



Diocesan News Letter Madurai

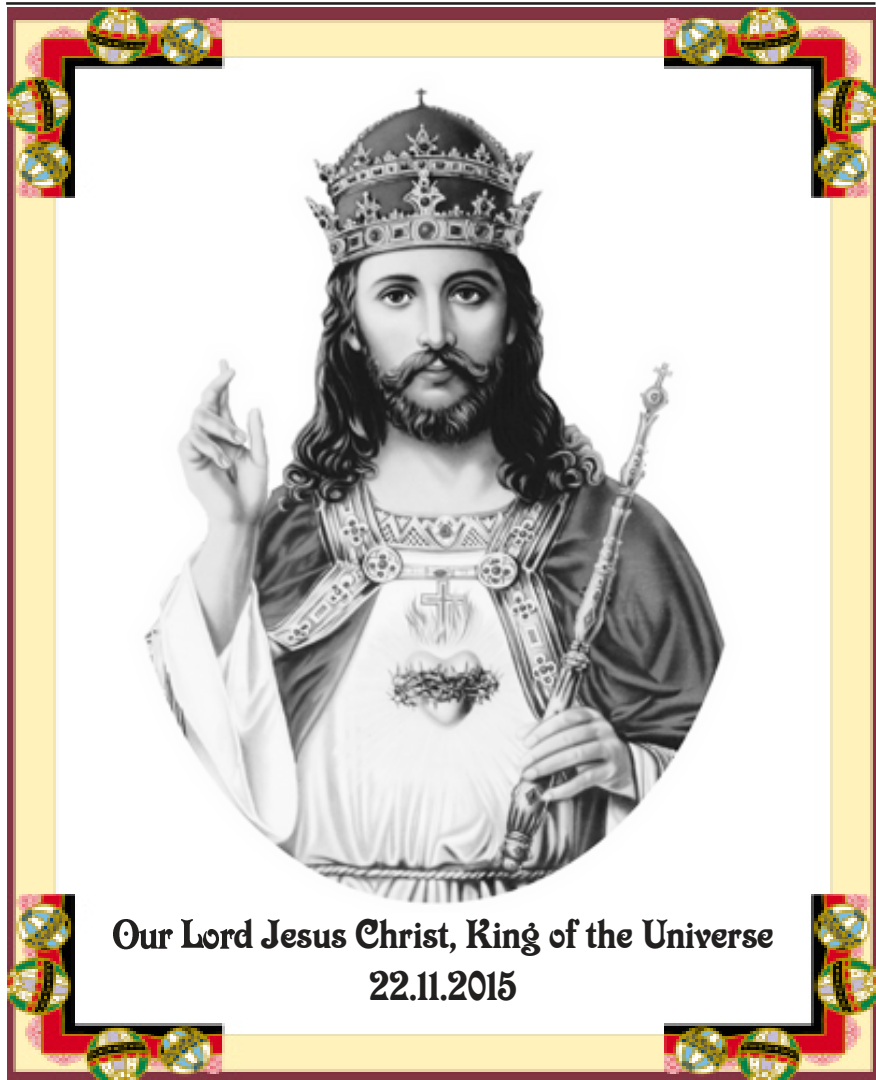
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Pope's General Prayer Intention for November 2015: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Pope's Mission Intention for November 2015: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

Please Note

1. The **Monthly Recollection Meeting** for this month will be held on Wednesday, 4th inst., in the Archbishop's House, Madurai. The exhortation will start at 10.00 am. In the evening at 6.00 p.m. a concelebrated Mass will be offered in St. Mary's Cathedral with our Archbishop as chief celebrant for the deceased prelates, priests, and religious who did their ministry in our Archdiocese. The parish priests of Madurai city are asked to cancel the evening mass and exhort the faithful to attend this mass in good number.
2. **There will be a Senate Meeting** on 24th November, Tuesday at 10.30 am. All the Senate Members are requested to attend the meeting without fail. - **Rev. Fr. Edwin Sahayaraj, Secretary.**
3. All the parish priests of our Archdiocese are kindly asked to offer one Mass with the participation of their people **for all the deceased Prelates and Priests**, who had worked in our Archdiocese.
4. The Sacred Congregation for Evangelization of people instructs that all the priests working in the Mission countries should celebrate one Mass every year, **for the souls of the benefactors**, preferably in the month of November with the participation of the faithful.
5. Our **heartfelt condolence to Rev. Fr. Antony Rajan**, and his relatives, upon the demise of his dear mother Mrs. Amala Pushpam, who expired on 11th October, 2015. For the Funeral Mass at Virudhunagar on 12th October, our Archbishop, number of priests, religious and people from different parishes were present. Let us pray for the repose of her soul.

