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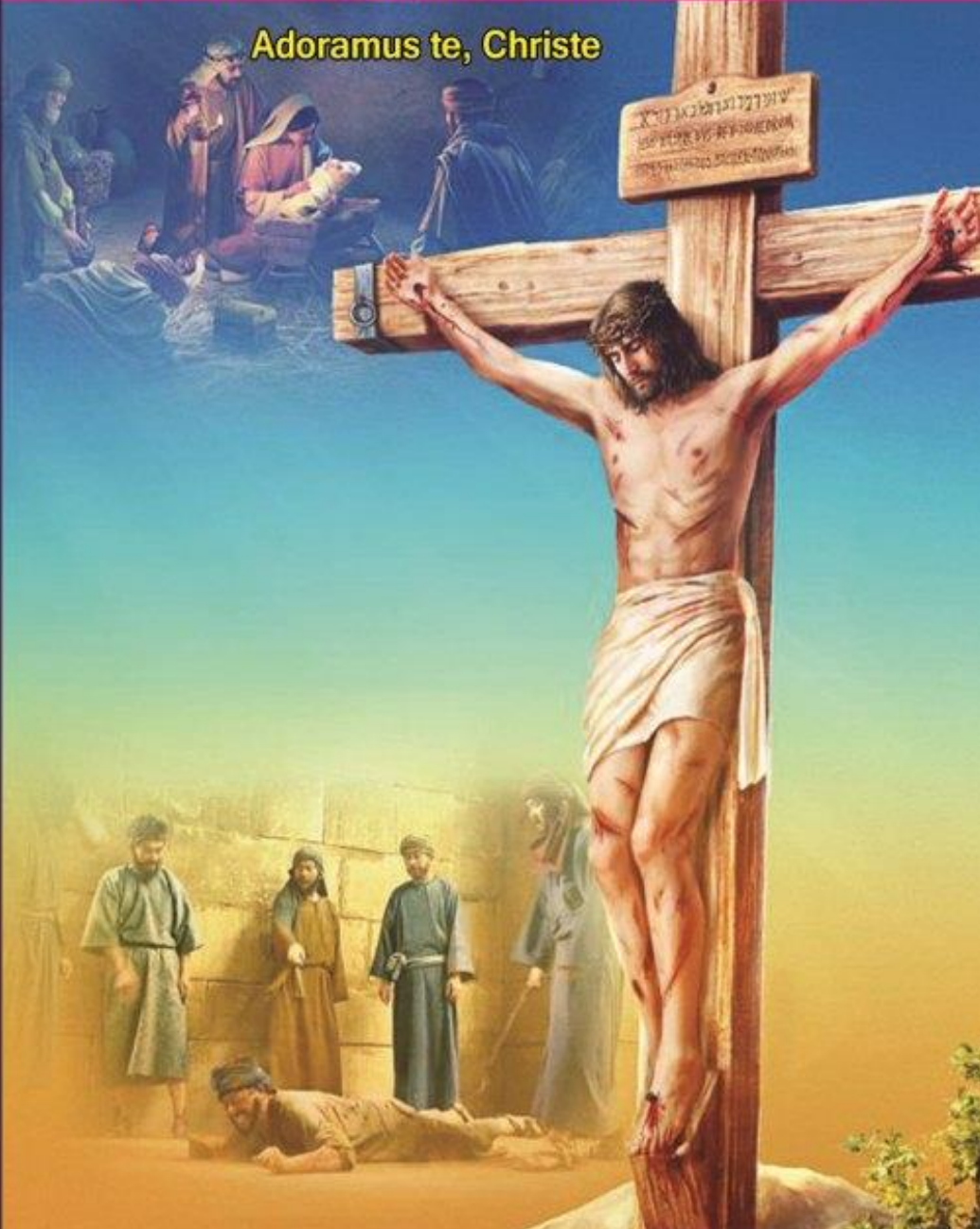
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Adoramus te, Christe



Jubilee Mass, Michaelpalyam



Feast Mass, K. Pudur



Blessing of the Church, Bodinayakanur



Ash Wednesday Mass at  
St. Mary's Cathedral



Blessing of Shopping Complex, Silkuvarpatty

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Jr.Arputhasamy (02)*

*Jr.George Stephen R.P (02)*

*Jr.Antony Samy A. (04)*

*Jr.James Paul Raj S. (06)*

*Jr.Paul Ignatius J. (09)*

*Jr.Gabriel G. (13)*

*Jr.James S. (17)*

*Jr.Jeyaraj J. (20)*

*Jr.Sebastian Jerome (20)*

*Jr.Joseph Amalan (20)*

*Jr.Dhinakaran Savariyar (22)*

*Jr.John Diraviam M. (24)*

*Jr.Susai P. Visuvasam (26)*

*Jr.Benadict Barnabas J. (27)*

*Jr.Jayeseelan V. (28)*

*Jr.Vincent Raja X. (28)*

*Jr.Rajan A. (30)*

*Jr.Varan Vardhan P. (31)*



SC/ST Commission & AMA Trust - General Body Meeting 2021



Memorial Mass at Uthamapalayam



Funeral Mass at Kavirayapuram



Book Release

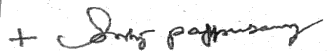
# THE VOICE OF THE PASTOR

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

No one wants to suffer in the world, but on the contrary everyone wants to lead a cosy and comfortable life in the world. The way of Christ is contrary to the thinking of the humans. In Jesus we have a perfect model for obedient suffering. This thought is very well expressed by St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians: "Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name" (Phil.2:8-9). If Jesus died, we have to die with him to follow him and enter into eternal life. The Imitation of Christ necessarily implies that we follow him both in his suffering and glory. Because as Christians we have no other way than that of Jesus. He says emphatically "If anyone want to become my flowers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mk.8:34). From the words of Jesus, it is very clear that we must accept suffering for the sake of Jesus.

