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Book Release of Fr. John Diraviam on Psalms, திருப்பாடல்கள் - தேனாடல்



Funeral Ceremony of Fr. Rex Peter



Funeral Blessing of Mrs. Saleth Mary, the Mother of Rev. Fr. Devadass

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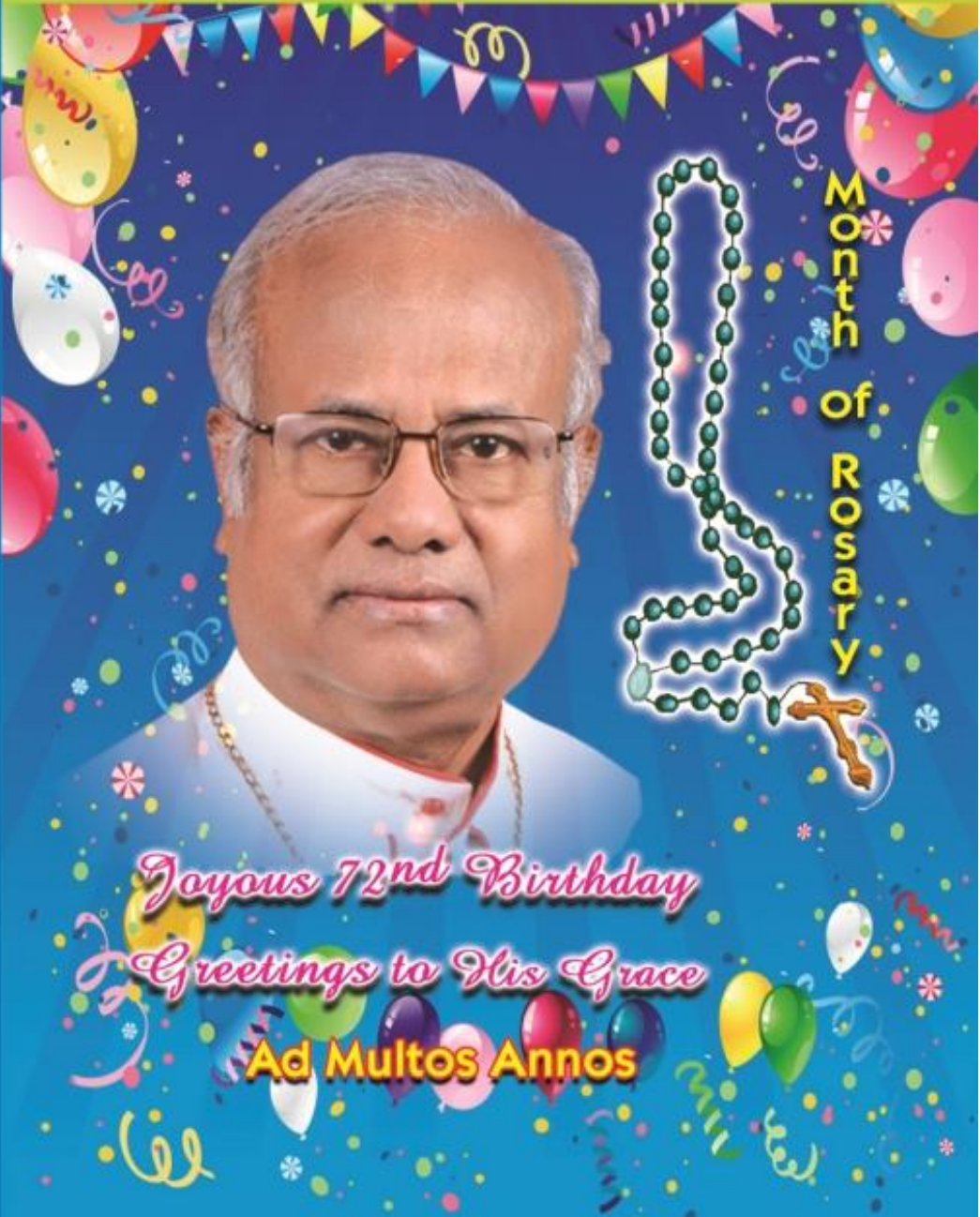
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Greetings to His Grace

