



Annual Retreat



Matha TV 6th General Meeting



Mother Noemi's Funeral



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*Joyous 69th Birthday Greetings to His Grace*

*Many More Happy Returns of this Day 01.10.2018 Ad multos annos!!*

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



*Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy (01)*

*Fr. Gandhi Savarimuthu P. (02)*

*Fr. Francis Borgia S. (10)*

*Fr. Vinod Mathias T. (11)*

*Fr. Maria Prabhu R. (13)*

*Fr. Arul Rayan S. (20)*

*Fr. Maria Arul Selvam D. (22)*

*Fr. David Arockiam A. (24)*

*Fr. Alex Gnanaraj A. (24)*

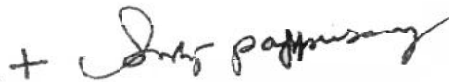
# The Voice of the Pastor

My dear fathers, brothers and sisters,

Love is beautiful. When we love others we experience not only joy but also hurt. Then we are tempted to think that it is better not to love. But when we reflect on the love-hurt it reminds us that we are made for love. We are to love God and human persons and the only way for us to grow is to love. In spite of the pain, hurts and wounds we are bound to love others if we want to grow and be happy. At times we may experience love-pain in an intensive way. But let us look at the example of Christ. He came to the world to love. He did not flinch nor revenge. He did not abandon loving when it was painful to do so. Here lies the beauty of his life. One thing we must remember that God did not spare His only Son but gave Him to the salvation of all of us only out of love. If such a gift of Jesus was given to us by God, He will never refuse anything he could give. If that is the case can anything come between us and the love of Christ even in the troubled times, or worries that bother us or lack of food and clothes or the times of persecution and attacks. Be sure that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ (cfr. Rom. 8/31-39). Hence let us make every effort to love others whatever pain or hurt that comes on our way in our experience of love.

May God bless you all abundantly.

Your loving Archbishop,



+ Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy  
Archbishop of Madurai



## பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

சிந்திக்க: 'இளைஞர்கள் தம் நடத்தையை மாசற்றதாய்க் காத்துக்கொள்வது எவ்வாறு? உம் வாக்கைக் கடைப்பிடிப்பதால் அன்றோ?' [திப 119:9]

செபிக்க: இரூபால் துறவியர் தங்கள் பாதுகாப்பு வளையங்களைவிட வெளியேறி, எளியோர், ஓரங்கடடப்படோர், மற்றும் குரவற்றோர் நமவில் உடனிருக்க.

செயல்பட: நம் இவ்வங்களில் வாழும் இளவல்களுக்கு உற்சாகம் தர.

## இம்மாதம் விழா கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

1. செயமாலை மாதா ஆலயம், மதுரை - அக்டோபர் 07
2. செயமாலை மாதா ஆலயம், நிறைவாழ்வு நகர் - அக்டோபர் 07
3. குழந்தை இயேசு ஆலயம், உசிலம்பட்டி - அக்டோபர் 15
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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.

Order of Friar Minors (OFM)	- 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Order of Friar Minor Capuchins (OFM- Cap)	- 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi (SFA)	- 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph (FSJ)	- 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)	- 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Franciscan of St. Mary of the Angels (FSMA)	- 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Franciscan Sisters of the Destitute (FSD)	- 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi (OSF)	- 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Claretian Missionaries (CMF)	- 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Servants of Charity (SDC)	- 24 <sup>th</sup> October

# Archbishop's Engagements

1	Mon	M	Archbishop's Birthday E Blessing of R.C Mahal, Gnaanaolivupuram
2	Tue	M	Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Oriyur
4	Thu	E	Silver Jubilee celebration, Saranalayam
5	Fri	M	RTU Mass, Batlagundu E Feast Mass, Niraivalvunagar
6	Sat	M	Golden Jubilee Mass, Justin's B.ED. College
7	Sun	M	MASHOT Meeting, NPC, K. Pudur E Feast Mass, Holy Rosary Church
8	Mon	M	Blessing of Fuscus Convent, Rayappanpatti
9	Tue	M	Senate Meeting, Bishop's House, K. Pudur E Mass, Holy Cross Convent, Paravai
12	Fri	E	Blessing of Bridge, Niraivalvunagar
13	Sat	E	Feast Mass, Usilampatti
14	Sun	M	Mass, Sacred Heart Nursing College, Dindigul E Feast Mass, Kavirayapuram
15	Mon	M	General Body Meeting of MMSSS
16	Tue	M	Diamond Jubilee Mass, St. Joseph's Mat. School, Madurai
18	Thu	E	Installation of Lay Ministers, Cathedral, Palayamkottai
20	Sat	M	Silver Jubilee Mass, Carmel Convent, Kodaikanal
21	Sun	M	Celebration, St. Joseph's Social Welfare Movement, Gnaanaolivupuram
23	Tue	M	Commission Secretaries Meeting, NPC, K. Pudur E Britto School, Gnaanaolivupuram
25	Thu	E	Blessing of Pilgrim Centre, Karuthapillayur
26	Fri	E	Blessing of R.C. School, A. Nathampatti
27	Sat	E	Jubilee Mass, Monfort School, Trichy
28	Sun	M	Confirmation, Palanganatham
29	Mon	E	Releasing of CD, NPC, Madurai
30	Tue	M	Annual General Body Meeting of Sathangai society

\* 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).

