

Funeral Mass of Mrs. Sahaya Rose Benedicta,
Sister of Rev. Fr. Paul Britto



Funeral Mass of Mrs. Arulammal, Mother of Msgr. Jerome



Funeral Mass of Rev. Fr. Francis Borgia



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May the souls of the Prelates, Priests,
Religious and the Faithful Departed
Rest in Peace

**Blessing of Church at
Mannadimangalam**



Blessing at Periyakulam



Funeral Mass of Mr. T.A. Arockiam. Father of Rev. Fr. Arul



Funeral Mass of Mr. Pappuraj. Father of Rev. Fr. John Selvaraj



GREETINGS ON BIRTHDAY

Fr. Santhana Sahayam (03)

Fr. Charles Heston J. (08)

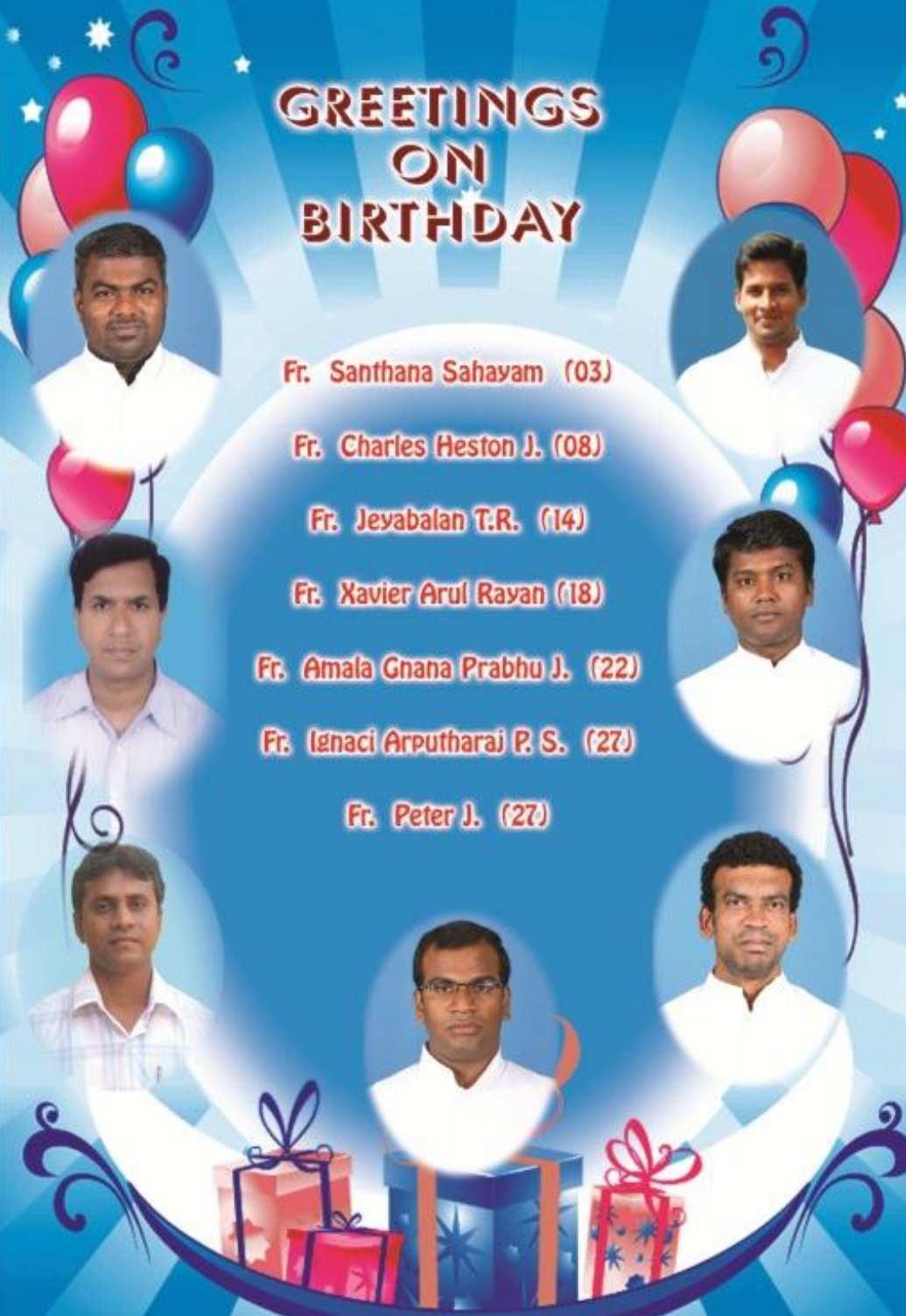
Fr. Jeyabalan T.R. (14)

