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Ave, María, grátia plena,
Dóminus tecum.
Benedicia tu in muliéribus,
et benedicius fructus
ventris tul, lesus.
Sancia María, Mater Dei,
ora pro nebis
peccatoribus
nunc et in hora
mertis nestrae.
Amen.

"Ave, o Merte,
piene di grazie,
il Signore è con te.
Tu sei benedetta
fra le donne
e benedetto è il frutto
del tuo seno, Gesti.
Santa Maria, Madre di Dio,
prega per noi
peccatori,
adesso e nell'ora
della
nostra morte.
Amen."

## September 08 Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows, 24 - Our Lady of Ransom



September 05 St. Teresa of Kolkata 1910 - 1997

- 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 21 St. Matthew, The Evangelist
- 27 St. Vincent De Paul
- 29 Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphel



# Happy Birthday



Fr. Sebastian Chinnadurai S. 02.09.1979



Fr. Appoline Claret Raj M. 09.09.1965



Fr. Louis A. 11.09.1958



Fr. Maria Michael M. 19.09.1977



Fr. Maria Louis A. 25.09.1969



Fr. Joseph V. 29.09.1974





Fr. Sahaya Raj K. 30.09.1980



## THE VOICE OF THE PASTOR

## <u>St. Mother Theresa</u> <u>The Icon of Christianity in India</u>

Forgiveness, Mercy, Healing, Love, Mother Theresa of Calcutta all mean the same. Mother Theresa of Calcutta means the epitome and embodiment of all the virtues on par with the values of Jesus. 5<sup>th</sup> September is marked by the golden letters in the history of the World and in the Church as we remember the great saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Our Holy



Father describes her as an "inestimable gift". She was a missionary nun who is known by the whole world of her very act of Charity. She founded the Missionaries of Charity – a religious organization dedicated to helping the poor through various programs and initiatives. In the Catholic Church, she is also known as Saint Teresa after she was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016. The bible verse, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me'(Mt 25:45), became hallmark of her life.

Many of us dreamed of changing the world, but only very few chose to act on it. And fewer still did it as bravely as this humble woman from Calcutta. She inspires many as she left her comfortable zone and plunged in to the darkness to serve God's people. At that time when people with HIV/AIDS were looked down on, her universal love lifted them up. She was even quoted saying: "When you judge someone, you have no time to love them." She treated the lepers, educated the poorest of the poor, fed the hungry and sheltered the homeless. She saw in them the image of Christ Jesus. All the criticisms and sly comments against her did nothing to extinguish the passion in her heart. This selfless dedication flamed the fans of charitable awareness around the world.

This day reminds us of our call to be witnesses of Christ's love like this saint and **challenges us to see Christ in all human being** invariably. This day energizes us to overcome negative remarks and comments and become the warriors in the battle field of God's kingdom. It tells us that every one of us is capable to become heroes by our simple act of kindness, gesture of love, and posture of acceptance. It teaches us to draw strength and energy from our Eucharistic Lord like our great saint to be effective instruments of God.



Ample of opportunities lay ahead of us and we can make a difference in the life of many. Here are her some of the quotes which agitate us and take some resolutions in our life:

- "It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"
- "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."
- The trees, the flowers, the plants grow in silence. The stars, the sun, the moon move in silence. Silence gives us a new perspective."
- Nothing makes you happier than when you really reach out in mercy to someone who is badly hurt."
- "True love is love that causes us pain that hurts, and yet brings us joy. That is why we must pray to God and ask Him to give us the courage to love."
- Do not allow yourselves to be disheartened by any failure as long as you have done your best."
- "I know I am touching the living body of Christ in the broken bodies of the hungry and the suffering."
- We must never be afraid to be a sign of contradiction for the world."
- Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you."
- One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody."
- C "Let us be the lovers of all those who hate us."

Mother Teresa "became the prayerful cry of the poor and of all those who hunger and thirst for justice", said Pope Francis. She challenges us to bear witness to Christ's love among the poorest of the poor. How far have I responded to this call? What are the initiatives am I going to take?