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Archbishop's Engagements - November 2015

- 01 - Blessing of the Diocesan Shopping Complex and Mass, at Kariapatti
- 02 - All Souls Day Mass, at St. Mary's Cathedral
- 03 - Secretaries' Meeting, at NPC
- 04 - Recollection and Mass for the Deceased Priests
- 08 - Inauguration of the Diocesan Dedication Centre, at Koodal Nagar
- 09 - Mid - Year Board Meeting, at St. Paul's, Trichy
- 13 - Flag Hoisting Mass, at Theni
- 14 - Vicariate Celebration of year of Consecrated Life, at Rosary Church
- 15 M - Wedding Mass, at Marambady, Dindigul
E - Blessing of the Church, at Ramayapatty, Dindigul
- 21 M - TNBC Women Commission Meeting, at Trichy
E - Feast Day and Confirmation Mass, at Vilangudi
- 22 - Confirmation Mass, at Srivilliputhur
- 24 - Senate Meeting
- 28 M - Diocesan Pastoral Council Executive Meeting, at NPC
E - Varusanadu Social Service Society AGPM Meeting, at NPC
- 29 - CRI Meeting, at Virudhunagar
- 30 - Meeting with the clergy of Tuticorin Diocese

6. 49வது சமூகத்தொடர்பு ஞாயிறு கொண்டாட்டம் இவ்வாண்டு வரும் நவம்பர் 15ஆம் நாளில் இடம்பெறுகிறது. நம் திருத்தந்தை அவர்கள் கடந்த ஜனவரி 2015, 23 ஆம் நாள் புனித பிரான்சிஸ் சலேசியார் விழாவன்று “Communicating the Family : A Privileged Place of Encounter with the Gift of Love” என்ற கருப்பொருளில் வெளியிட்டுள்ள சமூகத்தொடர்பு நாள் செய்தி இந்த DNL-லில் கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. மேலம் இக்கொண்டாட்டத்திற்கான சுவரொட்டிகள், வழிபாட்டு முன்னுரைகள் போன்றவைகள் விரைவில் உங்களுக்கு அனுப்பி வைக்கப்படும். பங்குத்தந்தையர்களும், நிறுவனங்கள் மற்றும் துறவற இல்லங்களின் தலைவர்களும் இதற்கான திருவழிபாடு, போட்டிகள், கருத்தரங்குகள், மற்றும் கலந்தாய்வுகள் போன்றவைகளை நடத்துதல். சமூகத் தொடர்புத்துறையில் ஈடுபாடுகொண்ட சிறந்த கத்தோலிக்க ஊடகவியலார்களைப் பாராட்டுதல் போன்ற செயல்பாடுகள் வழியாக இவ்விழாவை சிறப்புடன் கொண்டாட வேண்டுமென அன்போடு கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறோம். 15.11.2015 அன்று எடுக்கப்படும் சிறப்புக்காணிக்கையில் தாராளமனதுடன் பங்கெடுக்க மக்களை உற்சாகப்படுத்த வேண்டுகிறோம். - அருட்பணி பெ. அருளானந்தம், இயக்குநர், சதங்கை கலைத்தொடர்பு மையம்.

7. With all my gratitude to God the Almighty, I would like to inform our Archdiocesan priests, that our Diocesan Alcohol Treatment Centre functioning at Halcyon Home, Koodal Nagar, Madurai – 18, has got **approval and License from the Government**. At this moment, I would like to thank our Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy, for his love and concern to this ministry. Because our Archbishop reorganized this ministry as a special one and encouraged me to initiate the process of getting the approval from the government. I also sincerely thank our former Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Peter Fernando, who started this ministry in our diocese. I humbly request all our diocesan priests to announce this message to our faithful, who are suffering from the disease of Alcoholism to utilize our alcohol treatment centre.



– Rev. Fr. Antony John Kennedy, Alcohol Treatment Centre.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 49th WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

***Communicating the Family:
A Privileged Place of Encounter with the Gift of Love***

The family is a subject of profound reflection by the Church and of a process involving two Synods: the recent extraordinary assembly and the ordinary assembly scheduled for next October. So I thought it appropriate that the theme for the next World Communications Day should have the family as its point of reference. After all, *it is in the context of the family that we first learn how to communicate*. Focusing on this context can help to make our communication more authentic and humane, while helping us to view the family in a new perspective.