## Pope's General Intention for October 2018:

Evangelization: **The Mission of Religious**

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

### Please Note

1. **Annual Pilgrimage 2018:** The Archdiocesan Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Martyr, St. John De Britto, Oriyur will be held, as per our Archdiocesan tradition, on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 (**Tuesday**). The Prayer service will start at 10:00 am., and the Archbishop, with the concelebration of the *Presbyterium*, will celebrate the Solemn Pilgrim Mass at 11:00 am.





2. **Happy Birthday to His Grace:** In one jubilous voice, the *Presbyterium*, the Religious and the Laity of the Archdiocese of Madurai ring out their joy to greet the Archbishop, a 'Happy Birthday'. We wish many more happy returns of this Day, the **1<sup>st</sup> of October, the Feast Day of St. Teresa of Lissieux**, the Patron of Archbishop's House.



3. October, the **Month of Rosary** is to be celebrated with fervent prayers to our Blessed Mother. Parish Priests and Heads of Institutions are to motivate their people and the inmates to offer daily Rosaries in October for the well-being of the Archdiocese and for a sincere General Election in 2019.



4. **Quarterly Account** is to be submitted soon to the Procurator.
5. **Gratitude:** The Archdiocese expresses its deep sentiments of gratitude to Rev. Fr. Suresh Pushparaj C.S.s.R, the Retreat Preacher, and Fr. Johnson, the Director of Retreat Center, Veilankanni for the Accommodation.

6. **Mission Sunday** falls on 21<sup>st</sup> October. Kindly announce it on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> inst. As our Archdiocese has been, for many years, receiving help from Pontifical Mission Societies, it is our turn to help the poor people around the world. So the Archbishop invites all the Parish Priests, and Heads of Institutions to procure a good collection for Mission Sunday and to remit it immediately at Procurator's Office. 
7. The **Vicar Foranes** are invited to discuss with Vicariate priests on allotting the **Projects for Holy Childhood and Propagation of Faith** to different parishes in need of dire help. The Orphanages and Boardings are to submit the Report of previous year projects with vouchers and Bills and could submit the annual projects. For further information contact Fr. Secretary, the Project Co-ordinator.
8. As we have Annual Pilgrimage in October there will not be a common Monthly Recollection.
9. The **New Senate Meeting** will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> Oct., Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., at our Conference Hall in which meeting a new Senate Secretary also will be elected. 

## THE ANNUAL CRI OFFICIALS MEETING

The Annual CRI Officials Meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Archbishop's House at 10:30 am. The Meeting was presided over by the Archbishop in which meeting thirty members participated. Three Officials, (President, Secretary and Treasurer) from each CRI (7 CRI Units) and other office bearers of the Core TEAM, namely Rev. Dr. Flora SJL, Rev. Dr. Lowrencia SAC, Rev. Fr. Maria Nathan SJ, Rev. Fr. John Kennedy CSsR, Rev. Bro. Delphine SHJ participated. The general theme of Annual Meeting was “*Our Collective RESPONSE Towards the General Election 2019 in order to Protect the Rights of the Poor, the Farmers, the Tribals, the Minorities and the Women.*”

The Meeting was co-ordinated by Rev. Dr. John Diraviam, the Episcopal Vicar for the Religious. The Meeting had two parts, namely i) the Annual Report of 2017-2018 by each CRI and ii) the Annual Plan of 2018 – 2019 of each CRI.

The Meeting began with the prayer service conducted by Bro. Delphine and SHJ Brothers with a power point presentation. After which the Vicar General, Msgr. J. Jeyaraj welcomed the members of the Meeting. In his address he appreciated very much the presence and the ministry of the Religious in the Archdiocese of Madurai exercised under the abled leadership of the Archbishop. He too pointed out the grave situation of the coming general election. Sr. Amala Rani CIC, President of Madurai City CRI, honoured the Archbishop with the shawl and the V.G. was honoured by Sr. Savariammal, Treasurer, Madurai West CRI.

The Minutes of the last year Annual Meeting was read out by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Lowrencia *in absentia*. Each CRI Unit submitted the report of Annual Report and the Annual Plan for the coming Year. Madurai City Unit and Srivilliputhur Unit used power point presentations too to throw more light on the report and activities. The report and the annual plan of the 7 CRI Units (i) Madurai City CRI ii) Madurai West CRI iii) Theni CRI iv) Batlagundu CRI v) Kodaikanal CRI vi) Srivilliputhur CRI vii) Virudunagar CRI as follows:

### Madurai City:

Fr. Jeyaseelan S.J., the Secretary, presented the Report of 2017-18. In July 2017 the CRI had the first meeting with the theme “Spirituality of Families”. In the meeting it was decided to render helping hand to different homes that the religious are running in the Archdiocese. The second meeting was held on 14-10-2017 at Nobili Pastoral Center presided by Archbishop. There were cultural programmes in which Fr. Anandam, the Director, gave prizes to the participants. Christmas preparation was discussed in the meeting. On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017, the third meeting was held. To show our solidarity the Madurai city Unit went to Leprosy rehabilitation center at Achampatti on 6-1-2018. The needed things for inmates such as sarees, toilet articles and dresses were distributed with a sumptuous dinner to all. On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 the fourth meeting was held at LTI on the theme of Being in Connection with Christ. During the

Lenten season on 11-3-2018 and 12-3-2018, 53 religious went on a pilgrimage to Pondicherry and prayed at Konankuppam, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Valliyoor, Genma Rakhini Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church.