Let us not be under the false impression that we are suffering all alone, but Christ is with us in our suffering. Our love for Christ gives a meaning to our suffering. By suffering we participate in the redemptive work of Christ. Jesus is our model and example in all our sufferings. If we imitate Christ in our suffering in humility and obedience, then our life will take on a new meaning and Christ will be with us as a source of strength to put up with the sufferings. Such a patience will pave the way for our eternal life.

Your loving Archbishop,

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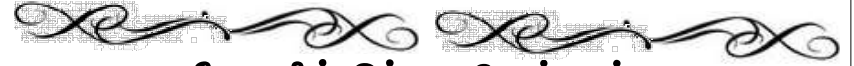
+ **Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy**  
Archbishop of Madurai



## Pope's General Prayer Intention

*Intention for evangelization* - Sacrament of reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



### பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

**நம்புதல் :** இவர் தூய ஆவியாரால் கருவுற்று, கன்னி மரியாவிடமிருந்து பிறந்தார்.

**வேண்டுகல்:** குழந்தைகளுக்காக, சிறார்களுக்காக. .

**வாழ்த்தல் :** குழந்தைகளையும் சிறார்களையும் ஞானத்தில் வளர உதவுவோம்.



## HAPPY FEAST

*The Archbishop & The Archdiocesan Priests wish the following religious congregations, serving in our Archdiocese, a blessed Feast Day.*

Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyons (SJL)	- 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Sisters of St. Joseph of Apparition (SJA)	- 19 <sup>th</sup> March
St. Joseph of Tarbes (SJT)	- 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny	- 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Suore AncelleDell'amore Miseri Cordioso	- 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Suore Missionarie dell' Incarnazione (SMI)	- 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Society of Catholic Medical Mission Sisters (MMS)	- 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Institutus Voluntas Dei (IVD)	- 25 <sup>th</sup> March

O St. Joseph,  
Jesus,  
your Son's



Father of  
guide  
Church.

## Archbishop's Engagements

O2	Tue	M	Education Council Meeting, Archbishop's House, Madurai
13	Sat	M	Women's Day Celebration, De Nobili School, K.Pudur
14	Sun	M	Month's Mind Mass, Marambady
	E		Virudunagar Lenten Pilgrimage, R.R.Nagar
19	Fri	M	Blessing of the Chapel, Fatima College
21	Sun	E	Madurai South Vicariate Lenten Pilgrimage, Gnanaolivupuram
28	Sun	M	Palm Sunday, St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai
30	Tue	M	Priests' Sanctification Day-Recollection, Archbishop's House, Madurai
	E		Chrism Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai

\* Appointments may be fixed by calling the Archbishop's Secretary at **+91 94433 86761** or by mailing to [abssecretarymdu@gmail.com](mailto:abssecretarymdu@gmail.com).

### Please Note

- Monthly Recollection** for March and **Chrism Mass** will be held on **30<sup>th</sup> March**, Tuesday at Archbishop's House as usual starting at 10.30 am. The Chrism Mass will begin at 6.00 pm., at Our Lady of Sorrows Cathedral Church to be officiated by His Grace. It is Priests' Day on which we the *Presbyterium* renew our Priestly vows during the Mass. Hence DNL wishes all the priests of the Archdiocese a joyous **PRIESTS' DAY**. Kindly bring with you containers for Holy Oils.



- Contract with the Archdiocese:** If the **Contract of the Religious** entered with the Archdiocese has expired, or if you have not made any contract with the Archdiocese, kindly contact the Chancery Office to renew **or make a canonical Contract** with the Archdiocese. – Fr. Chancellor



- Maundy Thursday Collection:** Kindly procure the customary Hunger and Disease eradication Collection on **1<sup>st</sup> April** and send them at once to Procurator's Office which will be handed over to MMSSS for its mission against hunger and disease at the Archdiocese.



- Good Friday Collection** is to be taken on **2<sup>nd</sup> April** for the maintenance of sacred places in Holy Land. Rev. Parish priests and Heads of Institutions are reminded to procure a collection for the same and remit it at Procurator's office at once.

- Year of St. Joseph:** His Grace exhorts those Parish Priests of St. Joseph parochial churches to make special spiritual renewal programmes for the parish and the vicariate throughout the Jubilee year so that the faithful will know more about St. Joseph and incorporate his virtues in their lives. Moreover the Holy Father has exhorted to make special novenas to St. Joseph on every 19<sup>th</sup> and every Wednesdays during this special Jubilee Year of St. Joseph. The following parishes bear the holy name of St. Joseph as their Patron Saint: Gnanaolivupuram, Samayanallur, Aruppukottai, Nilakottai and Lourdupuram. Heads of Institutions bearing the holy name of St. Joseph are also reminded to make special renewal programme for their members of the Institution.



6. **Congratulations** to the following Fathers for their construction works:

- i) **Fr. Sebastian Chinnadurai** for the renovation of *St. Antony's Church* and the *Flag Mast* at Bodinayakkanur, which were blessed by His Grace on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
  - ii) **Fr. Paul Raj I.** for constructing five Shops at the Compound of R. C School, Silukkuvarpatti which was blessed His Grace on Jan. 2021.
  - iii) **Fr. Benedict Ambrose Raj** for constructing New Block for R. C. Hr. Sec. School (English Medium), Virudunagar (Total Donation offered by Mr. Gogulam M. Thangaraj), which was blessed by His Grace on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021.
  - iv) **Fr. Yesu** for his appointment as the executive secretary the Bible Commission, CCBI.
7. **DNL expresses** its deep condolences to Rev. Fr. Arulanandam who lost his beloved Mother, Mrs. Francis Amirtham, aged 76, on 23rd February 2021 at Kavirayapuar. The Funeral Mass was officiated by Fr. Arulanandam and Msgr. Jerome Eronimus with a lot of participation of the Presbyterium and the clergy from Madurai, Dindigul and Madha TV. May the soul of Mrs. Francis Amirtham, the Mother of Fr. Arulanandam rest in peace!