Fr. Xavier Arul Rayan (18)

Fr. Amala Gnana Prabhu J. (22)

Fr. Ignaci Arputharaj P. S. (27)

Fr. Peter J. (27)



The Voice of the Pastor

My dear Fathers, sisters and brothers,

The gospel passage of Mathew chapter 8 verses from 23 to 27 reports that while Jesus was in a boat with some of his disciples, a violent storm broke out on the sea. It was so violent that the boat was almost sinking. Jesus was fast asleep, amidst the thunder, lightning, wind, waves and the frightened disciples.



It doesn't mean in any way that Jesus was free from the troubles or his sleeping indicated a lack of concern. On the contrary, his sleep is a sign of trust in His Father. Jesus was so united with his Father in love and prayer, that he knew that the Father would take care of him, no matter what was going on around him. He knew for certain that nothing could prevent God's love from extending a protecting hand.

He Knew that the storms would pass, but, not His Father's love. And that is the reason why he slept peacefully during the storm. Even when the disciples woke him up crying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing" he replied, "Why are you terrified, oh, you of little faith? He knew well that placing one's faith in the Father stills any storm. He rebuked the wind and sea and there was a great calm.

This experience should definitely have left an indelible mark in the hearts of the disciples, namely the trust Jesus had in His Father's love. Let us also pray fervently that Jesus may give us the confidence he had in the Father so that we can weather any storm that crops up in our life and also help others to calm their life when they are in troubles.

May God bless you all!

Your loving Archbishop

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

Pope's General Prayer Intention

Universal prayer intention : Artificial Intelligence. We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

- இலக்கு :** நுகர்வு வெறி மற்றும் மேம்போக்கான தனிமனிதவாதம் ஆகிய நோய்க்கூறுகளை எதிர்க்க. (கி.வா 174)
- நோக்கு :** சாதி, மத வேற்றுமைகள் கலைந்து சமத்துவ சமூகம் படைக்கும் இளைஞராக (கி.வா 172,174,235)
- சீர்தூக்கு :** கிறிஸ்துவால் மாற்றப்பட நம்மை நாமே அனுமதிப்போம் (கி.வா 282)

இம்மாதம் ஜீழாக் கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

1. க்ரீஸ்து அரசர் ஆலயம், மேலூர் - நவம்பர் 24
2. உலக மீட்பர் ஆலயம், தேனி - நவம்பர் 24
3. க்ரீஸ்து அரசர் ஆலயம், லீனாங்குடி - நவம்பர் 24

இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும், துறவறத்தாருக்கும்
இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துகளும் ஜெபங்களும்.

+ பேராயர் அந்தோனி பப்பசாம

HAPPY FEAST

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

- Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo (SCB) - 4th November
Sons of Merciful Love (FAM) - 20th November
Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary (PBVM) - 21st November
Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation of Mary (FSPM) - 21st November

Archbishop's Engagements

02	Mon	M	All Souls Day, St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai
06	Fri	M	Blessing of the Church, Kalpothu
08	Sun	E	Awarding Ceremony, Matha T.V., Koodal Nagar
09	Mon	M	Online Monthly Recollection
10-11			CBCI Standing Committee -Virtual Meeting
13	Fri	M	TNCRI Annual Assembly - Virtual Meeting
17	Tue	M	Sathangai- General Body Meeting, Koodal Nagar
		E	Farewell to Nuncio- Virtual Meeting
18	Wed	E	Blessing of the Renovated Sanctuary, Kathakinaru
21	Sat	M	Months Mind Mass, Arianelloor
24	Tue	M	Chrism Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai
		E	Tamil Nadu Trust Act- Virtual Meeting
26	Thu	M	Nuptial Blessing, Virudunagar
27-03			Apostolic Administrator's Visit to Kuzhithurai Diocese
04	Fri	M	Nuptial Blessing, Amsam, Trichy