We can draw inspiration from the Gospel passage which relates the visit of Mary to Elizabeth (Lk 1:39-56). “When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit cried out in a loud voice and said, ‘Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb’.” (vv. 41-42)

This episode first shows us how communication is *a dialogue intertwined with the language of the body*. The first response to Mary’s greeting is given by the child, who leaps for joy in the womb of Elizabeth. Joy at meeting others, which is something we learn even before being born, is, in one sense, the archetype and symbol of every other form of communication. The womb which hosts us is the first “school” of communication, a place of listening and physical contact where we begin to familiarize ourselves with the outside world within a protected environment, with the reassuring sound of the mother’s heartbeat. This encounter between two persons, so intimately related while still distinct from each other, an encounter so full of promise, is our first experience of communication. It is an experience which we all share, since each of us was born of a mother.

Even after we have come into the world, in some sense we are still in a “womb”, which is the family. *A womb made up of various interrelated persons*: the family is “where we learn to live with others despite our differences” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 66). *Notwithstanding the differences of gender and age between them, family members accept one another because there is a bond between them. The wider the range*

of these relationships and the greater the differences of age, the richer will be our living environment. It is this *bond* which is at the root of *language*, which in turn strengthens the bond. We do not create our language; we can use it because we have received it. It is in the family that we learn to speak our “*mother tongue*”, the language of those who have gone before us. (cf. *2 Macc* 7:25,27). In the family we realize that others have preceded us, they made it possible for us to exist and in our turn to generate life and to do something good and beautiful. We can give because we have received. This virtuous circle is at the heart of the family’s ability to communicate among its members and with others. More generally, it is the model for all communication.

The experience of this relationship which “precedes” us enables the family to become the setting in which the most *basic form of communication*, which is *prayer*, is handed down. When parents put their newborn children to sleep, they frequently entrust them to God, asking that he watch over them. When the children are a little older, parents help them to recite some simple prayers, thinking with affection of other people, such as grandparents, relatives, the sick and suffering, and all those in need of God’s help. It was in our families that the majority of us learned the *religious dimension* of communication, which in the case of Christianity is permeated with love, the love that God bestows upon us and which we then offer to others.

In the family, we learn to embrace and support one another, to discern the meaning of facial expressions and moments of silence, to laugh and cry together with people who did not choose one other yet are so important to each other. This greatly helps us to understand the meaning of communication as *recognizing and creating closeness*. When we lessen distances by growing closer and accepting one another, we experience gratitude and joy. Mary’s greeting and the stirring of her child are a blessing for Elizabeth; they are followed by the beautiful canticle of the *Magnificat*, in which Mary praises God’s loving plan for her and for her people. A “yes” spoken with faith can have effects that go well beyond ourselves and our place in the world. To “visit” is to open doors, not remaining closed in our little world, but rather going out to others. So too the family comes alive as it reaches beyond itself; families who do so communicate their message of life and communion, giving comfort and hope to more fragile families, and thus build up the Church herself, which is the family of families.

More than anywhere else, the family is where we daily experience our own *limits* and those of others, the problems great and small entailed in living peacefully with others. A perfect family does not exist. We should not be fearful of imperfections, weakness or even conflict, but rather learn how to deal with them constructively. The family, where we keep loving one another despite our limits and sins, thus becomes a *school of forgiveness*. Forgiveness is itself *a process of communication*. When contrition is expressed and accepted, it becomes possible to restore and rebuild the communication which broke down. A child who has learned in the family to listen to others, to speak respectfully and to express his or her view without negating that of others, will be a force for dialogue and reconciliation in society.

When it comes to the challenges of communication, *families who have children with one or more disabilities* have much to teach us. A motor, sensory or mental *limitation* can be a reason for closing in on ourselves, but it can also become, thanks to the love of parents, siblings, and friends, an *incentive to openness, sharing and ready communication with all*. It can also help schools, parishes and associations to become more welcoming and inclusive of everyone.

In a world where people often curse, use foul language, speak badly of others, sow discord and poison our human environment by gossip, the family can teach us to understand *communication as a blessing*. In situations apparently dominated by hatred and violence, where families are separated by stone walls or the no less impenetrable walls of prejudice and resentment, where there seem to be good reasons for saying “enough is enough”, it is only by blessing rather than cursing, by visiting rather than repelling, and by accepting rather than fighting, that we can break the spiral of evil, show that goodness is always possible, and educate our children to fellowship.