### சமத்துவப் பொங்கல் விழா மற்றும் "சமயத் தென்றல்" நூல் வெளியீட்டு விழா

மதுரை பல்சமய உரையாடல் பணிக்குழு மற்றும் திருவருட்பேரவை நிகழ்த்திய சமத்துவப் பொங்கல் விழா, 'சமயத் தென்றல்' நூல் வெளியீட்டு விழாவானது, ஞானஒளிவுபரம் பங்கு ஆலய வளாகத்தில் 21.01.2021 வியாழக்கிழமை மாலை 6.30 மணிக்குத் தொடங்கியது.

இவ்விழாவின் முதல் நிகழ்வான இறைவேண்டலை அருட்சகோதரி. அமலராணி அவர்கள் வழிநடத்த, பஜன் பாடி மும்மத வாசகங்கள்

திருவிவிலியம், திருக்குர்ரான், பகவத்கீதை ஆகியவற்றிலிருந்து வாசிக்கப்பட்டன. இதன் தொடர்ச்சியாக ஒளியாம் இறைவனை வரவேற்கும் பொருட்டு குத்துவிளக்கு ஏற்றும் நிகழ்வு நடைபெற்றது. 'மதுரை உயர்மறைமாவட்டப் பேராயர்' அவர்கள் முதல் திரியினை ஏற்ற, அடுத்த திரிகளை திரு. விஜயராகவன், திரு. பசீர் அகமது. புதிய செயலர், அருட்சகோதரி. விஜிலி ஆகியோர் ஏற்றி இறைப்பிரசன்னத்தை கொணர்ந்தனர்.



பல்சமய உரையாடல் பணிக்குழு மற்றும் திருவருட்பேரவை நடத்திய அனைத்து நிகழ்வுகளிலும் தொடர்ந்து ஆர்வமுடன் கலந்துகொண்டு சிறப்பு செய்து, இன்று நம் மத்தியில் இல்லாத மறைந்து போன திருமிகு. ஜான் மோசஸ், திருமிகு. பாண்ட்ரங்கன் ஆகியோரின் நினைவேந்தலாக ஒரு நிமிடம் மௌனம் அனுசரிக்கப்பட்டு மரியாதை செலுத்தப்பட்டது. பின் திருக்குடும்பப் பள்ளி மாணவியரின் வரவேற்பு நடனம் அரங்கேறியது. உரையாடல் பணிக்குழுவின் புதிய செயலர் அருட்பணி. J. பெனடிக்ட் பரன்பாஸ் அவர்கள் விழாவிற்கு வருகை புரிந்திருந்த அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். நம் பேராயர் மேதகு அந்தோனி பாப்புசாமி அவர்களுக்கு இந்நாள் செயலர் பொன்னாடை போர்த்தி கௌரவித்துபோல், மற்ற சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்கள் திருமிகு. சாலமன் பாப்பையா, திரு. விஜயராகவன், திரு. கார்த்திகேயன் மணிமொழியன், முன்னாள் செயலர் அருட்பணி. அருள் உட்பட மற்ற சிறப்பு அழைப்பாளர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் நூலாடை அணிவித்து கௌரவிக்கப்பட்டார்கள். அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து சமத்துவப் பொங்கல் என்பதற்கான அறிமுக உரையை திரு. கார்த்திகேயன் மணிமொழியனார் விளக்கிக் கூறினார்.

அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து பல்சமய உரையாடல் பணிக்குழுவின் சார்பாக வெளியிடவிருந்த 'சமயத் தென்றல்' புதிய நூலினை அருள்தந்தை அருள், முன்னாள் செயலர் அறிமுகம் செய்ததோடு அதன் தயாரிப்பில் உதவிய அனைவருக்கும் நன்றி தெரிவித்தார். பார்வையாளர்களை மகிழ்விக்க 'வயக்காடு', பொங்கல் பாடலானது கிராமிய நடனமாக குழந்தைகளால் ஆடப்பட்டது. நடனம் முடிந்தவுடன் மேதகு பேராயர் அவர்கள் 'சமயத் தென்றல்' புதிய நூலை வெளியிட்டு மகிழ்ந்தார்கள். புதிய நூலின் முதல் பிரதியை திருவருட்பேரவையின் பொருளாளர் திரு. விஜயராகவன் அவர்களும், 2ஆம் பிரதியை மதுரை மீனாட்சிக் கல்லூரியின் முனைவர் முதல்வர் முனைவர் தஸ்ரீப் ஜஹான் அவர்களும், 3ஆம் பிரதியை மதுரை தெற்கு மறைவட்ட அதிபர் அருட்பணி. ஆனந்தம் அவர்களும் பெற்றுக் கொண்டார்கள். தொடர்ந்து தலைமையுரையாற்றிய நம் பேராயர் அவர்கள் பல்வேறு சமயங்களைச் சார்ந்திருக்க கூடிய நாம் ஒருவர் மற்றவருடன் அன்படன் உரையாடி, உறவாடி



சகோதர, சகோதரிகளாக வாழ்ந்து, மனித சமூகத்தைக் கட்டியெழுப்ப வேண்டும் எனக் கூறியதோடு, ‘சமயத் தென்றல்’ நூலை முனைப்புடன் தொகுத்து வெளியிட்ட தந்தை அருள் அவர்களுக்கு நன்றி கூறி, பாராட்டுதல்களையும், வாழ்த்துக்களையும் கூறினார்கள்.