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

Please Note

1. **Changes in Plenary Indulgence for Praying for the Deceased and Prayer at the Cemetery this year:**

a) Considering the request the Holy See has issued Decrees on Plenary Indulgence which says " the usual Plenary Indulgence, one will obtain *throughout the Month* of November 2020, if one visits the cemetery and pray for the departed ones.



Even if one *prays mentally* also the same indulgence will one obtain, says the Decree.

b) Also the plenary indulgence, which one obtains, when praying for the Departed Souls at the Church with the Prayers, i) Our Father ii) the Creed on All Souls Day, can also be obtained this year, if one prays on these following days namely on a) All Saints Day, b) or the following Sunday (8th), or any other day of November freely chosen by the individual Faithful.

C) The elderly and the sick, who cannot visit a Church or Oratory, can obtain this Indulgence by praying and reciting prayers such as

Rosary and Divine Mercy Rosary before the Statue of Jesus or Mother Mary. But once they are able to visit the Church they have to fulfil the usual conditions for plenary indulgence, namely, i) Holy Mass ii) Sacramental Confession and iii) Praying for the intention of the Holy Father.



d) As usual the Priests are earnestly requested to offer three Masses for the Departed Souls. They obtain special grace by administering Sacrament of Confession and Communion to the Sick. The original Decree is published at this issue.

2. **Month of Souls in Purgatory:** Kindly instruct your parishioners to pray for the Souls departed throughout this month, November.
3. **Mass for the Prelates and Priests:** All the priests of the Archdiocese are asked to celebrate during November One Mass with participation of the Faithful for all the **Deceased Prelates and the Priests** of the Archdiocese of Madurai.
4. **The Congregation for the Evangelization of the Peoples** instructs all the priests of the Mission Countries to celebrate One Mass in November for the **Souls of the Benefactors**. Kindly fulfil this Obligation.

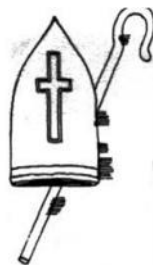


5. **Monthly Online Recollection and Requiem Mass for the Prelates of Priests Departed** will be held on **9th November, Monday**. The **Online Recollection** will, as usual, start at 10:30 am., at which time His Grace will deliver a Recollection Talk followed by Adoration at Bishop's House Chapel. All the Fathers are to participate at the Recollection **online**.

Bearing the pandemic situation, all the Fathers in the Archdiocese are asked to celebrate Requiem Mass at their respective churches for the deceased prelates, priests and religious of the Archdiocese.

6. **Chrism Mass:** The Chrism Mass which we could not celebrate during the Holy Week this year, will be celebrated by His Grace on 24th, Tuesday at 6.30 am, at Our Lady of Dolours Cathedral Church, St. Mary's. Only the Bishop's House Community Fathers and the Seven Vicar Foranes will participate. All the Fathers can collect the Holy Oils at Bishop House at their convenient time.

7. **New Encyclical Letter:** On 3rd October 2020, Holy Father Francis has issued a new (social) Encyclical Letter **Fratelli Tutti**, which focusses on Fraternity and Social Friendship. The Other Roman



Documents of his Pontificate are the following: i) *Lumen fidei*, E.L. (2013), ii) *Evangelii gaudium*, A.E. (2013), iii) *Laudato si*, E.L (2015), vi) *Amoris laetitia*, A.E. (2016) and v) *Gaudete et exsultate*, A.E. (2018). This Papal document focuses on human solidarity and charity, following the model of the Good Samaritan, towards one's own neighbor, who is in global health emergency. In continuation to the Document, "**Document**

on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together" which the Holy Father signed with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyib, on interreligious dialogue, on 4th October 2019 in Abu Dhabi, here the Pontiff invites the whole world to take care of the neighbor and the world which is in need of Fraternity and Social Solidarity. The Encyclical has 288 footnotes which shows the enormity of the Work.