Next the Annual Programme for 2018-2019 was submitted. On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the meeting was conducted at St. Mary's. The focus was on **Ariathua** (Not Hidutva, by which term the majority of Hindu brethren will be polarized) which is posing a threat to the next General Election. It is a crucial election. Therefore in order to foster and safeguard secularism, tolerance, unity in diversity, minority rights etc. and to fight against rising anti- democratic and anti-constitutional onslaught by RSS the CRI planned to conduct Seminars for Teachers of our educational institutions. The need of the hour is the consolidation of Christian votes. 25 volunteers have come forward to speak to the Teachers for half a day in our Schools. In order to decide the *modus operandi* a meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at LTI and Fr. Antony Packiam gave an inspiring talk on the importance of General Election in relation to the threat of Modi India. Hence this year's activities will be focused on the General Elections. The Treasurer, Sr. Janet read out the Finance Report.

#### Madurai West

The Report was read out by Fr. Valentine SMA and the financial report was submitted by Sr. Savariammal the Treasurer. *The Report:* The first meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at SMA house, Karumattur. Due to transfers of some office bearers, Fr. Valentine SMA and Sr. Savariammal were elected as Secretary and Treasurer. Fr. Henry Jerome spoke on the theme, "The Challenges posed by the Hindu Religious Fundamentalists". Not all the Hindus are fundamentalists, it was focused to all the members. The second Meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Diraviam Hall, Arulanandar College. At this Christmas Get-Together most of the religious participated and presented their talents through enacting drama, singing, dances etc. This Christmas Meeting was presided by Fr. John Diraviam, EVR and Sr. Amala Rani, the city Unit President. On 25-2-2018 one day recollection was conducted to the professed members and Sr. Antony Xavier CIC, the Superior General

conducted the recollection in which she explained about the religious life. On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 a recollection was conducted for Formees and the Non Professed members of all religious congregations ( around 27 Congregations in Karumattur region) at Arulanandar College. Fr. Antony Inigo SJ conducted the session on the theme "*interiorizing and exteriorizing the values of Christ*".

On 5<sup>th</sup> the CRI officials participated in the Annual CRI Officials Meeting at Archbishop's House. On 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 the Officials met our beloved Archbishop and obtained New Year Blessings.

**Plan for 2018 – 2019:** The CRI will have a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018 on the theme " Safeguarding Minors and vulnerable adults in our Institution and in the Places of Ministry." The second Meeting will be held on Nov. 18, 2018 on the theme of "Religious Challenges in Indian Situation". On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 the meeting will have the theme "The Expectations of People on Religious in Today's situations". On 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 the Meeting will be held on the theme "Religious Outlook and Response towards the current Political and Social Situations in India a particular reference to the General Elections in May 2019. On 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there will be a Lenten special Recollection and on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 there will be a Summer vacation Meeting. (To be continued)

### Annual Retreat

As per the Senate Resolution the Annual Retreat of 2018 had been planned to be held in Chalakudi Divine Retreat Center. Archbishop also approved this general wish of the priests that at least once the *Presbyterium* should attend such renewal Retreat. But due to flood and heavy damage occurred in Kerala and Chalakudi last August, immediately the V.G. as per the direction of His Grace arranged it at Veilankanni and the preacher was Fr. Suresh Pushparaj CSsR. The Marian atmosphere was a big boon in disguise for all of us this year.

The Fathers reached Veilankanni by a luxury coach arranged by Fr. Procurator on 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The Retreat's first talk began with the Morning Prayer on 17<sup>th</sup>, Monday. Archbishop in his inaugural talk threw 3 latin

maxims in order to motivate the clergy. He said that the goal of the Annual Retreat is i) **Entrate toti**, Enter into the Retreat fully. Confine yourself to the campus. Going to the Seashore and shopping can be done after the Retreat; ii) **Manete soli**, Remain alone (with the Lord); and iii) **Excite sancti**, Come out of the Retreat Holy. With this introduction His Grace exhorted the priests to be always **punctual** and to attend all the sessions without fail. His Grace was, as usual, was always present for every talk, Holy Mass, Morning and evening and prayers, Rosary and other sessions. Fr. Suresh also exhorted about the importance of interior silence quoting the saying ‘mountains don’t move and therefore they are appreciated; while leaves always move around and dance and fall and they are not appreciated.’