பின்பு, பட்டிமன்றப் புகழ் தமிழறிஞர் சாலமோன் பாப்பையா அவர்கள் நூல் மதிப்புரை வழங்கினார்கள். நாம் அனைவருமே நம் பெற்றோர் சார்ந்திருக்கும் சமயங்களைத் தழுவிருக்கிறோம் எனக்கூறி, இந்நூலானது அறிமுகம், கருத்துரைகள், செயல்பாடுகள், பயிற்சி நெறிமுறைகள், நல்லிணக்கப் பாடல்கள் என சிறப்பாகத் தொகுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள முறையினைப் பாராட்டிப் பேசினார்கள் தயாரிக்கப்பட்டிருந்த சமத்துவப் பொங்கலானது விழாவிற்கு வருகை புரிந்த அனைவருக்கும், விழா மேடையில் அமர்ந்திருந்த சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்களுக்கும் பகிர்ந்தளிக்கப்பட்டது. உரையாடல் பணிக்குழுவின் புதிய செயலர் அருட்பணி J. பெனடிக்ட் பர்னபாஸ் அவர்கள் முன்னாள் செயலர் தந்தை அருள் ஆற்றிய அளப்பரிய பணிகள் மற்றும் ‘சமயத் தென்றல்’ நூலினைத் தொகுத்து வெளியிட்டதனை வெகுவாகப் பாராட்டிப் பேசி, கவிதை வாசித்து, நினைவுப் பரிசினை நம் பேராயர் உட்பட சிறப்பு அழைப்பாளர்கள் அனைவரும் இணைந்து வழங்கிடச் செய்தார். ‘தை பொறந்தது’ என்ற கிராமிய நடனம் பங்கு இளைஞர்களால் நேர்த்தியாக ஆடப்பட்டது.

அடுத்த நிகழ்வாக, முனைவர் அப்துல் சமத், திருமிகு. நன்மாறன் அய்யா ஆகிய இருவரும் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்கள். பின் ‘சமயத் தென்றல்’ நூலில் கட்டுரைகள் எழுதி வழங்கிய சான்றோர்கள் அனைவரின் பட்டியலை திரு. அந்தோணிராஜ் ஆசிரியர் வாசிக்க, நம் பேராயர் அவர்கள் நூல் தொகுப்பினையும், நூலாடையும் வழங்கிப் பெருமைப்படுத்தினார்கள். ‘வாங்கடி என் பொண்ணுங்களே’ என்ற கிராமிய நடனம் ஓயிலாட்டமாக பங்கு குழந்தைகள் ஆடி அனைவரின் பாராட்டுகளைப் பெற்றனர்.

பின்பு, பல்சமய உரையாடல் பணிக்குழுவின் உறுப்பினர் திரு. அந்தோணிராஜ் அவர்கள் விழாவிற்கு வருகை புரிந்திருந்த அனைவருக்கும் நன்றி தெரிவித்ததோடு, சமத்துவப் பொங்கல் தயாரிக்க உதவிக்கரம் நீட்டிய நன்கொடையாளர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் நன்றி கூறியதோடு, வரவு செலவு கணக்கினையும் சமர்ப்பித்தார்கள்.

இறுதியாக பணிக்குழு உறுப்பினர்கள் அனைவரும் இணைந்து ‘ஒவ்வொரு மனிதனும் என் நண்பன்’ என்ற இயக்கப் பாடல் பாடி கூட்டத்தை இனிதே நிறைவு செய்தனர். இந்நிகழ்வுகளை உரையாடல் பணிக்குழுவின் உறுப்பினர் திரு. ஆ. ஏர்னஸ்ட் தியாக்குலஸ் தொகுத்துவ வழங்கினார்.

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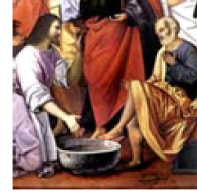
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## POPE'S LENTEN MESSAGE 2021

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem ...” (Mt 20:18).

*Lent: time to renew faith, hope and charity.*



Dear brothers and sisters, announcing his passion, death and resurrection to his disciples, in fulfillment of the Father's will, Jesus reveals to them the profound meaning of his mission and calls them to associate with it, for the salvation of the world.

As we walk the Lenten journey, which leads us towards the Easter celebrations, we remember the One who “humbled himself by making himself obedient to death and death on the cross” (Phil 2 : 8). In this time of conversion we renew *our faith*, draw the “*living water*” of hope and receive with an open heart the love of God which transforms us into brothers and sisters in Christ. On Easter night we will renew the promises of our Baptism, to be reborn new men and women, thanks to the work of the Holy Spirit. But already the itinerary of Lent, like the entire Christian journey, is all under the light of the Resurrection, which animates the feelings, attitudes and choices of those who want to follow Christ.

*Fasting, prayer and almsgiving*, as they are presented by Jesus in his preaching (cf. Mt 6 : 1-18), are the conditions and the expression of our conversion. The way of poverty and deprivation (*fasting*), the gaze and gestures of love for the wounded man (*almsgiving*) and filial dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) allow us to embody a sincere faith, a hope alive and an active charity.

**1. Faith calls us to welcome the Truth and to become witnesses to it, before God and before all our brothers and sisters.**

In this time of Lent, *welcoming and living the Truth manifested in Christ* means first of all letting ourselves be reached by the Word of God, which is transmitted to us, from generation to generation, by the Church. This Truth is not a construction of the intellect, reserved for a few chosen, superior or distinct minds, but it is a message that we receive and can understand thanks to the intelligence of the heart, open

to the greatness of God who loves us before we ourselves take it. consciousness. This Truth is Christ himself, who assuming our humanity to the end became the Way - demanding but open to all - which leads to the fullness of Life.

*Fasting lived as an experience of privation* leads those who live it in simplicity of heart to rediscover the gift of God and to understand our reality as creatures in his image and likeness, which find fulfillment in him. Experiencing an accepted poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and “accumulate” the richness of love received and shared. Understood and practiced in this way, fasting helps to love God and neighbor since, as Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches, love is a movement that focuses attention on the other, considering him as one thing with oneself (cf. Enc. *All Brothers* , 93).