Ad Multos Annos





Confirmation at St. Mary's Cathedral



Confirmation at Pandian Nagar

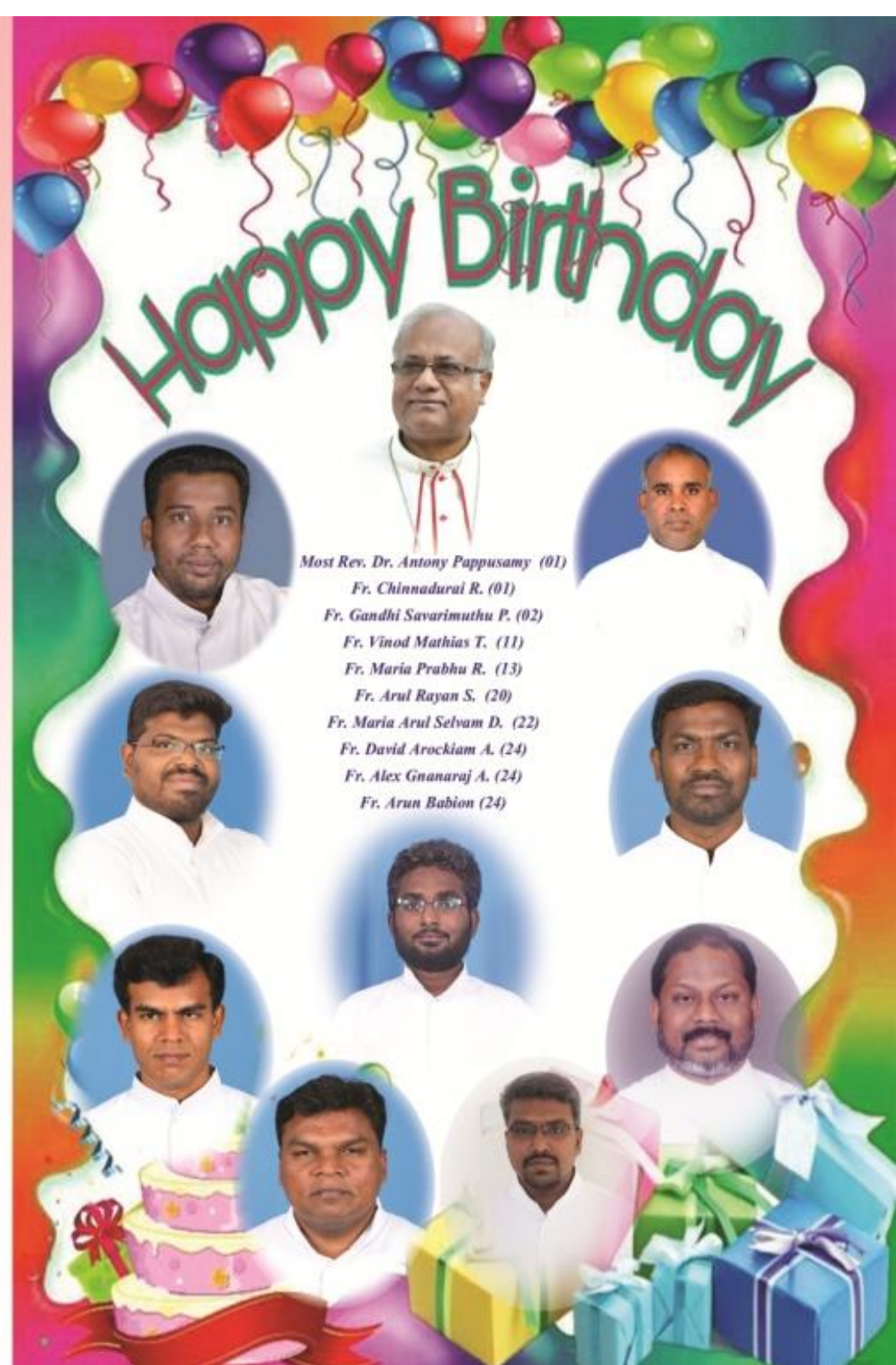


Blessing of a new kitchen and renovated presbytery (Assisi Illam) at R.R.Nagar Parish

Blessing of 25 Houses in Ukkal Village, Thiruvannamalai Dt. sponsored by Bon secours



Declaration of St. Mary's Church Mulagumudu as Minor Basilica



# Happy Birthday



Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy (01)



Fr. Chinnadurai R. (01)

Fr. Gandhi Savarimuthu P. (02)

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)

Fr. Arun Babion (24)



## THE VOICE OF THE PASTOR

### Mission IS HIS

This year, we celebrate the Mission Sunday on **24<sup>th</sup> October 2021** with the theme **“We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20)**. Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement. It was announced by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as the day of prayer for missions.



In the Holy Father’s message for World Mission Sunday 2021, he says: **‘Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion.** It’s a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence, and oppression. Every parish, school, and community joins in this special event, and every penny, pound, and prayer we give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.

Mission Sunday reminds every baptized Catholic of the oneness in Christ’s mission all over the world. Every year, on this day, we especially remember all the missionaries whether they have come from elsewhere and working amidst us or those who have traveled from our place, reaching far-off lands to proclaim Christ; as well as our special contribution for the Universal mission.

On this day, each one of us can contribute to the World Mission in fourways: **a) Proclaiming the Good News b) Praying for the Missionaries all over the World, c) Contributing materially for the well-being of the missionaries, and d) Living the life of Christ Himself.** we express our support of missionaries from all continents who are striving to bring the true love of Christ to all who have yet to receive it.