**General Theme: “Forgiveness”** is the one word Theme of this Annual Retreat. Quoting every talk a scripture passage and a quote from the Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelium Gaudium*, the Preacher dwelt on the theme supported by most of his personal convictions and deeper experiences. The themes of the days are summarized as follows:

**DAY ONE:** i) When we do not experience God’s unlimited Forgiveness, we punish ourselves. ii) If we have more guilt feelings, we are likely to get hurt more by people iii) If we have more guilt feelings we are likely to hurt people more. iv) Don’t take an immediate decision that you are going to forgive a particular person immediately. Don’t jump to that conclusion. v) If you remove the guilty feelings and emotions you can never be attacked by hurt or anger. vi) Guilt feelings and anger are related; Hence work over your guilt feelings. vii) Only God can blot out all your transgressions and your guilt consciousness ( Ps. 51: 2).

**DAY TWO:** i) Our God is an awesome God, forgiving God offering unconditional love. Forgiveness is the prerogative of God. ii) We need to be primarily forgiven in order to forgive others. iii) When we are healed of our guilt we will be healed of our hurts. iv) What is Ego is a cover which is used to hide my guilt feelings. Hence when guilt is addressed that person will be less self-centered. v) It is not learning from God how to forgive but to allow God to forgive us. vi) When we are forgiven the forgiveness overflows within and through us it reaches out to the others.

In order to explain the preacher showed **three demonstrations:**

**a)** He took a pure glass of water and dropped one drop of Blue (Ujala). It is guilt. The water became indigo. He dropped more drops two.. three .. four.. it became dark indigo in colour. This denotes the guilt feelings which colour our soul. The he took a big jar of water and a basin to hold down the glass. He poured from the big jar pure water into the glass. As he poured clean and cool water into the glass the blue water was overflowing...flowing... and flowing.. and overflowing; slowly the colour started to fade in the glass; dark colour was changing into pale colour, and the Big Jar was pouring continuously the water. What a magic! Once again the glass became pure white, without colour. So the preacher told us convincingly as you would be experiencing God’s forgiveness continuously all your coloured guilty feelings would disappear. **b)** Second demonstration was like this. Preacher poured from big jar of water, into a small glass and Fr. Paul was asked to hold the Basin below the glass. What happened. The water poured into the glass was overflowing and falling into the basin. He asked where from the water overflows to the basin? Not from the Glass! but from the Big Jar, Our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s forgiveness only will fill us and His forgiveness only can reach out to others through us. **c)** He took a pin and poked on a lose balloon. It did not get burst. He asked one of the priests to blow little and then he poked into it. Nothing happened. He asked to blow the balloon to its full capacity and as soon as he touched the surface there was a big “*bang*”, burst. So he concluded only the inflated ego will get hurt easily.

So he concluded with the phrase “**Let go and Let God in**”

**DAY THREE:** i) If we do not have guilt feelings, it is understood that we had been washed out by the unfathomable mercy of God. ii) Then we will easily forgive others. iii) Likewise no one can hurt us. iv) We will not have fear with any person or any event. v) Our anger should be issue based; it should not be slander or revenge. vi) What is sin is losing one’s Happiness. vii) God has created us only for Happiness. viii) What is sin is losing God’s grace. When we come back like the prodigal son to God once again, being washed out, we will experience in a deeper level Peace and Joy. ix) We will become the Channels of Joy to others wherever we live.

**DAY FOUR:** Sufferings. Sufferings and forgiveness are inter-related said the Preacher. i) What are the causes of Sufferings: They are misunderstanding, unfulfilled desires, loneliness, lack of recognition, group rejection, destructive criticism, calumny, slander, repeated failures, sickness et. i) Force of attraction and force of distraction cause us sufferings. iii) we need to understand that sufferings are part of life. iv) Did Jesus want us to suffer? Does God want His children to suffer? Never, said Preacher. v) Our God is Good God. A Happy One; He created us in order that we live in Joy and Happiness. vi) Hence certainly He will not tolerate to see us suffer. vii) Sufferings may come to us either from our own mistakes or from others. We need to own the first one and we need to be calm if it is of second category. We should not run higher and thither in order to alleviate such sufferings caused by others. Be calm. It will go away. viii) When we start alleviating others sufferings, our sufferings will automatically be evaporated

**Confession:** All the Fathers participated in the Confession. All the Liturgies and Holy Eucharist were arranged by different groups of Fathers who were assigned.

**DAY FIVE:** The Preacher asked a volley of questions: Do you believe death? Whom do you want die first between you and your loved ones? Do you afraid of Death? why? Do you want to be told of your death in advance? Do you want to die quickly or late? What do you want to do before dying? What would you say to the bereaving members? What will you not want others see in your room after your death? – Thus the preacher enabled the participants to understand the meaning of Death. ii) The preacher also threw some light on Sexual acts and sexual emotions which are constructive and creative. He exhorted “however you fall from your sexual integrity, come back to the Lord immediately through the sacred confession and you will shine like star in your priestly life”.

Inner Healing service ( meditation) was conducted by the Preacher and it was well appreciated. Finally on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am., Archbishop together with all the priests celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass at the Sanctuary of Main Basilica and thanked our Mother for her Protection and intercession. With the blessings of God, the Priests of the Archdiocese of Madurai came back after lunch to Ministry places with a renewed heart. May the good Lord bless all of us involved in the Retreat.