*Lent is a time to believe*, that is, to receive God in our life and allow him to “take up residence” with us (cf. *Jn* 14:23 ). Fasting means freeing our existence from what encumbers it, even from the saturation of information - true or false - and consumer products, to open the doors of our heart to the One who comes to us poor in everything, but “full of grace and of truth” ( *Jn* 1:14): the Son of God the Savior.

## **2. Hope as “living water” that allows us to continue our journey**

*The Samaritan woman, from whom Jesus asks for a drink at the well, does not understand when He tells her that he could offer her “living water” ( Jn 4:10). At the beginning she naturally thinks of material water, Jesus instead means the Holy Spirit, what He will give in abundance in the Paschal Mystery and who instills in us the hope that does not disappoint. Already in announcing his passion and death, Jesus announces hope, when he says: “and on the third day he will rise again” ( Mt20.19). Jesus speaks to us of the future opened up by the Father’s mercy. Hoping with him and thanks to him means believing that history does not end with our errors, our violence and injustices and the sin that crucifies Love. It means drawing the forgiveness of the Father from his open Heart.*

*In the current context of concern* in which we live and in which everything seems fragile and uncertain, talking about hope could seem like a provocation. The time of Lent is made for hope, to return to turn



our gaze to the patience of God, who continues to take care of his Creation, while we have often mistreated it (cf. Enc. *Laudatosi* ‘ , 32-33.43-44) . It is hope in reconciliation, to which St. Paul urges us with passion: “Be reconciled with God” ( *2 Cor* 5.20). By receiving forgiveness, in the Sacrament that is at the heart of our conversion process, we in turn become spreaders of forgiveness: having received it ourselves, we can offer it through the ability to live a thoughtful dialogue and by adopting a behavior that comforts those who are hurt. God’s forgiveness, also through our words and our gestures, allows us to live an Easter of fraternity.

In Lent, we are more careful to “say words of encouragement, which comfort, which give strength, which console, which stimulate, instead of words which humiliate, which sadden, which irritate, which despise” (Enc. *Fratellitutti [FT]* , 223). Sometimes, to give hope, it is enough to be “a kind person, who puts aside his concerns and urgencies to pay attention, to give a smile, to say a word of stimulus, to make a space for listening in between to so much indifference” ( *ibid.* , 224).

*In recollection and silent prayer* , hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, which illuminates the challenges and choices of our mission: this is why it is essential to gather together to pray (cf. *Mt* 6 : 6) and to meet, in secret, the Father of tenderness.

*Living a Lent with hope* means feeling that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of the new time, in which God “makes all things new” (cf. *Rev* 21,1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ who gives his life on the cross and that God rises on the third day, “always ready to answer whoever asks [us] about the hope that is in [us]” ( *1 Pt* 3,15).

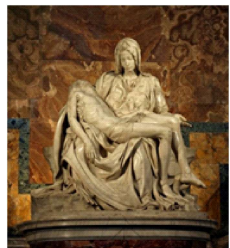
## **3. Charity, lived in the footsteps of Christ, in attention and compassion for each one, is the highest expression of our faith and our hope.**

*Charity rejoices in seeing the other grow* . This is why he suffers when the other is in anguish: alone, sick, homeless, despised, in need ... Charity is the impulse of the heart that makes us come out of ourselves and that generates the bond of sharing and communion.

«Starting from social love it is possible to progress towards a civilization of love to which we can all feel



called. Charity, with its universal dynamism, can build a new world, because it is not a sterile sentiment, but the best way to reach effective paths of development for all“ ( *FT* , 183).



*Charity is a gift* that gives meaning to our life and thanks to which we consider those who suffer privation as a member of our own family, friend, brother. The little, if shared with love, never ends, but is transformed into a reserve of life and happiness. So it happened with the flour and oil of the widow of Sarepta, who offers the cake to the prophet Elijah (cf. *1 Kings* 17 : 7-16); and for the

loaves that Jesus blesses, breaks and gives to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. *Mk* 6: 30-44). So it happens for our alms, whether small or large, offered with joy and simplicity.

*Living a Lent of charity* means taking care of those who are in conditions of suffering, abandonment or distress due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In the context of great uncertainty about tomorrow, reminding us of the word addressed by God to his Servant: “Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you” ( *Is* 43,1), we offer with our charity a word of trust, and we make the other heard that God loves him like a son.

“Only with a gaze whose horizon is transformed by charity, which leads him to grasp the dignity of the other, are the poor recognized and appreciated in their immense dignity, respected in their own style and culture, and therefore truly integrated into the society“ ( *FT* , 187).

Dear brothers and sisters, every stage of life is a time to believe, hope and love. This call to live Lent as a path of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, help us to revisit, in our community and personal memory, the faith that comes from the living Christ, hope animated by the breath of the Spirit and love it. whose inexhaustible source is the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Savior, faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, support us with her caring presence, and may the blessing of the Risen One accompany us on the journey towards the Easter light.

Rome, San Giovanni in Laterano, 11 November 2020, memory of San Martino di Tours.

- Francis

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2020 TO 25.02.2021

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 09/02/20	Holy See 22/03/20	Hunger Disease 09/04/20	Good Friday 10/04/20	Vocation Sunday 03/05/20
1	A. Nathampatti	300	300			
2	Alankulam	2350				
3	Ammapatty	500	500			
4	Anjal Nagar	1500		22860		
5	Anna Nagar	20300				
6	Aruppukottai	1500				
7	Ayravathanallur	2395				
8	Bastin Nagar	13000				
9	Batlagundu	3500				
10	Bibikulam	7825	1500	12000		
11	Bodinayakanur	500	1000	3850	500	500
12	Chinnamanur	500	500			
13	Cumbum	1310				
14	Devadanam	6600				
15	Ellis Nagar	17103				
16	Gnanaolivupuram	6000	5000	25000		
17	Hanumanthanpatty	1100	1300			
18	Holy Rosary Church	4000	3000	30000	2000	2000
19	Iyyampalayam	400		1200		
20	K. Pudur	15030	2000	58620	36570	3000
21	Kadachanendal	2000				
22	Kadamalaikundu					
23	Kalladipatti					
24	Kariapatty	1200				
25	Karumathur	1500	500	1500		500
26	Kavirayapuram	3560				
27	Kottur	2000				
28	Lourdupuram	420	300			
29	Megamalai					
30	Mangalamkombu	500	500			500
31	M. Meenatchiapuram	2470				
32	Mathankovilpatti	1500				
33	Marianus Nagar	2000	2000	5000	3000	2000
34	Meenmpatti	3200	1500			
35	Melur	1500				