#### a) Proclaiming the Good News

**St. Francis Xavier the first Jesuit missionary** was particularly passionate about spreading the word of God to the far regions of the world. His commitment to the speedy dissemination of the Gospel has led many to call him a **“St. Paul in modern style”**. Hence, appreciating

his zeal for the Word of God **Pope Pius XI** declared him the patron saint of all missions.

#### b) Praying for the Missionaries all over the World

**St. Thérèse of Child Jesus** had always dreamed of being a missionary, an Apostle, a martyr – yet she just remained a nun in a quiet cloister in France. How then could she be enthroned as **Patroness of all Missionaries and the Missions?** By her **little way** of loving God and neighbor through her prayers and sacrifices. She used to offer her prayers for the conversion of the sinners, for the release of a prisoner, etc.

#### c) Contributing materially to the well-being of the missionaries and the development of the missions

**Mother Teresa of Calcutta** started her mission with only five rupees. People witnessed her selfless service and donated a lot of money. Sisters of Charity are now spread all over the world continuing the mission of Jesus. Mission in our dioceses is flourishing because of the generous contribution of the people abroad. Similarly, it is an occasion for us to generously contribute to the Mission at large.

#### d) Living the life of Christ Himself

**St. John Maria Vianney** served as a parish priest just in one parish for 40 years. **He is the epitome and the embodiment of a perfect missionary.** He had a deep thirst to preach the word of God. He was praying for priests, sisters, and people sitting in the Church for many hours. He lived a life of the poor. He was the perfect replica of Jesus Himself.

We are celebrating this year’s World Mission Sunday with the theme **“We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20)**. We experience Jesus by the hard labour of Missionaries of the past. We are entitled to give it back to the future generation the faith we have received. Hence, let us proclaim, let us pray, let us contribute, and above all let us become each one of us a missionary in our walks of life.

May God bless you!

Your loving Archbishop,

**+ Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy**

Archbishop of Madurai

## ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

02	Sat		Blessing of St. John De Britto 45 feet Statue, Oriyur
07	Thu	E	Confirmation, Rosary Church
09	Sat	M	Distribution of Medical Kit to Frontline Workers, MMSSS
10-12			Tamil Nadu Bishops' Council Meeting, Poondi
13	Wed	M	Memorial Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral
14	Thu	M	30 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Mass for Fr. Rex Peter, Gnaoalivupuram
		E	Feast Mass, Kavirayapuram
19	Tue	M	Education Council Meeting
		E	Confirmation, Ammapatti
20-24			Pastoral Visit to Kuzhithurai
25	Mon		Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee, Kuzhithurai
26	Tue	M	Secretaries Meeting
27	Wed	E	Silver Jubilee Celebration of Usilampatti Parish

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

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

### Pope's General Prayer Intention

**Intention for evangelization** - Missionary disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

## பேராயரின் இம்மாத ஜெபக்கருத்து

**நம்புதல்** : யாவ மன்னிப்பை நம்புகிறேன்.

**வேண்டுகல்** : இறைவனோடு, இயற்கையோடு, மிறோடு, தன்னோடு ஒப்புவாக.

**வாழ்தல்** : மன்னிக்க, மன்னியும் வழி நம்மை ஒரு கருவியாக மாற்றி நல்லுலக அமைப்போம்.

## இம்மாதம் விழா கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்

1. செயலாலை மருதர ஆலயம், மதுரை - அக்டோபர் 07
2. செயலாலை மருதர ஆலயம், தீறைவாழ்வு தகர் - அக்டோபர் 07
3. குழந்தை இயேசு ஆலயம், உச்சம்பட்டி - அக்டோபர் 15
4. குழந்தை இயேசு ஆலயம், கவிராயபுரம் - அக்டோபர் 16
5. புனித அந்தோனியஸ் க்ளாஸ்ட் ஆலயம், கருமரத்தூர் - அக்டோபர் 24

இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தந்தையர்களுக்கும், கிறிஸ்தவத்தாருக்கும் இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துகளும் ஜெபங்களும்.

+ பேராயர் அந்தோனியஸ் பாப்டோஸ்


## HAPPY FEAST

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

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|---|----------------------------|
| 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 |