Today the *modern media*, which are an essential part of life for young people in particular, *can be both a help and a hindrance* to communication in and between families. The media can be a *hindrance* if they become a way to avoid listening to others, to evade physical contact, to fill up every moment of silence and rest, so that we forget that “silence is an integral element of communication; in its absence, words rich in content cannot exist.” (BENEDICT XVI, [*Message for the 2012 World Communications Day*](#)). The media can help communication when they enable people to share their stories, to stay in

contact with distant friends, to thank others or to seek their forgiveness, and to open the door to new encounters. By growing daily in our awareness of the vital importance of encountering others, these “new possibilities”, we will employ technology wisely, rather than letting ourselves be dominated by it. Here too, parents are the primary educators, but they cannot be left to their own devices. The Christian community is called to help them in teaching children how to live in a media environment in a way consonant with the dignity of the human person and service of the common good.

The great challenge facing us today is to *learn once again how to talk to one another*, not simply how to generate and consume information. The latter is a tendency which our important and influential modern communications media can encourage. Information is important, but it is not enough. All too often things get simplified, different positions and viewpoints are pitted against one another, and people are invited to take sides, rather than to see things as a whole.

The family, in conclusion, is not a subject of debate or a terrain for ideological skirmishes. Rather, it is *an environment in which we learn to communicate* in an experience of closeness, a setting where communication takes place, a “*communicating community*”. The family is a community which provides help, which celebrates life and is fruitful. Once we realize this, we will once more be able to see how the family continues to be a rich human resource, as opposed to a problem or an institution in crisis. At times the *media* can tend to present the family as a kind of abstract model which has to be accepted or rejected, defended or attacked, rather than as a living reality. Or else a grounds for ideological clashes rather than as a setting where we can all learn what it means to communicate in a love received and returned. Relating our experiences means realizing that our lives are bound together as a single reality, that our voices are many, and that each is unique.

Families should be seen as a resource rather than as a problem for society. Families at their best actively *communicate* by their *witness* the beauty and the richness of the relationship between man and woman, and between parents and children. We are not fighting to defend the past. Rather, with patience and trust, we are working to build a better future for the world in which we live.

From the Vatican, 23 January 2015

Vigil of the Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, FRANCIS

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO MEMBERS OF THE SYNOD OF CHALDEAN CHURCH
Monday, 26 October 2015**

*Your Beatitude,
Dear Brother Bishops,*

I welcome you with joy and I thank His Beatitude Patriarch Louis Raphaël I Sako for his kind words. I take this occasion to reach out, through you, to the faithful and all those dwelling in the beloved lands of Iraq and Syria in this particularly troubled and sensitive moment, with a message of comfort and Christian solidarity. With the approach of the Jubilee Year, may God's mercy soothe the wounds of war afflicting the heart of your communities, that no one may feel discouragement in this time when the outcry of violence seems to drown out our heartfelt prayers for peace.

Today the situation in your lands of origin is gravely compromised by the fanatical hatred sown by terrorism, which continues to cause a great hemorrhage of faithful who leave the lands of their fathers, where they grew up firmly rooted in the furrow of tradition. This state of affairs clearly undermines the vital Christian presence in that land which witnessed the beginning of the journey of the Patriarch Abraham, heard the voice of the Prophets who called Israel to hope during the Exile, and saw the foundation of the first Churches upon the blood of many martyrs. There too Christians bore witness to the fullness of the Gospel, made their specific contribution to the growth of society over centuries of peaceful coexistence with our Islamic brothers and sisters. Sadly, these are times which are instead marked by countless examples of persecution, and even martyrdom.

The Chaldean Church, which suffers from the war, is also conscious of the needs of the faithful in the diaspora, who are desirous to maintaining their solid roots while becoming part of new situations. So I confirm, today more than ever, the complete support and solidarity of the Apostolic See in favour of the common good of the entire Chaldean Church. I pray that Christians will not be forced to abandon Iraq and the Middle East – I think especially of the sons and daughters of your Church, and their rich traditions.

I urge you to work tirelessly as builders of unity in all the provinces of Iraq, fostering dialogue and cooperation among all those engaged in

public life, and contributing to healing existing divisions while preventing new ones from arising.

Your visit enables me to renew my heartfelt appeal to the international community to adopt every useful strategy aimed at bringing peace to countries terribly devastated by hatred, so that the life-giving breeze of love will once more be felt in places which have always been a crossroads for peoples, cultures and nations. May the peace for which we all hope arise on the horizon of history, so that the grievous tragedies caused by violence may yield to a climate of mutual coexistence.