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1				300	15000	300	300	300
2								
3	500			500	5100	400	400	500
4				1500	23845			
5				3620	35190	5120	6160	7950
6				1500	14000	1000	1000	2000
7				1143	22140	3755	2360	3110
8				20000	150000	5000	5000	7000
9				2800	66750	3800	4020	3900
10	1000		1000	2600	63500	2000		
11	500	500	500	500	11200	500		
12					5600			
13								
14				1500	16700	1600	1700	1600
15				10050	201555	7617	8231	9937
16				8000	224000	6000	6000	7500
17				1250	48400	1150	1200	1300
18	2000	2000	2000	3000	50000	5000	7000	5000
19				400	11000	400	400	400
20	2000	2000	2000	10600	60000	15384	2000	2000
21				2000	24000	2000	2000	2000
22					5300			
23						1000	1000	1000
24				1200	27000	1200	1200	
25	500				5000			
26					10190			
27					20000	1400	1500	1400
28			400	1200	6500	500		
29								
30	900	400	500	500	7610	500		500
31			1000	1000	12650	1000	1000	1250
32					6400			
33	2000	2000	1000	3000	35000	1000	1000	1000
34				1600	30310	1350	1500	1500
35					25555	800	800	2300

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36	Melakovilpatti	1800				
37	Michaelpalayam	1000	1000			
38	Munjikkal	2000	2000			
39	Murugathuranpatti	3371		9300		
40	Nagamalai	8000		70000		
41	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	13000	2000	1000
42	Nilakottai					
43	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)					
44	Othaiyal	1200	500	500	500	500
45	Packiapuram	16328	1000	50555	1000	1000
46	Packianathapuram	1250	1000	1000	1000	500
47	Palanganatham	7000		15000		
48	Pandian Nagar	1600	1500	2600	4000	1800
49	Periyakulam	1300				
50	Perumalmalai	1800	1750			
51	R.R. Nagar	5000	500	5000	500	500
52	Railway Colony	2200				
53	Rajapalayam	1600				
54	Rayappanpatti	8000	3500	20000		
55	Rayapuram					
56	Samayanallur	5000	3000	50150	10000	5000
57	Sattur					
58	Shenbaganur	750	750	2000	2000	400
59	Sengole Nagar	2000	2000	10000	1000	2000
60	Sempatti Mission					
61	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
62	Sivakasi	12500	12500	36500	22500	14100
63	Srivilliputhur	8000				
64	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000	4000	45000	35000	4000
65	Sundaranatchiapuram					
66	T. Sindalacherry					
67	T. Vadipatti Shrine	1000	1000	1000		1000
68	Theni	4800				
69	Thirumangalam	1200		750		
70	Thirunagar	2050				

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36		400	550	6000	600	450	550
37							
38			2000	30500	2000		
39				12736			
40	2000	2000	2000	90000	2000	2000	2000
41	800	1000	1000	600	12600		
42			1200	8210			
43							
44	500	700	500	500	7500	500	500
45	1000	1000	1000	5029	108432	3828	3494
46	500	500	1000	1000	10000	1000	1000
47			5850	100000	10300	10400	10800
48	1500	1800	1800	1560	9900	2000	1700
49		1900		2300	15500	1000	1000
50			1700	15600			
51	500	500	5000	2000	15000		
52	1800				22358		
53			1200	31000	1500	1500	
54			3500	140000	3500	3500	3500
55				9190			
56	3500	3000	3100	5000	105000	3000	3100
57							
58	450	475	300	400	10175	750	750
59	2000	2000	2000	2000	60000	2000	
60							
61	1000	1000	1000	1000	5000	1000	1000
62	13400				480000	10200	11300
63			7530	270000			
64	4000	3000	3000	5000	75000	4000	3000
65							
66					73900	2100	2110
67	1000	500	500	500	10000	1000	1000
68			5559				
69			1100	13430	1075	1150	950
70			1850	26870	1630	1700	1720

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71	Thiruthangal	10050				
72	Thummuchinampatty	800				
73	Ugarthe Nagar	2000				
74	Usilampatti	4460		18200		
75	Uthamapalayam					
76	Virudhunagar	9500		48300		
77	Vadapatti Mission					
78	W. Pudupatti	1000	1000			
79	Y. Othakadai	1000				
	Christ Hall Seminary, Karumathur					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>269122</b>	<b>58900</b>	<b>559885</b>	<b>122570</b>	<b>41300</b>
<p align="center"><b><u>Mass Received From Parishes</u></b></p> <p>T. Vadipatti ( 3000 Masses) 3,00,000.00  Sengole Nagar (130 Masses) 13,000.00  Usilampatti (110 Masses) 11,000.00  Bastin Nagar (100 Masses) 10,000.00</p> <p align="right"><b>Total</b> <b><u>3,34,000.00</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வதற்காக தாராள மனதுடன் உதவும் உள்ளங்கள்</u></b></p> <p>Opening Balance as on 26.08.2020 28,93,971.58  Saint Alphonsus Congregation, U.S.A.  (Through Fr. Britto Raja Suresh) 10,33,884.00</p> <p>Collection as on 25.09.2020 <b><u>39,27,855.58</u></b></p>						