## Please Note

1. **A Blessed Birthday to His Grace:** DNL expresses its joyous greetings on the occasion of 72<sup>th</sup> Birthday of His Grace on 1<sup>st</sup> inst., the Feast Day of St. Therese of Lissieux. We, the Presbyterium, the Religious and the Laity express to you, Your Grace, our appreciation, respect and filial love for all that you are to our Archdiocese. May the good Lord bless our Archbishop and his shepherding ministries in Madurai and Kuzhithurai.
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2. **Festal Greetings** to His Grace and all the Archbishop's House Fathers on their Patron Saint, St. Therese of Lissieux on 1<sup>st</sup> inst.
  3. **Retreat Gratitude:** His Grace and the Presbyterium sincerely thank **Rev. Fr. Lawrence OFM Cap.**, the Capuchin Provincial of Tamilnadu South Province for having animated and guided the Annual Clergy Retreat this year which was held at PILLAR from 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021, and **Fr. Emmanuel SAC**, the Director of PILLAR for having been so generous and kind as usual in offering all assistance to the Archdiocese during the Retreat.
  4. **Annual Pilgrimage to Oriyur** is cancelled due to the pandemic regulations. However, all the parish priests together with their flock are asked to pray to St. John De Britto, our Patron Saint on this day so that our Archdiocesan Patron Saint may always intercede to God to keep the flame of the Faith burning afresh in our Archdiocese during this pandemic period.
  5. **Directory – 2021** has come out well which will be released by His Grace in November. All the diocesans and the religious Parish priests will receive a copy at November Recollection. His Grace exhorts all the religious communities to buy a copy of the Directory so that the religious, while exercising their ministry in the Archdiocese, will be up to date with the data and history of the Archdiocese. The cost per copy is 320 and it is available at the Book Depot and Chancery Office, Bishop's House.

6. The **Monthly Recollection** for October is Vicariate level which is to be arranged by the respective Vicar Foranes. The monthly Recollection for **November** will be held, as scheduled, on 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Nov. at Archbishop's House as usual. At 6.00 pm., the **Annual Requiem Mass for the Deceased Prelates and Priests** of the Archdiocese will be officiated by His Grace at our Cathedral church. It will be confirmed at the next DNL.



7. **Condolences:** DNL expresses its deep condolences for the sad demise of **Rev. Fr. Rex Peter** whom the Lord took to himself on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The Archdiocese lost one of its young priests, Fr. Rex Peter who could not be revived even with the advance medical help offered due to the attack of covid-19. The Funeral Service, having observed the pandemic protocol, was conducted by His Grace with a large number of the *Presbyterium* on 13<sup>th</sup> Sept., Monday at 10:30 am. (The Fathers broke one session of the Retreat at PILLAR and attended the Funeral service of one of their Brothers at Bishop's House. The Retreat continued from the Noon Sessions.) May the fine soul of Fr. Rex Peter rest in Peace. The Obituary is published at this issue.
8. **Mission Sunday** falls on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Kindly announce it well in advance and procure a good Collection for the Propagation of the Mission in the world.
9. **Quarterly Account and PAN Number:** The Procurator announced to connect the **PAN number** of the Parish with the Archdiocese. Those parish priests who have not done so are asked to connect it immediately and all the priests are asked to submit the Quarterly Account at once.
10. **Projects of Holy Childhood and Propagation of the Faith** will be scrutinized by the respective Vicar Foranes for their Vicariate parishes which is in dire need of help. For further information kindly contact Fr. Arputhasamy, the Project Coordinator.

11. **Congratulations** to the following Fathers for their contribution by way of construction:

i) **Fr. Sebastian Jerome** for the construction of New Flag Post and Rest Rooms at Marianus Nagar, Sivakasi which were blessed by His Grace on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

ii) **Fr. Maria Prabur** for the construction of New Flag Post at T. Sindalachery which was blessed by His Grace on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

iii) DNL congratulates **Fr. Maria Louis A.** for having completed his study, M.Sc., Applied Psychology (Counselling and Psychotherapy) in First Class at Alagappa University.

iv) DNL congratulates **Fr. John Diraviam** for authoring a new book, Pastoral Commentary on Psalms, “திருப்பாடல்கள் - தேனடை”, which was released by His Grace on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at PILLAR, Madurai. Books are available at Nobili Book Center. Price 275.

## **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2021**

“We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20).

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once we experience the power of God’s love, and recognize his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Jesus’ relationship with his disciples and his humanity, as revealed to us in the mystery of his Incarnation, Gospel and Paschal Mystery, shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes his own our joys and sufferings, our hopes and our concerns (cf. Gaudium et Spes, 22). Everything about Christ reminds us that he knows well our world and its need for redemption, and calls us to become actively engaged in this mission: “Go therefore to the highways and byways, and invite everyone

you find” (Mt 22:9). No one is excluded, no one need feel distant or removed from this compassionate love.

**The experience of the Apostles:** The history of evangelization began with the Lord’s own passionate desire to call and enter into friendly dialogue with everyone, just as they are (cf. Jn 15:12-17). The Apostles are the first to tell us this; they remembered even the day and the hour when they first met him: “It was about four o’clock in the afternoon” (Jn 1:39). Experiencing the Lord’s friendship, watching him cure the sick, dine with sinners, feed the hungry, draw near to the outcast, touch the unclean, identify with the needy, propose the Beatitudes and teach in a new and authoritative way, left an indelible mark on them, awakening amazement, expansive joy and a profound sense of gratitude. The prophet Jeremiah describes this experience as one of a consuming awareness of the Lord’s active presence in our heart, impelling us to mission, regardless of the sacrifices and misunderstandings it may entail (cf. 20:7-9). Love is always on the move, and inspires us to share a wonderful and hope-filled message: “We have found the Messiah” (Jn 1:41).