– Fr. Chancellor.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018 to 25.09.2018**

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 11/2/18	Holy See 11/3/18	Hunger Disease 29/3/18	Good Friday 30/3/18	Vocation Sunday 22/4/18
1	A. Nathampatti	300	300	1500	1000	400
2	Alankulam	600	600	2250	2250	600
3	Ammapatty	1180	1280	8150	4130	
4	Anjal Nagar	6125	5200	65257	43351	6300
5	Anna Nagar	12530	10360	150000	38726	8850
6	Aruppukottai	1500	1000	15000	5000	1000
7	Ayavathanallur	2000	2000	10000	8000	
8	Bastin Nagar	15000	9000	124000	29000	11000
9	Batlagundu	2600	2400	40000	10000	2500
10	Bibikulam	4500	2750	43017	10183	3440
11	Bodinayakanur	500	500	10000	3000	300
12	Chinnamanur	460	270	1050	2030	417
13	Cumbum	1600	1270	17200	4400	1520
14	Devadanam	3930	1600	23270	3880	1800
15	Ellis Nagar	11917	7560	110981	23220	9947
16	Gnanaolivupuram	7000	7000	116110	43500	6390
17	Hanumanthanpatty	1200	1300	14000	7340	1150
18	Holy Rosary Church	5000	5000	50000	10000	3000
19	Iyyampalayam	200	200	1300	1200	200
20	K. Pudur	2000	2000	40000	30000	2000
21	Kadachanendal	1500	1500	25500	17000	1500
22	Kadamalaikundu	200		3500	2700	
23	Kalladipatti	1000	1000	5000	2100	1000
24	Kariapatty	1000	1000	6230	6070	1000
25	Karumathur	630	510	1500	3650	500
26	Kavirayapuram	350	350	2810	4860	320
27	Kottur	1000	1000	15000	16700	1000
28	Lourdupuram					
29	Megamalai	200	200	200	300	200
30	Mangalamkombu	400	470	3000	1955	400
31	M. Meenachiapuram	1020	1210	4520	3700	1280
32	Mathankovilpatti	600	500	5000	1500	500
33	Meenampatti	3860	2120	31333	4035	2077
34	Melur		1910	12762	6260	1200
35	Michaelpalayam	2100	2200	15000	10000	2100



**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018 to 25.09.2018**

St. Peter's Pence 01/07/18	Communi- cation Day 07/07/18	Prision Ministry 12/08/18	Bible Sunday 30/09/18	Mission Sunday 21/10/18	African Mission 04/11/18	Peter the Apostle 25/11/18	Opus
600	600	600					
4500	5000	5250					
8780	8410	10000					
1000	1000						
		23000					
2500	2500						
2732	3468						
300	400						
500	500	500					
1480	1850	1450					
11140	11301	10287					
1250	1300						
149	873						
7000	10000						
1500	1500	2000					
500	500						
1000	1000	1000					
400	400	400					
600	420	480					
1890	2200	2050					
1090	1185						

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018 to 25.09.2018**

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 11/2/18	Holy See 11/3/18	Hunger Disease 29/3/18	Good Friday 30/3/18	Vocation Sunday 22/4/18
36	Munjikkal	11000	6000	60000	30000	7500
37	Nagamalai					
38	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	12000	2000	
39	Nilakottai	1100	600	5700	4200	600
40	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)	500	500	6930	3110	500
41	Othaiyal	250	250			
42	Packiapuram	3020	2350	23020	6020	3160
43	Palanganatham	6000		110000	21000	4000
44	Pandian Nagar	1020	530	6020	7080	
45	Periyakulam	800	600	*26000	4200	1800
46	Perumalmalai	1470	1530	29047	6000	1650
47	R.R. Nagar	3000	3000	22000	5500	
48	Railway Colony	2100	1000	4500	4500	1200
49	Rajapalayam	1500	1000	22500	3500	1500
50	Rayappanpatti	6000	3000	35000	30000	3500
51	Rayapuram					
52	Samayanallur	3000	3100	47000	10000	3600
53	Sattur	500	500	500	500	500
54	Shenbaganur	750	750	10000	3000	1330
55	Sengole Nagar	2750	2200	60000	30000	2000
56	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	10000	5000	
57	Sivakasi	15500	12900	103400	45500	15500
58	Srivilliputhur					
59	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000	5000	60000	50000	5000
60	Sundaranatchiapuram	3300	3300	70000	16000	3300
61	T. Sindalacherry	2000	1000	54600	21400	1000
62	T. Vadipatti Shrine	4000	3000	10200	15500	1300
63	Theni	4100	3400	39377	16767	3000
64	Thirumangalam	1500	1000	3500	5010	
65	Thirunagar	2000	3000	9000	20000	
66	Thiruthangal					
67	Thummuchinampatty	630	370	520	530	500
68	Ugarthe Nagar	2000	2000	20000	10000	2000
69	Usilampatti	1100	1000	21000	6317	1000
70	Uthamapalayam	1000	1000	4100	8300	