8. **Congratulations:** DNL congratulates the following Fathers for their construction contribution to the Archdiocese of Madurai.

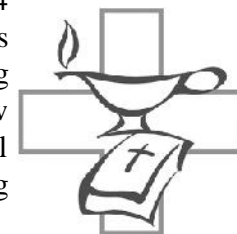
i) **Fr. Maria Michael** for renovating St. Joseph's Church, Kondamari of Christ the King Church, which was blessed by Msgr. J. Jeyaraj, the former VG on 09-2020.

ii) **Fr. Jai Joseph** for erecting Flag Pole and Stations of the Cross at the campus of Infant Jesus Church, Usilampatti, which His Grace blessed on 9th October 2020.

iii) **Fr. Louis** for renovating the whole Church and the Sanctuary, Shrine of Our Lady of Veilankanni, Anna Nagar, which was blessed by His Grace on 11th October 2020

iv) **Fr. Edward Francis** for constructing a School building at Samayanallur and a Church at Mannadimangalam, Samayanallur parish, which were blessed by His Grace on 16th October.

v) **Fr. Jegani Vasakar** for i) purchasing 14 and ½ cents of land for 1,40,000,00 rupees (contribution of the Parishioners) for building a Community Hall, ii) constructing a new Marian Grotto iii) erecting a New Paul Arangam and iv) the renovation of the Ceiling at St. Paul's Church, Bastian Nagar.



9. **Deep Condolences:** DNL expresses its deep condolences to the Family members of **Rev. Fr. Francis Borgia** who passed away on **26th October 2020** after a three years period of medical treatment for various illness. The Funeral Mass was officiated by Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy at 3.00 pm., on 27th October at Bishop's House chapel with a large attendance of the Presbyterium and the Faithful. May the soul of Fr. Borgia rest in Peace. All the priests are reminded to offer three Requiem Masses for our Brother Priest's soul to reach the heavenly abode. May the soul of Fr. Francis Borgia rest in peace. An account of Priestly life and Ministry of Fr. Borgia is published at this issue.

10. **Condolences: i)** DNL expresses its deep condolences to **Fr. John Selvaraj** over the bereavement of his beloved Father, *Mr. Maria Pappuraj*, aged 89, who passed away on 9th October 2020. The Funeral Mass was officiated by Fr. John Selvaraj in the presence of Msgr. Jerome Eronimus, the Vicar General on 12th October 2020 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Arianallur with a large number of participation of the Clergy. May the soul of Mr. Maria Pappuraj rest in peace.

ii) DNL expresses its deep condolences to **Fr. Arul** over the bereavement of his beloved Father, *Mr. T.A. Arockiam*, aged 89, who passed away on 15th October 2020. The Funeral Mass was officiated by Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy on 16th October 2020 at St. Joseph's Church, Soosaiapparpattinam with a large number of participation of the Clergy. May the soul of Mr. T.A. Arockiam rest in peace.

iii) DNL expresses its deep condolences to **Msgr. Jerome Eronimus** over the bereavement of his beloved Mother, *Mrs. Arulammal*, aged 92, who passed away on 26th October 2020. The Funeral Mass was officiated by Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy on 27th October 2020 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Anjal Nagar with a large number of participation of the Clergy. May the soul of Mrs. Arulammal rest in peace.

11. **Suspension Notice:** Rev. Fr. Kingly MMI, the Provincial Superior of MMI announces that Fr. Savariraj Arputharaj from Pulial parish of Sivagangai Diocese is suspended from priestly ministries by the Congregation MMI. Hence one is not supposed to invite the suspended for any priestly ministries at a parish or our Institution.

**Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on
Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful
in the current pandemic[23.10.2020]**

This year, in the current circumstances due to the "Covid-19" pandemic, the Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful will be extended throughout the entire month of November, with

adaptation of works and conditions to guarantee the safety of the faithful.