With Jesus, we too have seen, heard and experienced that things can be different. Even now, he has inaugurated future times, reminding us of an often forgotten dimension of our humanity, namely, that “we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love” (FratelliTutti, 68). A future that awakens a faith capable of inspiring new initiatives and shaping communities of men and women who, by learning to accept their own frailty and that of others, promote fraternity and social friendship (cf. *ibid.*, 67). The ecclesial community reveals its splendour whenever it recalls with gratitude that the Lord loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19). “The loving predilection of the Lord surprises us, and surprise by its very nature cannot be owned or imposed by us... Only in this way can the miracle of gratuitousness, the gratuitous gift of self, blossom. Nor can missionary fervour ever be obtained as a result of reasoning or calculation. To be ‘in a state of mission’ is a reflection of gratitude” (Message to the Pontifical Mission Societies, 21 May 2020).

Even so, things were not always easy. The first Christians began the life of faith amid hostility and hardship. Experiences of marginalization and imprisonment combined with internal and external struggles that seemed to contradict and even negate what they had seen and heard.

Yet, rather than a difficulty or an obstacle leading them to step back or close in on themselves, those experiences impelled them to turn problems, conflicts and difficulties into opportunities for mission. Limitations and obstacles became a privileged occasion for anointing everything and everyone with the Spirit of the Lord. Nothing and no one was to be excluded from the message of liberation.

We have a vivid testimony to all this in the Acts of the Apostles, a book which missionary disciples always have within easy reach. There we read how the fragrance of the Gospel spread as it was preached, awakening the joy that the Spirit alone can bestow. The Book of Acts teaches us to endure hardship by clinging firmly to Christ, in order to grow in the “conviction that God is able to act in any circumstance, even amid apparent setbacks” and in the certainty that “all those who entrust themselves to God will bear good fruit” (EvangeliiGaudium, 279).

The same holds true for us: our own times are not easy. The pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty and the injustices experienced by so many people. It has unmasked our false sense of security and revealed the brokenness and polarization quietly growing in our midst. Those who are most frail and vulnerable have come to feel even more so. We have experienced discouragement, disillusionment and fatigue; nor have we been immune from a growing negativity that stifles hope. For our part, however, “we do not proclaim ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake” (2 Cor 4:5). As a result, in our communities and in our families, we can hear the powerful message of life that echoes in our hearts and proclaims: “He is not here, but has risen (Lk 24:6)! This message of hope shatters every form of determinism and, to those who let themselves be touched by it, bestows the freedom and boldness needed to rise up and seek with creativity every possible way to show compassion, the “sacramental” of God’s closeness to us, a closeness that abandons no one along the side of the road.

In these days of pandemic, when there is a temptation to disguise and justify indifference and apathy in the name of healthy social distancing, there is urgent need for the mission of compassion, which can make that necessary distancing an opportunity for encounter, care and promotion. “What we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20), the mercy we have experienced, can thus become a point of reference and a source of

credibility, enabling us to recover a shared passion for building “a community of belonging and solidarity worthy of our time, our energy and our resources (FratelliTutti, 36). The Lord’s word daily rescues and saves us from the excuses that can plunge us into the worst kind of skepticism: “Nothing changes, everything stays the same”. To those who wonder why they should give up their security, comforts and pleasures if they can see no important result, our answer will always remain the same: “Jesus Christ has triumphed over sin and death and is now almighty. Jesus Christ is truly alive” (EvangeliiGaudium, 275) and wants us to be alive, fraternal, and capable of cherishing and sharing this message of hope. In our present circumstances, there is an urgent need for missionaries of hope who, anointed by the Lord, can provide a prophetic reminder that no one is saved by himself.

Like the Apostles and the first Christians, we too can say with complete conviction: “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). Everything we have received from the Lord is meant to be put to good use and freely shared with others. Just as the Apostles saw, heard and touched the saving power of Jesus (cf. 1 Jn 1:1-4), we too can daily touch the sorrowful and glorious flesh of Christ. There we can find the courage to share with everyone we meet a destiny of hope, the sure knowledge that the Lord is ever at our side. As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church’s evangelizing mission finds outward fulfilment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation.

***An invitation to each of us*** :The theme of this year’s World Mission Day – “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20), is a summons to each of us to “own” and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for “she exists to evangelize” (SAINT PAUL VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, 14). Our life of faith grows weak, loses its prophetic power and its ability to awaken amazement and gratitude when we become isolated and withdraw into little groups. By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere. The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and his offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

They did so with the generosity, gratitude and nobility typical of those who sow seeds in the knowledge that others will enjoy the fruit of their efforts and sacrifice. I like to think that “even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations” (Christus Vivit, 239).