I ask, then, to take up the Apostle Paul's exhortation to have among you the mind of Christ (cf. *Phil 2:5*), acting with mercy, humility, patience and a mutual acceptance which gives rise to communion.

May the work of the Synod reflect a sense of responsibility, participation and service. Keep always before you the image of the Good Shepherd who is concerned for the salvation of his sheep, and is especially concerned for those who have strayed. May you imitate him: zealous in seeking the *salusanimarum* of priests as well as laity, realizing full well that the exercise of communion sometimes demands a genuine *kenosis*, a self-basement and self-spoliation.

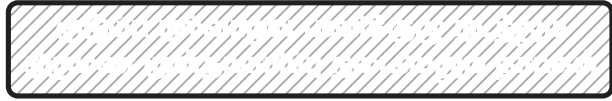
I encourage you to be a father to your priests and all consecrated men and woman, who are your primary collaborators, and, in respect for tradition and canonical norms, to be accepting of them, benevolent and understanding of their needs, discerning ways to help them be ever more aware of the demands of their ministry and service to the faithful. In doing so, you will bridge distances and discern the response to be given to the pressing needs of the Chaldean Church today, in your native lands and in the diaspora. In this way the reflections which emerge from your discussions will be able to provide fruitful solutions to your current needs and points of convergence for resolving liturgical and more general issues. As I urge you to carry on your pastoral responsibilities with fraternal communion and a missionary spirit, I ask all of you, their pastors, to bring my words of encouragement to the faithful of the Chaldean Church. May they echo on your lips as a caress from the Pope which warms their hearts.

Entrusting the Chaldean Church to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, I impart to you, your priests and religious, and all the faithful, my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of hope and consolation in the love of our Merciful God.

Commission for Evangelisation is starting the scheme of 'FULL NIGHT PRAYER' on every second saturday from 9.30 pm to 5.00 am, ending with mass. It will be held in Holy Rosary Church. Kindly announce this to your people and encourage them to participate.

From 23rd to 25th October, 30 members of the commission for evangelisation volunteered a **Village Ministry at Samayanallur Parish**. Stayed in the villages, they visited the families in the substations. Our appreciation to Fr. Edward, the Parish Priest who invited and accomadated well. Any parish priest, who wants to renew their parish is welcome to approach the commission.

Rev. Fr. A. Arul, Secretary, Commission for Evangelization



6,7.11.2015	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி
14,15.11.2015	கொடைக்கானல்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
20,21.11.2015	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி
28,29.11.2015	திருவில்லிபுத்தூர்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்		

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Holy Childhood - 2015

Collection as on 24/09/2015	1,55,444.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Rayappanpatti	3,000.00

Collection as on 26/10/2015	1,63,444.00
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Holy See Collection - 2015

Collection as on 24/09/2015	64,688.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Rayappanpatti	3,200.00
Perumalmalai	1,031.00

Collection as on 26/10/2015	73,919.00
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Hunger & Disease Collecetion - 2015

Collection as on 24/09/2015	8,73,054.00
Anna Nagar	51,000.00
Rayappanpatti	17,000.00
Manalar	300.00

Collection as on 26/10/2015	9,41,354.00
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Good Friday Collection - 2015

Collection as on 24/09/2015	5,60,052.00
Anna Nagar	14,000.00
Rayappanpatti	13,000.00
Manalar	500.00

Collection as on 26/10/2015	5,87,552.00
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Vocation Sunday Collection - 2015

Collection as on 24/09/2015	70,022.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Rayappanpatti	2,900.00

Thirumangalam	1,500.00
Perumalmalai	785.00
Collection as on 26/10/2015	80,207.00

Peter's Pence - 2015

Collection as on 24/09/2015	52,332.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Bastin Nagar	5,000.00
Holy Rosary Church	3,000.00
Rayappanpatti	2,500.00
T. Sindalacherry	1,000.00
Pandian Nagar	525.00
A. Nathampatti	300.00
Collection as on 26/10/2015	69,657.00

Prison Ministry

Collection as on 24/09/2015	53,898.00
Bastin Nagar	5,000.00
Annanagar	5,000.00
Bibikulam	2,000.00
Nagamalai	1,500.00
T. Sindalacherry	1,000.00
Perumalmalai	820.00
Pandian Nagar	575.00
Melur	500.00
Nathampatti	300.00
Collection as on 26/10/2015	70,593.00

Bible Sunday

Sivakasi	10,230.00
Bastin Nagar	10,000.00
Anna Nagar	5,000.00
Palanganatham	4,000.00
Theni	3,500.00