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018 to 25.09.2018**

St. Peter's Pence 01/07/18	Communi- cation Day 07/07/18	Prision Ministry 12/08/18	Bible Sunday 30/09/18	Mission Sunday 21/10/18	African Mission 04/11/18	Peter the Apostle 25/11/18	Opus
1000	1000						
600	1000						
1000	1000	500					
2020	2050	2461					
3000	5000	7000					
1870	1630	1350					
2500	1300	2050					
3500	3500	3500					
3000	3100	3500					
2100	2000	2300					
13250	14500	12100					
3300	3300						
2000	2000	1000					
4000	3200	3100					
4200	3000	4000					
500	500	610					
2000	2000	2000					
1000	1000	6221					

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018 to 25.09.2018**

S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 11/2/18	Holy See 11/3/18	Hunger Disease 29/3/18	Good Friday 30/3/18	Vocation Sunday 22/4/18
71	Virudhunagar	6000	8000	85000	75000	8000
72	W. Pudukatti	1000	1000	35000	5000	1000
73	Y. Othakadai			15962	20725	2650
	St. Agnes Home for Children, Rayappanpatti	10000				
	Holy cross Convent, VNR				5000	
	Melavadakkur			557	556	
	Fr. Lourduraj, Arockia Illam			900	1100	
	St. Anne's Provincialate Ansarinagar			4000		
	J.A. College, Periyakulam	15800			10200	
	Total	220692	150440	2001773	869555	150981

NB: \* Periyakulam Parish Rs. 26,000/- for Hunger & Disease collection paid directly to MMSSS.

**Mass Received From Parishes**

Anna Nagar (700 Masses)	70,000
Bastin Nagar (200 Masses)	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,000</b>

**From the Procurator's Desk**

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Kindly verify the above statement and confirm the remittances. If any discrepancy is found, you are welcome to correct the same with the receipt available with you.

Kindly remit all the Diocesan Collections (13 Nos) and the DMF (1%) Collections only by Cheque or Bank Draft to the Procurator's Office. This is in accordance with Government norms for restricting cash transactions.

- Fr. Procurator

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2018 to 25.09.2018**

St. Peter's Pence 01/07/18	Communi- cation Day 07/07/18	Prision Ministry 12/08/18	Bible Sunday 30/09/18	Mission Sunday 21/10/18	African Mission 04/11/18	Peter the Apostle 25/11/18	Opus
9000	18000	9000					
1000	1000	1500					
109751	124487	119209					

**நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்****புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வதற்காக தாராள மனதுடன் உதவும் உள்ளங்கள்**

Fr. G. Lourdu Raj, Arockia Illam	55,000
Fr. Dhivyanandam, Ayravathanallur	50,000
Fr. A. Antony Samy, Secretary, C.C.L	25,000
Fr. Vincent Mathan Babu	20,000
Fr. A. Vedamanickam, Palanganatham	10,000
Fr. I. Maria Arul Selvam	10,000
Mr. Arulanandam, Rtd., H.M, Annanagar	10,000
The Teachers, R.C. Mid.Sch. P. Chettipatti, Usilampatti	5,000
Fr. Gnanasandanam, Arockia Illam	5,000
Nazrane Isabella Family, Usilampatti	1,000

**Total 1,91,000****KANI (Seminarians Fund)**

<b>Opening Balance as on 25.08.2018</b>	<b>19,32,729.77</b>
Usha Bernadett	30,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai	15,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Gnanaolivupuram	13,000.00
Parishioners, Nagamalai	9,800.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Arockia Annai Shrine, T. Vadipatti	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Anna Nagar	10,000.00
Fr. John Britto Packiaraj, Holy Rosary Church	6040.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Silukkuvarpatti	5,200.00
Sr. Superior, Holy Cross Convent, Sulakkarai	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Anna Nagar (Bination Mass)	4,200.00
Fuscus Matric. Hr. Sec. School, T. Vadipatti	2,000.00
Sup.& Comm., Brothers of the Sacred Heart, T. Vadipatti	2,000.00
A. Sahayaraj	2,000.00
Franciscan Sisters of St. Aloysius Congregation, T. Vadipatti	1,000.00
Sivagnanapuram	1,000.00
Amalraj	1,000.00
Sisters of St. John the Baptist, T. Vadipatti	500.00
Samaritan Sisters, Karunai Illam, T. Vadipatti	500.00
Parishioners, T. Vadipatti	500.00
St. Theresa's H.S. School, Pambarpuram, Kodaikanal	140.00

**Closing Balance 25.09.2018 20,51,609.77**

Less : Payment for Seminary: 20580.00	20595.00
SMS Alart Charges : 15.00	<b>20,31,014.77</b>
	<u>20595.00</u>