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2020 TO 25.02.2021

	St. Peter's Pence 05/07/20	Communi- cation Day 12/07/20	Prision Ministry 16/08/20	Bible Sunday 27/09/20	Mission Sunday 18/10/20	African Mission 01/11/20	Peter the Apostle 22/11/20	Opus 02/12/20
71				2600	56000	2200	2300	2250
72				2000	10000			
73				1500	50000	1500	1500	1500
74				1000	14000	1100	1050	1000
75								
76				6000	180000	6000	7000	8000
77					16500			
78					26000	1000	1000	1000
79				1500	7200	1400	1400	1400
					44000			
	<b>41350</b>	<b>26275</b>	<b>31000</b>	<b>155291</b>	<b>3417096</b>	<b>135859</b>	<b>120765</b>	<b>120019</b>

#### From the Procurator's Desk

Dear Rev. Fathers,

The Parishes sending the collections to the diocese through RTGS (or) NEFT are kindly requested to inform the diocesan office about the amount, collection details and UTRL number in order to issue the receipt.

Kindly co-operate with us.

Thanking you.

- Fr. S. Peter Roy



### KANI (Seminarians Fund)

**Opening Balance as on 25.01.2021      48,99,436.27**

Fr. I. Joachim, Kariapatti	15,000.00
Mr. M. Manuvel Dass, Kadachanendal	12,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Ayravathanallur	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Gnanaolivupuram	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, K. Pudur	10,000.00
Mr. M. Joseph Sahayaraj, Michaelpalayam	10,000.00
Mr. A. Sahayaraj, Nagamalai	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Vadapatti Mission	5,000.00
Er. Lawrence, Anna Nagar	5,000.00
R.C.P.S, Ayravathanallur	5,000.00
Mrs. Ganagavayola, Bibikulam	5,000.00
Udaya Hotel, Kadachanendal	5,000.00
Mrs. Sahaya Amalarani, Kadachanendal	4,000.00
Narcheythi Paniyalargal, Nagamalai Pudukottai	2,000.00
M. Yesu Chithra, Sundaranatchiapuram	1,000.00
Mr. Amalraj	1,000.00
Mrs. P. Gnanapackiam, Arasaradi	500.00

**50,09,936.27**

#### Less :

Payment for Christ Hall Seminary	- 5,00,000.00
Payment for St. Pius X' Seminary, K.Pudur	- 40,000.00
Bank sms Charge	- 1.20

5,40,001.20	5,40,001.20
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**Closing Balance as on 25.02.2021      44,69,935.07**

Cash in Hand	- Nil
Cash at Bank	- 44,69,935.07

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### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2021

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 07/02/21	S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 07/02/21
1	A. Nathampatti		36	Melakovilpatti	
2	Alankulam		37	Michaelpalayam	
3	Ammapatty		38	Munjikkal	
4	Anjal Nagar		39	Murugathuranpatti	
5	Anna Nagar	13000	40	Nagamalai	10000
6	Aruppukottai		41	Nakkaneri	
7	Ayravathanallur	5340	42	Nilakottai	
8	Bastin Nagar	15000	43	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)	
9	Batlagundu	7220	44	Othaiyal	
10	Bibikulam		45	Packiapuram	
11	Bodinayakanur		46	Packianathapuram	1900
12	Chinnamanur		47	Palanganatham	
13	Cumbum		48	Pandian Nagar	3100
14	Devadanam		49	Periyakulam	
15	Ellis Nagar	10170	50	Perumalmalai	
16	Gnanaolivupuram		51	R.R. Nagar	
17	Hanumanthanpatty		52	Railway Colony	
18	Holy Rosary Church		53	Rajapalayam	
19	Iyyampalayam		54	Rayappanpatti	
20	K. Pudur		55	Rayapuram	
21	Kadachanendal		56	Samayanallur	8000
22	Kadamalaikundu		57	Sattur	
23	Kalladipatti	2000	58	Shenbaganur	
24	Kariapatty		59	Sengole Nagar	
25	Karumathur		60	Sempatti Mission	
26	Kavirayapuram		61	Silukkuvarpatty	
27	Kottur		62	Sivakasi	
28	Lourdupuram		63	Srivilliputhur	
29	Megamalai		64	St. Mary's Cathedral	
30	Mangalamkombe		65	Sundaranatchiapuram	
31	M. Meenatchiapuram		66	T. Sindalacherry	4100
32	Mathankovilpatti		67	T. Vadipatti Shrine	
33	Marianus Nagar		68	Theni	
34	Meenmpatti		69	Thirumangalam	
35	Melur		70	Thirunagar	

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2021

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 07/02/21				
71	Thiruthangal					
72	Thummuchinampatty					
73	Ugarthe Nagar					
74	Usilampatti	8850				
75	Uthamapalayam					
76	Virudhunagar					
77	Vadapatti Mission					
78	W. Pudupatti					
79	Y. Othakadai					
<b>Total</b>		<b>88680</b>				

### Ordination Anniversary

Rev. Fr. Lourdhuraj G. - 24.03.1962  
Rev. Fr. Gnana Sandanam - 24.03.1965



**குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும்  
தீருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்**



06,07.03.2021	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
13,14.03.2021	திருவில்லிபுத்தூர்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
20,21.03.2021	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு

அருட்பணி. எஸ். ஜேம்ஸ்பாஸ்கார், செயலர்

**Adoration Sunday**

**March**

07 Aruppukottai  
14 Ayravathanallur  
21 Ayyampalayam  
28 Batlagundu



**April**

04 Bastian Nagar  
11 Bibikulam  
18 Bodinayakkanur  
25 Chinnamanur

**Necrology**

**Archbishop Arockiasamy**

Fr. Asirvatham  
Fr. Saldana  
Fr. Antony Nair  
Fr. Savariraj  
Fr. Alexis S.A.  
Fr. Lawrence Xavier P.  
Fr. Francis Britto



22.03.2007  
01.03.2013  
03.03.1973  
03.03.1982  
15.03.1977  
16.03.1998  
19.03.2006  
31.03.2010

**Historical Notes – Madura Mission**

**XIII On the Footsteps of our Elder Brothers**

**Fr. Pudumai:** Fr. Savari Pudumai hailed from Singamparai village of Palayamkottai Diocese. Frs. Jeganathan and Dhivyanandam say that when Fr. Pudumai was working as a Tamil Teacher at Suranam, there came to him marriage proposals; but perceiving and obeying the inner Call, he decided to serve God as a Priest. He left his Teaching post and joined the Seminary. Though his vocation came late in his life, his whole priestly life became an early inspiration to so many Seminarians who passed through the portals of St. Peter's Seminary, Pudur – Viraganur. Here is a priest who totally dedicated his life for the Seminarians, the future priests of Madurai, Sivagangai, Trichy, and Palayamkottai.