On World Mission Day, which we celebrate each year on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message.

Contemplating their missionary witness, we are inspired to be courageous ourselves and to beg “the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2). We know that the call to mission is not a thing of the past, or a romantic leftover from earlier times. Today too Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion. He addresses this call to everyone, and in different ways. We can think of the peripheries all around us, in the heart of our cities or our own families. Universal openness to love has a dimension that is not geographical but existential. Always, but especially in these times of pandemic, it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to others who, albeit physically close to us, are not immediately part of our “circle of interests” (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 97). To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

May Mary, the first missionary disciple, increase in all the baptized the desire to be salt and light in our lands (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 6 January 2021, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

*Franciscus*

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2021 - 25.09.2021**

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



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	St. Peter's Pence 04/07/21	Communi- cation Day 11/07/21	Prision Ministry 15/08/21	Bible Sunday 26/09/21	Mission Sunday 17/10/21	African Mission 01/11/21	Peter the Apostle 21/11/21	Opus 08/12/21
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36	Melakovilpatti	2000	500			
37	Michaelpalayam					
38	Munjikkal	2000	2000			
39	Murugathuranpatti	1121		32000	4727	
40	Nagamalai	10000	3000	105000	20000	
41	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	14000	4250	
42	Nilakottai	1500		13000	5000	
43	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)	1000				
44	Othaiyal					
45	Packiapuram	11111	4060	60120	20655	3340
46	Packianathapuram	1900	1500	10000	3500	
47	Palanganatham	12500	11200	130000	30000	10000
48	Pandian Nagar	3100				
49	Periyakulam	500	500	15000	5000	500
50	Perumalmalai	1000	1000	15000	10000	1000
51	R.R. Nagar	1500	600	6000	1500	
52	Railway Colony	1500	1400	8000	4000	1000
53	Rajapalayam	1300	1200	12600	3400	1000
54	Rayappanpatti	8500	4000	35000	30000	3500
55	Rayapuram			4040	2810	
56	Samayanallur	8000		68140	16915	
57	Sattur					
58	Shenbaganur	2000	1100			
59	Sengole Nagar					
60	Sempatti Mission			1100	700	
61	Silukkuvarpatty	1000	1000	5000	5000	
62	Sivakasi	7429	8292	50264	32451	4861
63	Srivilliputhur					
64	St. Mary's Cathedral					
65	Sundaranatchiapuram					
66	T. Sindalacherry	4100		11000	17000	2000
67	T. Vadipatti Shrine	1000	1000	10000	15500	1000
68	Theni	4000				
69	Thirumangalam	6240	1500	2500	7040	1000
70	Thirunagar	4340	4090	27080	22410	3630



**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2021 - 25.09.2021**

	St. Peter's Pence 04/07/21	Communi- cation Day 11/07/21	Prision Ministry 15/08/21	Bible Sunday 26/09/21	Mission Sunday 17/10/21	African Mission 01/11/21	Peter the Apostle 21/11/21	Opus 08/12/21
71								
72		1500						
73	1500	1500						
74								
75								
76								
77								
78								
79								
	<b>27650</b>	<b>11120</b>	<b>6680</b>	<b>500</b>				

***Adoration Sunday***

**October**

03 Alangulam  
10 Kavirayapuram  
17 Gnanaolivupuram  
24 T. Vadipatti  
31 A. Nathampatty



**November**

07 Periakulam  
14 Nilakottai  
21 Samayanallur  
28 Aruppukottai

***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



**KANI (Seminarians Fund)**

<b>Opening Balance as on 24.04.2021</b>	<b>44,61,989.92</b>
Fr. Parish Priest, St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai	25,000.00
St. Anne's Convent, Madurai	25,000.00
Congregation of the Sisters of the Chavan, Anna Nagar	20,000.00
Asha Savari Antony, Gnanaolivupuram	20,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Anna Nagar	19,000.00
Madurai Capuchin Society, Thirumangalam	15,000.00
Mr. Rathinasamy, Virudhunagar	15,000.00
Sacred Heart Brother, Manikandam, Trichy	15,000.00
A. Jeyaraj & Stella, Kochadai, Madurai	13,000.00
Mr. Arumainathan, Gnanaolivupuram, Madurai	12,000.00
Mr. Gruz Jesu, Palanganatham	12,000.00
Mr. C. Jeyaseelan, Villapuram, Madurai	10,000.00
A.J. Soosaimary, Iyrbungalow, Madurai	10,000.00
Superior General, Old Kosavapalayam, Madurai	10,000.00
Mr. Peter, Madurai	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Anjal Nagar	10,000.00
A. Kulandai & Mariammal, Iyravathanallur	10,000.00
Don Bosco Society, Trichy	10,000.00
C.I.C. Provincialate, Maghizhur, Viraganur	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Pandian Nagar	10,000.00
Mr. Kalaiarasi Paul, Gnanaolivupuram, Madurai	9,000.00
G. Mary, Gnanaolivupuram	8,000.00
Mrs. Ganagavayola, Bibikulam	8,000.00
Viyakula Selvi, Gnanaolivupuram, Madurai	8,000.00
Narcheithi Paniyalargal, Nagamalai	8,000.00
Mr. S. Michael Arul Rayan & Packia Selvi, Gnanaolivupuram	8,000.00
Earth Society, Nagamalai Pudukottai	6,000.00
Mr.S. Joseph Alankar Raj, J.R. Electricals, Madurai	5,000.00
Fr. S. Innasimuthu, Procurator, Trichy	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Mathakovilpatti	5,000.00
Fr. Procurator, Maravanery, Salem	5,000.00
Mr. Amalraj & Mrs. Usha Bernedett	5,000.00