Cash in Hand : Nil

Cash at Bank : 20,31,014.77

## Kerala Flood Relief Contributions

Gnanaolivupuram	1,50,000.00
Samayanallur	1,00,000.00
Annai Velankanni Mat. School, Batlagundu	71,550.00
Nagamalai pudukottai	70,200.00
Sundaranachiarapuram	65,800.00
T. Vadipatti	61,480.00
New Ellis Nagar	57,256.00
Palanganatham	55,000.00
St. Mary's Cathedral	53,000.00
Theni	51,000.00
Annanagar	50,000.00
Periyakulam	49,000.00
Munjikkal	44,210.00
Bastin Nagar	43,000.00
Parishioners Srivilliputhur	43,200.00
Sengole Nagar	41,000.00
Anjal Nagar	36,100.00
Ugarthenagar	30,000.00
Virudhunagar	30,000.00
Iyavathanallur	28,890.00
Silukkuvarpatti	25,150.00
Karumathur	25,000.00
K. Pudur	25,000.00
Pandian Nagar	25,000.00
Batlagundu	24,550.00
Perumalmai	22,000.00
Chinnamanur	20,000.00
Mr. Sikkandar, Narimedu	18,000.00
Cumbum	17,071.00
Mangudi Meenatchiapuram	16,140.00
Tirunagar	16,000.00
Railway Colony	16,000.00
Devadhanam	15,000.00
Holy Cross Sisters, Batlagundu	15,000.00
Packiapuram	15,000.00
Madona Arts and Science College for Women	13,500.00
Holy Rosary Church	12,500.00
Kariapatti	11,900.00
Niraivazhvunagar	11,674.00
Y. Othakadai	10,481.00
Kottur	10,000.00
Fr. Correspondent, AVM School, Batlagundu	10,000.00
Melakovilpatti	10,000.00

Bibikulam	10,000.00
Fr. Director, Sathangai Academy	10,000.00
Kadachanendal	10,000.00
Christ Hall Seminary Staff, Karumathur	10,000.00
Fr. Rector, Carmel Philosophy College, Karumathur	10,000.00
Rayappanpatti	10,000.00
Usilampatti	9,020.00
Kavirayapuram	7,245.00
Alangulam	7,000.00
Uthamapalayam	6,350.00
Bodi	6,000.00
The Teachers, St. Joseph School, Pattakulam	5,270.00
Fr. A. Xavier Vicar Forane, Batlagundu	5,000.00
Fr. Rex Peter, Principal, AVM School Batlagundu	5,000.00
Shenbaganur	5,000.00
Fr. Appolin	5,000.00
Meenampatti	5,000.00
R.R. Nagar	5,000.00
Mangalamkombu	5,000.00
Kadamalaikundu	5,000.00
Ayyampalayam	4,600.00
Melur	4,000.00
Srivilliputhur	4,000.00
Rajapalayam	3,500.00
Secretary, CCL, Madurai	3,000.00
Fr. Jeganathan Bishop's House	3,000.00
Hanumanthanpatty	3,000.00
Nilakottai	3,000.00
Rayapuram	2,500.00
Fr. Antony Samy	2,000.00
MSFS Community, Pandian Nagar	2,000.00
Holy Cross Community, Soolakarai	2,000.00
Montfort Brothers Community, Sathur	2,000.00
Thummuchinampatti	1,630.00
Lourdhpuram	1,500.00
R. Iruthayamary, Madurai	1,500.00
Mathankovilapatti	1,400.00
MSFS Community, Othaiyal	1,000.00
CIC Community, Aruppukottai	1,000.00
SMMI Community, Othaiyal	1,000.00
Othaiyal	1,000.00
Fr. Justin Prabhu, Asst, P.P. Batlagundu	500.00
CIC Community, Kariapatti	500.00
Virudhunagar	261.00
	<b>17,06,428.00</b>

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



06,07.10.2018	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
13,14.10.2018	உத்தமபாளையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
20,21.10.2018	நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
27,28.10.2018	கொடைக்கானல்	சனி, ஞாயிறு

அருட்தந்தை. ஜோசப், செயலர்

*Happy Ordination  
Anniversary*

Fr. Lucas Maria Gnanam on 18.10.1980

*Adoration Sunday*

**October**

07	Alangulam
14	Kavirayapuram
21	Gnanaolivupuram
28	T. Vadipatti



**November**

04	Periakulam
11	Nilakottai
18	Samayanallur
25	Arupukottai

*Necrology*

Fr. Alphonse N.P.	03.10.2006
Fr. D. Gnanapiragasam	06.10.2017
Fr. Santiago G.	09.10.1969
Fr. Benedict Michael	10.10.1977
Fr. Maria Susai S.S.	15.10.1979
Fr. Michael T.A.	21.10.1981
Fr. Packiar G.	22.10.1992
Fr. Irudayam V.M.	23.10.2002
Fr. Antonysamy S.M.	24.10.1970
Fr. Amalorpavam D.	28.10.1982
Fr. S. Rosario	30.10.2017



**MADURA MISSION - HISTORICAL NOTES**

**XVI. Accounts of Martyrdom and the  
Miracles of Fr. Britto**

As the Archdiocese goes on Pilgrimage every year in October to Oriyur, the Shrine of the Martyr, where as one unit the archdiocese renews itself, it is beneficial that the readers read about the martyrdom accounts of Fr. Britto.

