



Diocesan News Letter Madurai

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**Long live the Archbishop
Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy D.D., STD
to shepherd the Archdiocese**



Pope's Prayer Intention for September: That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

Pope's Mission Intention for September: That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and the suffering.





Please Note

1. **Thanks:** The Archbishop thanks all the various committee members who worked for the successful Installation ceremony, the Holy Mass and the public function. May God reward you for the good work you rendered.
2. **Official Title and Name:** Kindly note the following Name and the Title of our Archbishop for your publication and use: Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy D.D., S.T.D.; பேராயர் அந்தோனி பாப்பசாமி D.D., S.T.D.
3. **Annual Clergy Retreat:** As announced, the annual Clergy Retreat 2014 will commence on 14th September 2014 evening (Sunday) at PILLAR, Nagamalai Pudukkottai and will conclude on 19th inst (Friday). Participation in Annual Retreat is mandatory for all the parish priests and the assistant parish priests. For exception one needs to contact the Archbishop. Kindly bring with you 1. Cassock 2. Bible 3. Writing materials together with your clothings and medicines. There will not be a monthly Recollection in September.
4. **Congratulations to our *ORDINANDIS* :** Rev. Dn. S. Britto Jerald Dhinakaran and Rev. Dn. John Richard will be ordained priests by Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy, the Archbishop of Madurai at the Holy Eucharist commencing at 6.00 p.m., on 21st September 2014, at St. Joseph's Church, Gnanaolivupuram. All the diocesan priests are to attend this diocesan common celebration without fail. The bio data of the *ordinandis* as follows:

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Archbishop's Engagements September - 2014

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| 03 | - | Commission Meeting NPC |
| 06 | - | De Nobili Mat.School, Sports Day |
| 07 | M - | Marriage Mass |
| | E - | Feast Mass, Ugarthey Nagar |
| 09 | - | Arch Blessing, Ayravathanallur |
| 13 | - | Laity Commission Meeting, Trichy |
| 14 | M - | Feast Mass, Confirmation, St. Mary's Cathedral |
| | E - | Retreat |
| 18 | - | Matha T.V. Meeting |
| 19 | - | Conclusion of the Retreat |
| 21 | - | Ordination, Gnanaolivupuram |
| 27 | - | Feast Mass, Malayadipatti |
| 28 | - | Feast Mass, Michaelpalayam |

	REV. M. JOHN RICHARD	
Name	: M. John Richard	
Father's Name	: Mr. R. Micheal	
Mother's Name	: Mrs. Sahaya Mary	
Date of Birth	: 19.06.1984	
Village, Parish	: Munjikkal, Kodaikanal	
Brothers + Sisters	: 1 Brother & 1 Sister	
Ordination Motto	: “அவர் அன்பில் நிலைத்திருங்கள்” (யோ.15:9) “To Remain in his Love” (Jn 15,9)	
	REV. S. BRITTO JERALD DHINAKARAN	
Name	: S. Britto Jerald Dhinakaran	
Father's Name	: Mr. K.S. Savariar	
Mother's Name	: Mrs. Jesintha Selvarani	
Date of Birth	: 22.03.1984	
Village, Parish	: Michaelpalayam	
Brothers + Sisters	: 2 Sisters & 1 Brother	
Ordination Motto	: “நற்செய்திக்காக குரல் கொடுக்க.” (மிலி. 1:16) “For the defence of the Gospel” (Phill 1:16)	

5. **Oriyur Pilgrimage:** As customary, we will make our Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of **St. John De Britto, the Martyr** and the **Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Madurai** on 2nd of October (Thursday). Kindly cancel the masses at your parishes and bring a large number of faithful to participate in the Annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage.

6. **Condolences:** The Archdiocese conveys its deep condolences to **Rev. Fr. Vimi. Charlie** and **Rev. Fr. Henry Jerome S.J.**, who lost their beloved mother, **Mrs. Angel**, aged 86, on 24th August 2014. The Requiem mass was officiated by Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy at Lourdes Church, K. Pudur, on 25th inst., with the concelebration of a large number of priests from various dioceses and the Society of Jesus.



