69	1500	1000	1200	1500	17380		
70	1100	3470	1320	2280	35430	2100	4250

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2021 - 21.12.2021						
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 07/02/21	Holy See 14/03/21	Hunger Disease 01/04/21	Good Friday 02/04/21	Vocation Sunday 25/04/21
71	Thiruthangal	2600	2500	21000	10500	
72	Thummuchinampatty			1000	2500	
73	Ugarthe Nagar	1500	1500	15000	10000	
74	Usilampatti	8850	1000	42584	7390	1500
75	Uthamapalayam					
76	Virudhunagar	7500	8600	165000	71260	
77	Vadapatti Mission	250	200	350	1100	
78	W. Pudupatti	1000	1000	2200	2500	
79	Y. Othakadai	4000	1400	8000	12000	1000
	J.A. College Periyakulam					
	Fr. Xavier Arul Rayan					
	Total	277133	141186	1993519	909585	80251

From the Procurator’s Desk

Dear Rev. Fathers,

NEW ADDRESS BOOK is available in the Diocesan Office & Nobili Book Centre. It cost Rs. 120/- only.

NEW ORDO is available in the Diocesan Office & Nobili Book Centre. It costs Rs. 70/- only.

- Fr. S. Peter Roy

<u>Mass Received From Parishes</u>	
Virudhunagar (200 Masses)	20,000.00
Nagamalai (100 Masses)	10,000.00
Collection as on 21.12.2021	30,000.00

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2000							
	1500		1000	11000			
1500	1500		2000	50000	1500	1500	1500
1100	1050			8865			
				175000	10000	10000	10000
1000	1000	1000	1000	10000	1500		
				50000			
				2000			
65085	75195	47734	94763	2721762	97950	82481	67222

நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்
புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வதற்காக தாராள மனதுடன்
இதுவரை உதவிய உள்வங்கள்


Collection as on 25.11.2021 39,27,855.58

குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும்
திருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்

08,09.01.2022	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
22,23.01.2022	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
29,30.01.2022	விருதுநகர்	சனி, ஞாயிறு


அருட்பணி. எஸ். ஜேம்ஸ்பால்ராஜ், செயலர்

Adoration Sunday			
January		February	
02	Rajapalayam	06	Alangulam
09	Kalladipatti	13	Ammappatti
16	Thirunagar	20	Anna Nagar
23	Meenatchiapuram	27	Anjal Nagar
30	St. Mary's Cathedral		



Necrology

Archbishop Justin Diraviam	on	25.01.1991
Fr. Alexis Diamond Raj	on	01.01.1997
Fr. Savarimuthu V.A.	on	08.01.1982
Fr. Ignatius I.	on	08.01.1986
Fr. Balthasar A.	on	16.01.1986
Fr. Peter Roy	on	29.01.1964



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L. At the Footsteps of our Elder Brothers ...

Fr. S. Jesudasan: 'Fr. Jesudasan!' This name reverberates so many pleasant memories in the mind of Madurai Presbyterium. Here is another Lieutenant of Archbishop Diraviam, who had been in active ministry for 65 years in the Archdiocese, who had been in administration as Procurator and the Manager of De Nobili press for 20 years and who had been in active pastoral ministry for 22 years. No one can deny the fact that this veteran priest had the opportunity to know about the Archdiocese from inside and outside – through the administrative offices he held. He was