Beschi (1680 – 1747) who was working in the same Madura Mission was appointed as one of the Judges of the Canonical Enquiry Commission which examined the holy life, miracles and the heroic martyrdom of Fr. Britto. Fr. Britto (1647 – 1693) was martyred on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1693 at his 46<sup>th</sup> age. One Fr. John da Costa S.J., the contemporary of Fr. Britto and who was working in Fishery Coast, Madura mission in 1690 -1700 had a vision of the Saint when he was martyred. Here is the account: on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1693 Fr. Da Costa after his hectic ministry of visiting two villages in the morning and distributing communion to the sick and hearing confessions on his way back home, fell fast asleep due to his tiredness. He describes thus: “at the very hour when he suffered (death), the Servant of God, appeared to me in a dream at Tallei, which place is about 40 leagues from (Oriyur) where he was executed; his head was cut off and he was carrying it in his hands. I woke up immediately and described the apparition to my Catechist George Carvalho who was then entering the place where I was. He objected to me that it was somewhat superstitious to believe [...] but after 8 days when I received the news of the sad death, as I have said above, and compared the time and the hour, I saw very well that it was the very same hour, when the Servant of God had suffered death and had appeared to me” (St. John De Britto – His Spirit and Mission, CIS Publications, Beschi College, Dindigul, 1995, pp. 37-38).

The Canonical Enquiry commission has recorded 21 chief miracles attributed to the intercession of the Martyr. Out of these 4

miracles were chosen and certified by *Alexander Pascoli*, the Professor of Medical College, Rome and it was approved by the then Roman Congregation of Rites, the present *Congregation for the Causes of the Saints*. The miracles were the following: 1) Immediate cure of Ignacy, the Paller from Oriyur from malignant fever; 2) Istant cure of Santiago Gaspar from Paralysis from birth; 3) Istant cure of Arulayee, Paller from Rasimangalam of incurable leprosy; 4) Instant cure of Arulayee, dumb and paralysed in lower limbs from birth, from Vettivayal.

Bechi himself narrates the miracles in his Veda Vilakkam. Out of the 21 miracles attributed to the Saint, he gives a detailed account of eight of them in Chapter XVII of Veda Vilakkam (a fundamental work written by Beschi in 1728 to explain and defend Catholic Faith and Dogmas attacked by the Protestants residing at Tranquebar). Among eight miracles Beschi gives a very detailed account of a miracle happened at the intercession of Saint John De Britto. It is the cure of Poovayee, the blind (1722). As she was praying to Arulananada Swamikal at Oriyur on her knees, she was struck down by a force of light and fell down unconscious. After some time when she woke up she rose up with new eyes and was cured of her blindness totally.

Another authentic account about the martyrdom of the Saint is given by Francois Martin, the first Governor of Pondicherry. He was the contemporary of Fr. Britto and here follows his account about the Saint and his martyrdom: “**February 1963.** I bring this month to a close with a piece of news mingled with sadness. I have already spoken in this book of the Very Reverend Father John de Britto, a Portuguese Jesuit. The Very Reverend Father John belonged to a noble family, and had in his youth been brought up with King Pedro [...] The Very Reverend Father John de Britto, having spent fourteen or fifteen years in laborious work, and having achieved a surprising success in the conversion of several thousands of people in the land of the Maravas, where so far no missionary had penetrated, the Brahmins, [...] in their own interest of the worship of the idols whose neglect was destroying their income, accused the Reverend Father before the Nayak of the country. He was

therefore arrested, imprisoned, ill-treated, several times beaten, and to the point of crowing his life with martyrdom. He was snatched, however, from the clutches of death, set free, driven out of the **Marava**, and forbidden to return thither, under pain of death. This prohibition, however, could not cool his zeal. While he was looking for some means of helping those new Christians and winning others he received orders from his superiors to go to Goa and finally to Portugal for the affairs of the Mission. In 1687 he reached Lisbon where he stayed till 1691.”

“Both his noble Mother and friends did all they could to detain him but he resisted their affectionate importunities and even the authority of King Pedro [...] It is likely that God satisfied with the many labours and fatigues of Rev. Father John de Britto and wished to recall him to Himself and give him the reward due to his merits by granting him a



death like that of the first heroes of Christendom whose blood proved to be a seed of millions of faithful. The Reverend Father (upon his coming back to Marava land) was captured a second time and brought before the Nayak. In the disputes he had with Brahmins, he declared boldly the truth of the religion he was preaching [...]. The truths he uttered served only to hasten his death. The Nayak ordered him to be beheaded, a few leagues distance from the residence. *The Reverend Father went with joy to the place of his triumph. Having arrived there just a few moments before his death, he commissioned one of the Catechists who*

*had followed him, to go to Pondicherry and inform Reverend Father Tachard and myself of the end of his earthly course, and to assure me in particular that he would remember me and my family in the next life, where he hoped God would receive him in his glory. The illustrious Missionary was beheaded and thus ended a holy life by a martyrdom which he had so much desired and which Heaven finally granted him.”* (Ibid, pp. 41-49).

- Jodir.