The Papal Bull

Prot. N° 49.887

FRANCISCUS EPISCOPUS SERVUS SERVORUM DEI Venerabili Fratri ANTONIO PAPPUSAMY, hactenus Episcopo Dindigulensi, nunc Metropolitanae Ecclesiae Madhuraiensis sacrorum Antistiti electo, salutem et Apostolicam Benedictionem.

Cum experti simus quam utile sit Ecclesiis particularibus, qualibet de causa Pastoribus orbatis, tempestive consulere, non amplius differendam esse duximus electionem Archiepiscopi Metropolitanae Ecclesiae Madhuraiensis, cuius regimen ultimus eius Antistes Petrus Fernando deposuit. Volentes autem in huius Praesulis locum virum idoneum constituere, de te, Venerabilis Frater, cogitavimus, qui in administratione dioecesis Dindigulensis haud paucis episcopalibus dotibus et virtutibus te praeditum ostendisti. Quapropter consilii Nos adsentientes Congregationis pro Gentium Evangelizatione, Nostra usi suprema Apostolica auctoritate, hisce Litteris te, vinculo Ecclesiae Dindigulensis solutum, Archiepiscopum Metropolitam MADHURAIENSEM nominamus. Huius porro nominationis tuae certiores facies clerum at populum istius ecclesialis communis nunc tibi conceditae, quorum est non solum libentibus te animis excipere, sed etiam ut Patrem custodemque animarum suarum diligere et praeceptis, quae dederis, ad ipsarum bonum provehendum, fideliter obtemperare. Certe, Venerabilis Frater, adepta iam experientia tibi optima erit magistra, sed cum varii sint greges pascendi variaeque condiciones et necessitates, prudenter quoque oportet ad hoc munus fungendum accedas, si quae sint vel mutanda vel provehenda. Ipse autem Christus, Redemptor humani generis et unicus Magister, praestite Virgine Maria, te Sua gratia custodiat et roborat supernisque Sui Spiritus donis iugiter ditet.

Datum Romae, apud S. Petrum, die vicesimo sexto mensis Iulii, anno bis millesimo quarto decimo, Pontificatus Nostri secundo.

FRANCISCUS PP.

English Translation of the Papal Bull appointing the Archbishop FRANCIS

Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God

To our Venerable Brother Anthony Pappusamy, until now Bishop of Dindigul, and hereby appointed to the Metropolitan Church of Madurai, greetings and Apostolic Blessing.



We realize that, whenever for any reason a particular Church becomes vacant, it is important that the vacancy not be prolonged. For this reason, we wish to assure that the vacancy of the Metropolitan Church of Madurai not be protracted, since it is now vacant because of the acceptance of the resignation of the former incumbent, Archbishop Peter Fernando.

In his place we wish to appoint an appropriate person, and we know, Venerable Brother, that in your administration of the Diocese of Dindigui you have shown that you possess many qualities and virtues. For this reason, and listening to the advice of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, by virtue of our supreme Apostolic authority, and by these letters hereby release you from the bonds attaching you to the Diocese of Dindigui, and appoint you Metropolitan Archbishop of Madurai.

You are to inform the clergy and the faithful of your appointment to this ecclesial community, so that they not only willingly receive you, but also love you as a Father and guardian of their souls, and will faithfully obey those precepts which you will issue for their well-being.

Certainly, Venerable Brother, your experience will be your best teacher, but because each flock has various circumstances and needs, it will be important for you to carry out this function prudently, determining whether certain things need to change or to be promoted.

May Christ, the redeemer of the human race and our one Teacher, with the assistance of the Virgin Mary, keep you in his grace and strengthen you through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, this twenty-sixth day of July, in the year two thousand and fourteen, the second year of our Pontificate.

- Pope Francis

Greeting Message of the Apostolic Nuncio
Most Rev. Salvatore Pennacchio

Your Grace Peter Fernando, Archbishop Emeritus of Madurai
Dear Bishop Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop-Elect of Madurai
My Brother Archbishops and Bishops
Reverend Fathers, Religious men and women,
Distinguished Religious and Civil authorities
Invited Guests,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

I am glad to be witness of this significant ceremony of the installation of The Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy as the new Archbishop of this Church of Madurai.

I extend my heartfelt greetings to all of you. Your enthusiastic participation in this celebration which marks another step in the life of the Church of Madurai is a great sign of your love and trust towards your Church and the newly appointed Shepherd.