This Apostolic Penitentiary has received many petitions from holy Pastors who have asked that this year, due to the "Covid-19" epidemic, pious works be commuted in order to obtain the Plenary Indulgences applicable to souls in Purgatory, in accordance with the Manual of Indulgences (conc. 29, § 1). For this reason, the Apostolic Penitentiary, on the special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis, willingly establishes and decides that this year, in order to avoid gatherings where they are forbidden:

a.- the Plenary Indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased, even if only mentally, normally established only on the individual days from 1 to 8 November, may be transferred to other days of the same month, until its end. These days, freely chosen by the individual believers, may also be separate from each other;

b- the Plenary Indulgence of 2 November, established on the occasion of the Commemoration of all the deceased faithful for those who piously visit a church or oratory and recite the "Our Father" and the "Creed" there, may be transferred not only to the Sunday before or after or on the day of the Solemnity of All Saints, but also to another day of the month of November, freely chosen by the individual faithful.

The elderly, the sick and all those who for serious reasons cannot leave their homes, for example because of restrictions imposed by the competent authority in this time of the pandemic, in order to prevent numerous faithful from crowding into the holy places, will be able to obtain the Plenary Indulgence as long as they join spiritually with all the other faithful, completely detached from sin and with the intention of complying as soon as possible with the three usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, recite pious prayers for the deceased, for example, Lauds and Vespers of the Office of the Dead, the Marian Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, other prayers for the deceased dearest to the faithful, or occupy themselves in considered reading of one of the Gospel passages proposed by the liturgy of the deceased, or perform a work of mercy by offering to God the sorrows and hardships of their own lives.

For an easier attainment of divine grace through pastoral charity, this Penitentiary earnestly prays that all priests with the appropriate faculties offer themselves with particular generosity to the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and administer Holy Communion to the sick.

However, as far as the spiritual conditions for fully achieving the Indulgence are concerned, it is worth recalling the indications already issued in the “Note on the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the current pandemic” issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary on 19 March 2020.

Finally, since the souls in Purgatory are assisted by the prayers of the faithful and especially by the sacrifice of the Altar to God (cf. Conc. Tr. Sess. XXV, decr. *De Purgatorio*), all priests are strongly invited to celebrate Holy Mass three times on the day of the Commemoration of all the deceased faithful, in accordance with the Apostolic Constitution “*Incruentum Altaris*”, issued by Pope Benedict XV, of venerable memory, on 10 August 1915.

This Decree is valid throughout the entire month of November, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 22 October 2020, memorial of Saint John Paul II.

-Maurus Card. Piacenza, *Paenitentiarius Maior*
- Christophorus Nykiel, *Regens*

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



07,08.11.2020	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
21,22.11.2020	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
28,29.11.2020	திருவில்லிபுத்தூர்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்		

Necrology

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



May the soul of **REV. FR. FRANCIS BORGIA**

Rest in Peace - 26-10-2020



I. Bio-Data

Date of Birth	-	10-10-1961
Place of Birth	-	Royappanpatti
Baptism	-	15-10-1961, Royappanpatti
Confirmation	-	21-11-1972
Ordination	-	06-04-1997

II. The Family

Parents	-	Mr. T. A. Saleth
	-	Mrs. Salethammal

Brothers & Sisters

1. Mr. Sagaya Joseph	-	Brother
2. Mr. Soosai Raj	-	Brother
3. Mrs. Alphonsa Mary	-	Sister
4. Mr. Arulanand	-	Brother
5. Mr. Diraviam Arockiasamy	-	Brother
6. Mr. Diaz Prabhu	-	Brother



III. The Study - Secular

Primary Education: 1967-71	-	St. Aloysius, Royappanpatti
Middle School, 1972-1974	-	“ “ “
High School, - 1974 -1978	-	“ “ “
ITI : 1979 - 1981	-	St. Joe Tech Institute
CTI : 1987 - 1988	-	Guindy

Ecclesiastical Studies

Salesian Brother, Chennai	-	1983 - 1988
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Regency:

Justin Students' Home, Gnanaolivupuram	-	1989 - 1990
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Philosophy, Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee - 1990 - 1992
 Theology, Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee - 1992-1996
Diaconate Ministry:
 Infant Jesus Church, Kavirayapuram - 1996 -97

Ordination - 06-04-1997



IV. Clerical Ministries

Assistant Parish Priest, Srivilliputhur - 1997 - 1998
 Asst. P.P., Gnanaolivupuram - 1998 - 1999
 Principal & Correspondent, ITI, Nilakottai - 1999 - 2000
 Parish Priest, Nilakottai - 2000 - 2001
 Parish Priest, Natham - 2001 - 2003
 Parish Priest, Kamalapuram - 2003 - 2004
 Parish Priest, Thiruthangal - 2004 - 2009
 Parish Priest, New Ellis Nagar - 2009 - 2014
 Parish Priest, Melur - 2014 - 2017
 Medical Rest, Bishop's House - 2017 - 2020
 Heavenly Journey - 26 - 10 - 2020

V. Special Charism

Social Work
 Youth Animation and Children Animation



VI. Construction & Contribution

Novena Book of St. Antony, Thiruthangal
 Novena Book of St. Sebastian, Ellis Nagar
 I Floor, 5 Class Rooms, R. C. School, Natham
 Bell Tower, Thiruthangal
 School Building, Krishnaperi, Thiruthangal
 Study Center, New Ellis Nagar
 St. Antony's Church, New Ellis Nagar

“நன்று, நம்பிக்கைக்குரிய நல்ல பணியாளரே, சிறிய பொறுப்புகளில் நம்பிக்கைக்கு உரியவராயிருந்தீர். எனவே பெரிய பொறுப்புகளில் உம்மை அமர்த்துவேன். உம் தலைவனாகிய எம் மகிழ்ச்சியில் நீரும் வந்து பங்குகொள்ளும் “ (மத் 25, 21).

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2020 TO 25.10.2020

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					
2	Alankulam	2350				
3	Ammapatty	500	500			
4	Anjal Nagar	1500		22860		
5	Anna Nagar	20300				
6	Aruppukottai					
7	Ayravathanallur	2395				
8	Bastin Nagar	13000				
9	Batlagundu	3500				
10	Bibikulam	7825				
11	Bodinayakanur	500	1000			
12	Chinnamanur	500				
13	Cumbum	1310				
14	Devadanam					
15	Ellis Nagar	17103				
16	Gnanaolivupuram					
17	Hanumanthanpatty					
18	Holy Rosary Church	4000	3000	30000	2000	2000
19	Iyyampalayam	400		1200		
20	K. Pudur					
21	Kadachanendal	2000				
22	Kadamalaikundu					
23	Kalladipatti					
24	Kariapatty	1200				
25	Karumathur	1500				
26	Kavirayapuram	3560				
27	Kottur	2000				
28	Lourdupuram	420				
29	Megamalai					
30	Mangalamkombu					
31	M. Meenatchiapuram	2470				
32	Mathankovilpatti	1500				
33	Marianus Nagar	2000				
34	Meenmpatti	3200				
35	Melur	1500				

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St. Peter's Pence 05/07/20	Communication 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
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36	Melakovilpatti	1800				
37	Michaelpalayam	1000	1000			
38	Munjikkal					
39	Murugathuranpatti	3371		9300		
40	Nagamalai	8000		70000		
41	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	13000	2000	1000
42	Nilakottai					
43	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)					
44	Othaiyal	1200				
45	Packiapuram	16328		50555		
46	Packianathapuram					
47	Palanganatham	7000		15000		
48	Pandian Nagar	1600	1500	2600	4000	1800
49	Periyakulam	1300				
50	Perumalmai					
51	R.R. Nagar	5000	500	5000	500	500
52	Railway Colony	2200				
53	Rajapalayam	1600				
54	Rayappanpatti	8000	3500			
55	Rayapuram					
56	Samayanallur	5000	3000	50150	10000	5000
57	Sattur					
58	Shenbaganur					
59	Sengole Nagar	2000	2000	10000	1000	2000
60	Sempatti Mission					
61	Silukkuvarpatty					
62	Sivakasi	12500	12500	36500	22500	14100
63	Srivilliputhur	8000				
64	St. Mary's Cathedral					
65	Sundaranatchiapuram					
66	T. Sindalacherry					
67	T. Vadipatti Shrine					
68	Theni	4800				
69	Thirumangalam					
70	Thirunagar	2050				