Mrs. Mary, Gnanaolivupuram, Madurai	4,000.00
Sr. Superior, Immaculate Convent, Sathankudi	3,000.00
Mrs. Maria Arputhammal, Gnanaolivupuram, Madurai	2,000.00
P. Gnanapackiam, Arasaradi, Madurai	2,000.00
Sr. Pavulin Chinnamal, Madurai	1,000.00
A. Savariammal, Bibikulam	1,000.00

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**48,35,989.92**

Add:

Bank Interest Amount - 29,524.00 29,524.00

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**48,65,513.92**

Less:

Payment for Covid -19 Medical Expenses	-10,00,000.00
Payment for St. Paul's Seminary	- 3,04,547.00
Payment for St. Pius x Seminary	- 70,000.00
Payment for Little flower Seminary	- 56,060.00
Payment for St. Paul's Seminary	- 52,500.00
Payment for Christ Hall Seminary	- 37,198.00
Payment for St. Pius X Seminary	- 50,000.00
Payment for St. Pius X Seminary	- 50,000.00

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16,44,809.95

**Closing Balance as on 25.09.2021**

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**32,20,703.97**

Cash in Hand - Nil

Cash at Bank - 32,20,703.97

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**32,20,703.97**

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*May the soul of*  
**REV. FR. REX PETER**

*Rest in Peace*

**12-09-2021**



**I. Bio-Data**

Date of Birth - 10-06-1973  
Place of Birth - Savariarpattanam  
Ordination - 07-04-2002

**II. The Family**

**Parents** - Mr. K.M. Nayagam (late)  
- Mrs. Maria Arockiam (late)

**Brothers & Sisters**

1. Mrs. Jeyaseeli - Sister  
2. Mrs. Mary Mangalam - Sister  
3. Mrs. Josephine Victor - Sister  
4. Mr. Amirtham - Sister  
5. Mr. Irudayaraj - Brother  
6. Mrs. Lilly - Sister



**III. The Study - Secular**

Primary Education - 1978- 1983 - Savariarpattanam  
Middle School - 1983 -1987- Nagercoil  
...<sup>th</sup>Std, 1988 - Kombukaranendal  
Hr. Sec. School - .....

**Ecclesiastical Studies**

Petti Seminary, 1988 - 1990 - St. Pius X Seminary,  
Gnanaolivupuram

Minor Seminary	- 1990 - 1992
	St. Peter's Seminary, Viraganur
B. Com, College Studies	- 1992 -1995
	American College, Madurai
Philosophy	- 1995 -1997- St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore
Free Regency	- 1998 - At a School, Thambaram, Chennai
Theology	- 1998- 2001 - St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore
Diaconate Ministry	- 2001 - Batlagundu

**Ordination** - **07-04-2002**

**Construction Contributions**

Generator Room at Usilampatti  
Construction of Vianney Block, Usilampatti  
Smart Class Rooms, Batlagundu  
Water Plant, Water harvestins system, Batlagundu  
Bus for School



**IV. Clerical Ministries**

Assistant Parish Priest, Munjikal	- 2002 - 2003
Asst. P.P., Gnanaolivupuram	- 2003 - 2004
Parish Priest, Usilampatti	- 2004 - 2006
Secretary, Christian Life Commission	- 2006 - 2009
Principal, AnnaiVeilankanni Matric. Sl.	- 2009 - 2019
Principal, St. Britto Hr Sec. School	- 2019 - 2021
Heavenly Journey	-12-09-2021



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

- Fr. Chancellor

**Historical Notes – Madura Mission**

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

**Fr. J. Maria Pancras:** Fr. Pancras served the parishes of Kamanayakkanpatti, Silukkuvarpatti, Kalladithidal, Koothalur and Ramanathapuram as the Assistant Parish Priest and at the parishes of Satharasanpatti, Michaelpattanam and Theni as Parish Priest. He celebrated his Silver Jubilee in March 1984 at Theni when he was the parish priest. He passed away on 06-9-1992. May the glorious name of Fr. Maria Pancras long live at the annals of the Archdiocese.