I wish to acknowledge the presence of Archbishops and Bishops together with priests, religious men and women, civil and religious authorities. As Representative in India of Pope Francis I convey to you and to all the people of God in the Archdiocese of Madurai his apostolic blessing as an eloquent sign of his pastoral concern for the Church in this Diocese and in the whole Tamil Nadu.

In the first place I wish to express on behalf of the Holy Father and the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples my sincere gratitude to **His Grace The Most Rev. Peter Fernando** who served this Diocese for 11 long years from 24th April 2003. Many pastoral initiatives and activities have been accomplished during his time of leadership. Following the footsteps of his Predecessors, he has drawn a particular pastoral plan for the Dalit Christians in the Archdiocese and carried it out by equipping the area and parishes with a lot of educational institutions and other institutions to uplift the social, political and economical situation of the suffering faithful of the Archdiocese.

With great sense of esteem and appreciation I thank you Archbishop Peter for your selfless dedication and effective pastoral leadership you have rendered with dignity to the Church of Madurai and its people. May God reward your generosity!

To you dear **Archbishop Antony Pappusamy** I wish to first of all register my gratitude and that of the Church for accepting willingly the request of the Holy Father to transfer you from the Diocese of Dindigul to this Archdiocese of Madurai where you spent 4 good years as Auxiliary Bishop which made you familiar to it. I likewise thank you for a fruitful service accomplished in Dindigul during 11 years of your Episcopal Ministry.

While taking up the pastoral leadership of this Archdiocese remember Dear Bishop Antony the words of Pope Francis addressed to the Bishops of Asia during his recent visit to South Korea. On that occasion Pope Francis invited the Church to be “versatile and creative in her witness to the Gospel”, emphasizing above all on “dialogue” and “openness to all” as essential elements in the Church’s mission for they are inherent in Christian identity. He stated: “We cannot engage in real dialogue unless we are conscious of our own identity. Nor can there be authentic dialogue unless we are capable of opening our minds and hearts, in empathy and sincere receptivity, to those with whom we speak.”

Dear Archbishop Antony, following the footsteps of your Predecessors you are today called to open your heart and mind to accepting individuals and cultures that exist in this Church of Madurai and beyond. You have the task of bringing through paternal solicitude, dialogue and openness all the people entrusted to you to the life of the Gospel values without discrimination of whatsoever. Your Episcopal motto *Servire cum Amore* (Service with love) indeed reflects this mission. As a good shepherd you are called to serve with love all the faithful of this Archdiocese without any discrimination for all are children of God and belong to your flock. As Pope Francis continuously reiterates a good shepherd must have special concern for the poor, the sick, the elderly and the youth.

Dear Priests of the Archdiocese of Madurai, as immediate collaborators in the pastoral ministry of Archbishop Antony Pappusamy I urge you to afford him your support, obedience and creativity so that the people entrusted to his care find happiness and solace. In so doing you declare yourselves worthy of the ministry entrusted to you by Christ. I also exhort the Religious men and women to wholeheartedly collaborate with the new Bishop as per your charisms to uplift the spiritual and material life of the people of God in this Archdiocese.

Dear faithful of Madurai, it is with great confidence that today I commend to you Archbishop Antony Pappusamy who I know will be the kind of bishop Pope Francis is speaking of. Archbishop Antony is here to serve you in your spiritual needs, welcome him in your midst with love, listen to him attentively and follow his instructions with religious obedience and enthusiasm. And let us pray for him and for his ministry in the years ahead, that it will be fruitful in ways that are beyond all your expectations.

May Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles, and Saint John de Britto Patron Saint of this Diocese who laboured tirelessly for the evangelization of this region of Madurai be of your assistance, dear Bishop Archbishop Antony during all the time of your pastoral ministry in this Church!



குடும்ப நல்வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு நடத்தும் திருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்



செப்டம்பர்	5,6.09.2014	நொபிலி மறைப்பணி நிலையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி
	13,14.09.2014	திருவில்லிபுத்தூர்	சனி, ஞாயிறு
	19,20.09.2014	நொபிலி மறைப்பணி நிலையம்	வெள்ளி, சனி
	27,28.09.2014	கொடைக்கானல்	சனி, ஞாயிறு

அருட்தந்தை. முனைவர் ஜான் பிரிட்டோ பாக்கியராஜ், செயலர்

From the heart of the Archbishop

My dear loving Fathers, Religious and the lay faithful,

First and foremost I place on record the amount of hard work you put in to make the ceremony of Installation of the New Archbishop, a meaningful and holy one. I whole heartedly thank my predecessor, Most Rev. Dr. Peter Fernando for his hard work in the Archdiocese of Madurai for 11 years in spite of his ill health.