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS -01.02.2020 TO 25.10.2020						
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 10/02/20	Holy See 22/03/20	Hunger Disease 09/04/20	Good Friday 10/04/20	Vocation Sunday 03/05/20
71	Thiruthangal	10050				
72	Thummuchinampatty	800				
73		2000				
74		4460				
75						
76		9500		48300		
77						
78		1000	1000			
79		1000				
	Total	219092	32500	364465	42000	26400
Contribution for Corona Virus Relief						
From the Priests working in our Parishes and Institutions						
Opening Balance as on 26.09.2020				5,35,000.00		
Fr. Gabriel, Palanganatham				5,000.00		
Collection as on 25.10.2020				5,40,000.00		
Mass Received From Parishes						
Sivakasi (200 Masses)					20,000.00	
Total					20,000.00	
ஏநாபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்						
புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வதற்காக தாராள மனதடன் உதவும் உள்ளங்கள்						
Opening Balance as on 26.08.2020				28,93,971.58		
Saint Alphonsus Congregation, U.S.A.				10,33,884.00		
(Through Fr. Britto Raja Suresh)				10,33,884.00		
Collection as on 25.09.2020				39,27,855.58		

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2020 TO 25.10.2020

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
			2000				
			6000				
21400	9200	12300	56312	241100			

From the Procurator's Desk

Dear Rev. Fathers,

- Fr. S. Peter Roy, Procurator

Adoration Sunday

November		December	
01	Periakulam	06	Kariapatti
08	Nilakottai	13	Ellis Nagar
15	Samayanallur	20	Railway Colony
22	Aruppukottai	27	Sattur
29	Silukkuvarpatti		



KANI (Seminarians Fund)

Opening Balance as on 25.09.2020	45,43,987.07
Fr. Parish Priest, Anna Nagar, Madurai	40,000.00
Little Flower Provincialate, Viralipatti, Dindigul	30,000.00
TVS Export, Head Office, Madurai	25,000.00
Maria Arputhammal, Gnanaolivupuram	14,000.00
Mr. Antony Raj, Gnanaolivupuram	12,000.00
Viyakula Selvi, Gnanaolivupuram	11,000.00
Mr. Michael Arul Rayan & Packia Selvi, Gnanaolivupuram	11,000.00
Fr. Parish Pries, Samayanallur	10,000.00
Ambrose Jeyaraj, Bastin Nagar	10,000.00
V.F. Amal Raj, Bastin Nagar	10,000.00
Mr. Arumainathan, Gnanaolivupuram	9,000.00
R.C. Middle School, P. Chettiyapatti	8,000.00
Mary, Gnanaolivupuram	4,000.00
Kalaiarasi Paul, Gnanaolivupuram	4,000.00
Mr. Y. Kummanan, Gnanaolivupuram	3,000.00
Mr. Lawrence Rosario, Usilampatti	1,000.00
Nirmala Santhalingam, Usilampatti	1,000.00
Parish Priest, Meenampatti	1,000.00
Mr. Amala Doss, Bastin Nagar	1,000.00
G. Usha Bernadett	1,000.00
Mr. Jeyaraj, P. Chettipatti	500.00
P. Gnanapackiam, Arasaradi, Madurai	500.00
	47,50,987.07
Add:	
Bank Interest Amount - 35,122.00	35,122.00
	47,86,109.07
Less :	
Payment for St. Paul's Seminary - 50,000.00	
Bank SMS Charge - 0.45	
	50,000.45
Closing Balance as on 25.10.2020	47,36,108.62
Cash in Hand - 21,000.00	
Cash at Bank - 47,15,108.62	
	47,36,108.62

Historical Notes – Madura Mission

XXXVIII. The Saintly Prelate

This issue once again takes the readers to the reign of Most Rev. Leonard SJ, the first Archbishop of Madurai. In the early sixties the priests who were with His Grace, Archbishop Leonard at Bishop's House were Fr. P. C. Thomas, the Canonist, Fr. Allard SJ, the spiritual Father, Fr. Menezes SJ, the Procurator and Fr. Irudayam, the Vicar General. Adjacent to the Bishop's House was existing St. Peter's Minor Seminary where Fr. Dhanasamy was the Rector. Frs. Pudumai and P.C. Thomas were teaching and forming the local Seminarians.