Packiapuram	3,120.00
Holy Rosary Church	3,000.00
Railway Colony	3,000.00
Sundaranatchiapuram	2,650.00
Bibikulam	2,600.00
Samayanallur	2,600.00
Hanumanthanpatti	2,000.00
Batlagundu	2,000.00
Melur	2,000.00
Thirumangalam	1,500.00
Rajapalayam	1,500.00
R.R. Nagar	1,500.00
T. Sindalacherry	1,000.00
Ammappatti	950.00
Perumalmalai	800.00
Nilakottai	500.00
A. Nathmpatti	300.00
Matha Kovilpatti	200.00

Collection as on 26/10/2015	63,950.00
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Mission Sunday - 2015

Anjal Nagar	30,400.00
Sundaranatchiapuram	20,900.00
Thirumangalam	19,000.00
Melur	10,000.00
St. Francis Mat.Hr.Sec. School Thirumangalam	7,000.00
Rayapuram	4,500.00
Mathakovilpatti	2,500.00

Collection as on 26/10/2015	94,300.00
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KANI (Seminarians Fund)

Fr.J.E. Arul Raj DMI Foundations, Chennai	1,00,000.00
The President People Welfare Society, Perumalmalai	30,000.00
Mr. Durai Dhiviyathan, Chairman, Pudukottai	15,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest & Parishnors, Lourdhupuram	12,240.00
Archbishop's House Community	11,700.00

Fr. Parish Priest, Gnanalolivupuram	10,100.00
Sr. Maria Province, St. Anne's of Trichy (Ellis Nagar)	10,000.00
Fr. Secretary, MMSSS	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Karumathur	8,730.00
Fr. Yesu K., Pune	7,500.00
Fr. Rector, Karumathur	7,000.00
Mr. V. Anthony Samy A.C.T.O (Rtd) Annanagar	6,100.00
Mr. Julius (Mashot)	5,000.00
Laity Commission, Chennai	5,000.00
Er. Rajesh, Madurai	5,000.00
Holy Cross Hospital, Sulakkarai, Virudhunagar	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Rosary Church	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, St. Mary's Church	5,000.00
Holy Rosary Church	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Sivakasi	5,000.00
Fr. Babu Jegadeepan & Family, Uthamapalayam	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Uthamapalayam	1,400.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Railway Colony	1,000.00
Mr. Sahayaraj & Mrs. Sujatha, Nagamalai	2,000.00
St. Britto Mat. Hr.Sec. School	2,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Sengole Nagar	2,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Palangantahm	1,000.00
Mr. Santhose Rajapandi, Chokkanathanputhur	500.00
Mrs. Mary Grace, Silukkuvarpatti	200.00
Mr. Anandaraja, Terkukallikulam	140.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Perumalmalai (Bination)	100.00

Collection as on 26/10/2015 **2,83,710.00**

Mass Received From Parishes

Bastin Nagar (200 Nos)	10,000.00
Sivakasi (150 Nos)	7,500.00
Bibikulam (100 Nos)	5,000.00
Nagamalai (100 Nos)	5,000.00
Railway Colony (30 Nos)	2,100.00

Collection as on 26/10/2015 **29,000.00**

Greetings on Birthday

Fr. Santhana Sahayam	on	03.11.1981
Fr. Charles Heston J.	on	08.11.1964
Fr. Jeyabalan T.R.	on	14.11.1972
Fr. Maria Raj M.	on	21.11.1949
Fr. Paul M.	on	22.11.1966
Fr. Amala Gnana Prabhu J.	on	22.11.1983
Fr. Ignaci Arputharaj P.S.	on	27.11.1980
Fr. Peter J.	on	27.11.1986



Felicitations On Ordination Anniversary Day

Fr. Sebastine Chinnadurai	on	10.11.2013
Fr. Arul Rayan	on	18.11.2007
Fr. Muthu M.S.	on	18.11.2007
Fr. Sahayaraj A.	on	18.11.2007
Fr. Amalraj Savarimuthu sj	on	25.11.1995

Adoration Sunday

November		December	
01	Theni	06	Kavirayapuram
08	Christ the King Church, Madurai -18	13	Gnanaolivupuram
15	K. Pudur	20	T. Vadipatti
22	Melur	27	Alangulam
29	Periakulam		

Necrology

Archbishop Casimir Gnanadickam s.j	-	10.11.1993
Soosai Michael Raj D.	-	26.11.2007