Your expectations of giving a clear leadership and be a good Shepherd according to the heart of Christ will not go in vain. Be sure of my hard work to deepen your faith and fulfill your aspirations and hopes by the unfailing grace of God, given my limitations. I will try my level best to be a hard working Missionary, Promoter of Communion and Collaboration among the Priests, Religious and the Lay Faithful. It will be my pleasant job to encourage you when you do well, and correct you when you are not on the right track.

As a father and leader, I will strive to instill in you a greater missionary Zeal and through my simple, humble and prayer life, I assure you to give you a sound Pastoral Care. I humbly expect from you all a constructive involvement in order to make the Administrative System more transparent and supportive of the proper functioning of the Archdiocese.

Once again expressing my sentiments of gratitude to you all, let us walk together hand in hand in order to make the Archdiocese a self-sufficient unit giving due importance for the participation of the Lay faithful.

With prayerful wishes,

Your loving Archbishop
+ **Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy**
Archbishop of Madurai

Holy Childhood Collection -2014

Collection as on 26/07/2014	1,17,625.00
Othayal	200.00
Chinnamanur	180.00

Collection as on 29/08/2014	1,18,005.00
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Holy See Collection -2014

Collection as on 26/07/2014	47,145.00
Periyakulam	3,000.00
Sundaranatchiapuram	1,400.00
Thirumangalam	1,100.00
Bibikulam	1,000.00
Mangalamkombu	250.00
Othayal	200.00
Chinnamanur	150.00

Collection as on 29/08/2014	54,245.00
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Hunger & Disease Collection - 2014

Collection as on 26/07/2014	8,00,111.00
Mangalmkombu	980.00
Chinnamanur	600.00
Othayal	500.00

Collection as on 29/08/2014	8,02,191.00
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Good Friday Collection -2014

Collection as on 26/07/2014	4,58,096.00
Chinnamanur	800.00
Mangalmkombu	1,500.00
Othayal	600.00

Collection as on 29/08/2014	4,60,996.00
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Vocation Sunday Collection - 2014

Collection as on 26/07/2014	47,926.00
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Virudhunagar	4,400.00
Periyakulam	3,000.00
Sundaranatchiapuram	2,200.00
Kavirayapuram	500.00
Mangalamkombu	300.00
Othayal	200.00
Chinnamanur	150.00

Collection as on 29/08/2014	58,676.00
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St. Peter's Pence Collection -2014

Collection as on 26/07/2014	29,410.00
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Periyakulam	4,500.00
Virudhunagar	4,500.00
Bibikulam	2,800.00
Meenampatti	2,598.00
Sundaranatchiapuram	1,600.00
Usilampatti	700.00
Kavirayapuram	500.00
Mangalamkombu	300.00
Othayal	200.00
Chinnamanur	200.00

Collection as on 29/08/2014	47,308.00
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Seminarians Fund -2014

John Paul Hr.Sec.School, Dindigul	-	5,000.00
Vinnarasi Matha Anbiam, Bibikulam	-	3,000.00
Velankanni Matha Anbiam, Bibikulam	-	1,000.00
Mrs. Adaikkala Mary, Kadachanendal	-	1,000.00
Fatima Matha Anbiam, Bibikulam	-	1,000.00
Santhosh Rajapandi, Chokkanathanputhur	-	500.00
Mary Grace, Silukkuvarpatti	-	200.00

Total	-	11,700.00
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Mass Received From Parish -2014

Arockia Annai Shrine Vadipatti (2,270 Mass)	- 2,27,000.00
Sundaranachiarapuram (200 Mass)	- 14,000.00

Archbishop Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy Installation Collection