Fr. Jeganathan says that it is very simple to find out the whereabouts of this saintly priest. He could be found only in three places! i) chapel ii) Class room iii) or his room. His whole life was divided in the above mentioned places for three purposes: for his personal prayer life; for his ministry of spiritual animation of Seminarians and finally for Teaching. Many of the Priests of the above mentioned dioceses would surely remember the concern and care with which the saintly priest taught Latin and English at St. Peter's. After Fr. Dhanasamy SJ., he became the Rector of St. Peter's sometimes.

Most of those priests would vouchsafe to the fact of his benevolence. While there had been terrifying English professors and strict Rector at St. Peter's, Fr. Pudumai's presence at the Seminary was always a consoling and encouraging one to the broken hearted and dejected Seminarians. He would always comfort and console those seminarians who were not able to come up to the level of academic and spiritual standard laid out by the Seminary. He used to give some edibles taken from Bishop's house refectory to the poor seminarians. One could see a couple of patches of cloths stitched on his torn Cassock. He used to mend his own cassocks. Though he was a Professor in the Minor Seminary one can not see stacks of Books in his room. He had on his table the Bible, the Breviary and a couple of others. Fr. Jeganathan says

that he had also only one photo on his table, that of the Catechist of Singamparai who taught him the faith and trained him at his early age.

He was very strict to observe and follow the rules for himself but he was kind to all whoever came to him for some spiritual guidance. Those days Seminarians had to wear a white dothi and a full handed White Shirt. When the Seminarians went out once a week for ministry he used to advice them to exercise modesty. "When you go out also", he exhorted, "show yourself that you are the follower of Christ".

Fr. Jeganathan recalls that Fr. Jeyabalan, Antony Muthu, Fr. John Siluvai, Fr. Arockiasamy, Bishop Susaimanickam having clothed in white full hand shirts and dhoties studied at Colleges. Later they all studied with him in St. Peter's where a thorough Training on English and Latin were provided. He earns for such training to the present seminarians now.

Fr. Pudumai's life was marked with a special devotion to our Blessed Mother and St. Francis Xavier, his patron Saint. When St. Peter's was shifted to Viraganur from Pudur for the reason that the Seminarians were disturbed with the hustle and bustle of Bishop's House and pastoral center activities, Fr. Pudumai continued his sacred ministries at Viraganur as well. For so many years he was suffering from a hunched neck. Bearing all the pains for Christ he was living as a 'walking Saint' at the buildings of St. Peter's Seminary. Finally the Lord took him to himself on 6-9-1992 in order to crown him with the crown of Conquerer (Rev. 2,7).

We can sum up the priestly life of this saintly priest as a crown adorned with three jewels, namely Humility, Dedication, Kindness. Long live the saintly name of Fr. Pudumai.

**Fr. Joseph Xavier:** Fr. Joseph Xavier was born on 28 March 1932 at MelaMeygnanapuram of Palayamkottai Diocese. He was an able administrator. He completed his Priestly studies at St. Paul's Trichy. He was ordained in 1957.

He ministered in different parishes and was loved by the faithful in all the parishes where he ministered. He was Parish Priest of Devakottai (1965-1968); of Susaiapparpattanam (68-75); and of Holy Rosary Church, Madurai (1976- 1981). A very pious priest, good orator and a

courageous administrator who also moved the church towards its growth against all political pressures. Three noteworthy aspects of ministries



are to be recorded here. i) He is the one who built Hr. Sec. School at Susaiapparpattanam and brought the sisters to administer the School;

ii) Fr. Dhivyanandam says that he is the pioneer of St. Pius X petit Seminary. When he was in Devakottai he asked

Archbishop Diraviam to start a separate Seminary for the Diocesan clergy lest they were formed by the Jesuits at their Apostolic School, St. Mary's, Madurai. In sixties seminarians for the diocese were recruited and trained at St. Mary's apostolic School by the Jesuits. At that time of diocesans being considered incompetent of administering Seminaries, it is Fr. Joseph Xavier who dared to start the diocesan seminary. He started Pius X Seminary adjacent to the Orphanage, Karunaiillam of Ramnagar, Devakottai and applied Subsidy for the Seminarians at Devakottai. Then Archbishop Diraviam asked him to shift the Seminary from Karunaiillam to Madurai, Bishop's House so that better formation could be given to the Seminarians at the center. It was shifted to Pudur and later to Gnannaolivupuram.

iii) At Holy Rosary Church parish, Madurai, Fr. Joseph Xavier courageously threw away all the illegal tenants of the shops who were stiff-necked and demolished the old shopping complex over a night and built with much audacity the present Shopping Complex. It was a huge and courageous task to evacuate the belligerent tenants who did not pay the rents for so many years and who threatened the ownership of the Archdiocese.

When he was ministering at Holy rosary Church parish he was suffering from liver dis-function disease and he was admitted in CMC Vellur where he succumbed to the illness and reached the heavenly abode on 8 - 8- 1981. May the courageous name of Fr. Francis Xavier be praised for ever. *(to be continued) (More soldiors are to come. . .)*

– Fr. Jodir.