**Fr. Vedamuthu S. :** Fr. Vedamuthu was born in 1908 at Kalloorani village of Michaelpattanam parish, the present Sivagangai diocese. The very stature of him was gigantic; a tall man with a gigantic look which marked him as an achiever. He was ordained in 1937 by Bishop Leonard. He was ministering as an Assitant Parish Priest at Malayadipatti, Puliyal and Sooranam.

He was appointed as the Parish Priest of SalaiKiramam for a shorter period and later he was transferred to Kalladithidal parish. There too he was ministering for a few years.

From then on he was appointed as Parish Priest of Susaiapparpattanam in 1949 he was ministering there for 10 long years ( 1949 – 1959). He used to visit his flock door by door and therefore the flock loved him so much. He was instrumental in developing *CatholikkusevaSangamat* this parish. He visited every village and founded this Sangam which helped the people for their all round development. He upgraded primary Schools into Middle. Through SevaSangam he received Harvest Offering which he used for the educational fees for the students. SevaSangam used this corpus fund to give low rate interest to the students who wanted to study further. Thus many students benefitted by this monitary scheme.

He had a very powerful voice which reflected in his sermons. As he was interested in sports as well he encouraged his flock to join in games and sports. He used to teach regular Catechism to the elderly people during Sundays.

He renovated the Church of Susaiapparpattanam and constructed a tower to the church. He too had a pastoral vision to start a High School at Kalayarkoil and since the permission was not granted he could not start that project. However, he is the pioneer for the creation of that parish since he was the one who prepared the work by purchasing the land for the Church there.

Seeing his dedication and administration the Archbishop appointed him as the Vicar Forane of Sarugani. Then considering the easy accessibility and travel convenience he requested to change the vicariate center from Sarugani to Devakottai and it was done. He was administering as Vicar Forane for six years.

Then he was appointed as the Care Taker of Periyur Coffee Estate for a year. As the climate was not conducive for his health he was transferred to Aathoor as the parish priest where he renovated the parochial church. He was doing ground work at Chinnalapatti to make it a new parish later. Then he was transferred to Sivagangai where he involved his parishioner in social and developmental works.

Again he was appointed as the Vicar Forane of Devakottai the second time and he became the Director of Valanllam, the Orphanage. He renovated the church at Devakottai. Remaining at Devakottai he constructed SindadiriMadha Church at Thondi; thus helped the fisherfolk community to grow in faith. Many chapels and churches he built in villages. He also spearheaded Draught Relief works and Co-operative Society projects in his parishes.

In 1977 Fr. Balthazar became the parish priest of Devakottai and in 1978 Fr. Rajasekaran replaced him as the Vicar Forane of Devakottai. In 1979 having considering his health condition he was also relieved from the Directorship of the Orphanage and he went for rest.

At his retirement he spent most of his time in prayer and solitude. Following his regular habits of spiritual reading, walking, prayer and diet he lived his old age gracefully. On 8<sup>th</sup> October 1984 he was suffering from high blood pressure due to which he collapsed and was admitted at Dindigul St. Joseph hospital and there he reached his heavenly abode on 1-12-1984. Listening to the plea of the parishioners of Susaiapparpattanam, who loved their beloved pastor so much the

Archbishop gave permission to bury on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1984, the beloved pastor at the Church of Susaiapparpattanam itself. *(to be continued)*

– Fr. Jodir.

## **October – Month of Rosary**

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and the best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

On October 7, 1571, a great victory over the mighty Turkish fleet was won by Catholic naval forces primarily from Spain, Venice, and Genoa under the command of Don Juan of Austria. It was the last battle at sea between “oared” ships, which featured the most powerful navy in the world, a Moslem force with between 12,000 to 15,000 Christian slaves as rowers.

The patchwork team of Catholic ships was powered by the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a distinct material disadvantage, the holy pontiff, St. Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. We know today that the victory was significant, prevented the Islamic invasion of Europe, and evidenced the Hand of God working through Our Lady. One of three admirals commanding the Catholic forces at Lepanto was Andrea Doria. He carried a small copy of Mexico’s Our Lady of Guadalupe into battle. This image is now enshrined in the Church of San Stefano in Aveto, Italy.

At Lepanto, the Victory over the Moslems was won by the faithful praying the Rosary. Even though they had superior numbers, the Turks really were overmatched. Blessed Padre Pio, the Spiritual Father of the Blue Army, said: “The Rosary is the weapon.” The Battle of Lepanto was at first celebrated liturgically as “Our Lady of Victory.” Later, the feast of October 7<sup>th</sup> was renamed “Our Lady of the Rosary” and extended throughout the Universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1716 (who canonized Pope Pius V in 1712).

And with that we are back to Fatima, Portugal where Our Lady, when asked her name, said: “I am the Lady of the Rosary.” At Fatima, Our Lady taught us to pray the Rosary every day.

***Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us***