Archbishop Leonard is a **saintly Prelate** who is indeed a great Gift of God to the Archdiocese. Fr. Jeganathan, one of the veteran priests of the Archdiocese shares that when he was studying in at St. Peter's Seminary in 1965 like all the other Seminarians he used to admire the sanctity of the Archbishop. People could witness the light on his room a. 3.00 or 4.00 am during which time His Grace will be preparing himself to pray before the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel. When the Seminarians arrive for Mass at Bishop's House chapel at 5:30 am, there already the Archbishop would have been immersed in prayer on his kneel stand, in total communion with God. Every Wednesday the Seminarians go for Confession to Rev. Fr. Allard SJ, the spiritual Father. Together with the Seminarians, the Saintly Prelate also would be standing in queue. When he would be earnestly requested to go in front, the Prelate would gently not accept that offer and continue to stand in queue to make his confession like any other Seminarian.

He is also a man of punctuality. In order to know the exact time, 12.00 am., one need to wait for the click sound of Archbishop's door, at which time he will regularly go for *Visit to the Blessed Sacrament* and *Examination of Conscience*.

He is not only known for his deep spiritual life but also for manual labor. The incident goes like this. Once as usual the Archbishop, in his gardening attire, was tilling the ground with pick axe and spade. A villager who came to see the Archbishop entered directly into the Bishop's House and found this gardener and told him that he had come to see the Archbishop. The gardener asked him to wait in the parlour for some

time and assured him that the Archbishop would meet him. When Msgr. Leonard came back to the parlour with his Episcopal dress, the villager was in surprise to see the same gardener as the Archbishop. Such is the example and model that His Grace left behind for the priests of the Archdiocese of Madurai.

When he used to go for Pastoral Visit to villages, the Bishop's House car would fetch His Grace to the Village and His Grace would send the vehicle back for the work of Bishop's House Fathers. He will tell the local parish priest, "I am your Assistant. Wherever you ask me to go I will go, and whatever plan you have for me I will fulfill." Thus the Prelate will travel by Bullock Cart or by whatever means arranged for his travel. One thing is certain that he will get up at 4.00 am for prayer after a bath. Fr. Jeganathan remembers that when once the Prelate told the P.P. of Kokoorani with whom he was staying during pastoral visit, that he would take bath at 4.30 am. But the alarm clock could not wake up the tired Parish priest the next morning. It was 5.30 am. So the P.P. hastened and prepared the pond water by churning and purifying with *Thethankottai*. When he approached the Prelate with the purified water he saw to his amazement that the Prelate had already finished his bath. It was shared that the Archbishop did not want to disturb the parish priest and therefore he used the muddy water whatever was available in the bath room for him to refresh. Simple and saintly Prelates are the greater treasures for the Archdiocese of Madurai.

The area of E.B. Office adjacent to Bishop's House upto the Race Course was once a Kanmay (pond). Bishop's House Road, which we donated to the public use, was also called Kanmaykarai road. When once Jallikattu was going on at this kanmaykarai area, a wild bull somehow found way into the Bishop's House campus making everybody panicky. At that time of his prayer, His Grace, who was disturbed, came out to see the cause of commotion and perceiving the situation gestured to the wild bull to stop and to everyone's amazement the bull returned to its owner, says Fr. Jeganathan. A man, a lover of Nature, and who could even talk to the Nature! Long live the glorious name of the first Prelate of the Archdiocese of Madurai, Most Rev. John Peter Leonard!

(to be continued)

– Fr. Jodir.