Mother General, CIC, Madurai	2,00,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Sivakasi	1,00,000.00
Mr. Vallal Sebastian, Bastian Nagar	1,00,000.00
St.Mary's Leuca Community, Moondrumavadi	50,000.00
Holycross Provincialate, Annanagar	50,000.00
Fr. Correspondent, St. Joseph Hr.Sec.Sch. Samayanllur	50,000.00
Mashot Trust, Nobili Pastoral Centre, Madurai	50,000.00
Sacred Heart Angelo Province, Trichy	30,000.00
Sr. Provincial, Servite Convent, Harvey Nagar	25,000.00
Pallottine Society, Thirunagar	25,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Annanagar	25,000.00
Sr. Superior, St. Joseph's Educational Society	25,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Sivakasi	20,200.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Ellis Nagar	20,000.00
Sr. Superior, Born Secours Convent, Koodal nagar	20,000.00
Sacred Heart Angelo Province, Trichy	20,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Hanumanthanpatti	20,000.00
Srs. St. John the Baptist, Vandiyur, Madurai	17,000.00
Srs. St. John the Baptist, Annanagar, Madurai	16,500.00
Srs. St. John the Baptist, Vadipatti	16,500.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Uthamapalayam	15,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Sundaranatchiapuram	10,500.00
Mr. Victor Jesuraj I. Arulanandam Construction	10,000.00
Fr. Gabriel	10,000.00
St.Mary's Leuca Community, Moondrumavadi	10,000.00
R.C. Hr. Sec. School, Michaelpalayam	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Ellis Nagar	10,000.00
Mrs. Gandhimathi, Maria Oil Seal Springs	10,000.00
Annai Vailankanni Mat.Sch, Batlagundu	10,000.00

Arockia Annai construction	10,000.00
CIC Provincialate, Viraganur	10,000.00
St. Xavier's Home & School, Shenbaganur	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Shenbaganur	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Annanagar	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Rosary Church	10,000.00
Mr. Ravi Exsar Construction	10,000.00
Mr.M.Raja, Contractor, Madurai	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Virudhunagar	7,500.00
Mr. Cruz Sesu, Palanganatham	6,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Chinnamanur	5,500.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Annanagar	5,400.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Thirunagar	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Michaelpalayam	5,000.00
Sr. Superior, Charles Convent, Thirunagar	5,000.00
Seva Missionary Srs of Mary, Cumbum	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Shenbaganur	5,000.00
Holy Cross Hospital, Sulakkarai	5,000.00
Fr. Rector, Arulaham, Anjal nagar	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Munjikkal	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Perumalmalai	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Batlagundu	4,500.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Periyakulam	4,500.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Rayappanpatti	3,000.00
Sacred Heart Brothers, Vadipatti	3,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Thirumangalam	2500.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Iravathanallur	2,100.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Usilampatti	1,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Kottur	1,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Mathankovilpatti	600.00
Fr. Parish Priest, R.R. Nagar	500.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Othakadai	400.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Lourdupuram	400.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Othaiyal	300.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Chinnamanur	200.00

Total **11,49,100.00**



Greetings on Birthday



Fr. Lucas Maria Gnanam	on	03.09.1949
Fr. Lourduraj G.	on	06.09.1932
Fr. Appolin Claret Raj M.	on	09.09.1965
Fr. Louis A.	on	11.09.1958
Fr. Maria Michael M.	on	19.09.1977
Fr. Maria Louis A.	on	25.09.1969
Fr. Antonysamy V.	on	29.09.1958
Fr. Michael Charles V.	on	29.09.1974
Fr. Joseph V.	on	29.09.1974
Fr. Sahayaraj	on	30.09.1980

Happy Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Pappuraj	on	26.09.2010
Fr. Peter	on	16.09.2012

Adoration Sunday

September		October	
07	Annanagar	05	A. Nathampatty
14	Batlagundu	12	Y. Othakkadai
21	Bodinayakanur	19	Karumathur
28	Sundaranachiapuram	26	Theni

Necrology

Fr. Joseph Lazer	-	09.09.1979
Fr. Sandanam Manuel	-	28.09.1981
Fr. Peter R.S.	-	09.09.1985
Fr. Joachim M.P.	-	25.09.1985
Fr. Pudumai	-	06.09.1992
Fr. Aruldoss	-	16.06.1997
Fr. Kulandaisamy A.S.	-	12.09.1999