May God bless you! Your loving Archbishop,

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+ Most Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy Archbishop of Madurai

## Archbishop's Engagements

01	Thu	М	Marriage - Gnanaolivupuram
04 05	Sun Mon	M M	Financial Assistance to the Students- Fr. George Stephan Feast Mass at Mother Theresa Convent - Vilangudi
07	Wed		Feast Mass, Anaikarai -Tuticorin
80	Thu	Ε	Feast Mass, Anna Nagar
09	Fri	M	St. Britto Hr. Sec. School -Annual Day Celebration, Gnanaolivupuram
		Ε	Flag Hoisting, St. Mary's Cathedral
10	Sat	М	Marriage Mass - Karisalpatti
11	Sun	М	$1^{\operatorname{st}} Anniversary Mass for Rev. Fr. Rex- Gnana olivupuram$
11 <sup>th</sup> E	ve to	16	Archdiocesan Clergy Annual Retreat at Pillar
17	Sat	Ε	Blessing of Class Rooms & Feast Mass - Silukkuvarpatti
18	Sun	М	Confirmation - Periyakulam
20	Tue		Flag Hoisting – Tharuvaikulam, Tuticorin
21-24	1		CBCI -142 <sup>nd</sup> meeting at St. John's Medical College, Bangalore
24	Sat	Ε	Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Most Rev. Devadoss Ambrose, Bishop of Tanjore
25	Sun	M	நம்பிக்கை அழக்கட்டளையின் மது மற்றும் போதை விழிப்புணர்வு நிகழ்ச்சி
26	Mon		Top Station Church Blessing, Bodinayakanur
27	Tue	М	Patrick Home Trust Meeting
29	Thu	М	Feast Mass - Thenkasi
30	Fri	Ε	Flag Hoisting – Rosary Church

<sup>\*</sup> Appointments may be fixed by calling the Archbishop's Secretary at +91 94433 86761 or by mailing to <a href="mailto:abssecretarymdu@gmail.com">abssecretarymdu@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Pope's General Prayer Intention**

#### For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

## பேராயரோடு இணைந்து செபிப்போம்

இலக்கு : வாழ்வாதாரப் பிரச்சனைகளுக்கு அரசியல் மிகுந்த முக்கியத்துவம் கொடுக்க

(கி.வா 271)

நோக்கு : அரசியல் யங்கேற்கும் இளைஞராக (கி.வா 168)

சீர்தூக்கு: சமூக நலனைக் கட்டியெழுப்புவதற்காக அரசியல் வாழ்வில் அடியெடுத்து

வைப்பதற்கு நாம் நம்மைத் தயாரிக்க வேண்டும் ( கி.வா 170)

## இம்மாதம் விழா கொண்டாடும் பங்குகள்



மீனம்பட்டி, அன்னை தெரசா ஆலயம் ละบ่นข้นต้ ธ அண்ணாருகர். அவு கூலை சூலாழ்கண்ண இலைற் **ລ**ອບໍ່ປຸເບໍ່ປຸດໍ່ ຮ வாடிப்படி, அதார்க்கிய அவுக்கை அலயம் ละบุ๋นเ๋งบเ๋ ธ eura, புகித ஆசுராக்கிய அவுக்கை ஆலயம் ละบุ๋นเ๋งบเ๋ ธ பாக்கியபுரம், புகித ஆசராக்கிய அன்னை ஆலயம் ອະດຸດທຸດ ຮ கம்பம், புகித அசுராக்கிய அன்னை அலயம் ละบุ๋นเ๋นน์ ธ சீன்னமஹார், புனித அன்னை வேனாங்கண்ணி **ລ**ອບໍ່ເບໍ່ບຕໍ່ ຮ சிஷாக்குவார்படி, புனித அதேராக்கிய அன்னை ஆலைம் -ละบ่นเป็นต้ ซ கடமலைக்குண்டு, அன்னை சவளாங்கண்ணி ஆலைம் -ละบ่นข้นห้ ซ ஆர். ஆர். நகர், புகித வேளாங்கண்ணி ஆலைம் ອະດຸດທຸດ ຮ மியானூஸ் நகர், புகித ஆரோக்கிய அன்னை ஆலயம் -ละบุ๋นเ๋งบเ๋ ธ தும்முச்சினம்படி, புகித வியாகுஸமாதா ஆலயம் ละบ่นงับต้ 15 மதுரை, புகித மியன்கைப் சபராலமம் ละบ่นเป็นที่ 15 മ്പാരുള്ള വളവരുക്കാവുള്ള കൂടി വുടുവുള്ള ละบำเด็บต้ 15 - വ്ധരക്ക ന്മ്വേഷ്ടിക ശ്കാടർ ആപ്പം വ്ധനം അവാശ്കാർ **จ**ะบ้นงับที่ 29

இப்பங்குகளில் பணி புரியும் பங்குத்தக்தையர்களுக்கும், துறவறத்தாருக்கும் இறைமக்களுக்கும் எனது வா<u>ழ்த்து</u>களும் செபங்களும்.

+ പോസ് കൂറ്റ് ക്രൂ നി ന് പ്രാവം നി ക്രൂ വാധി ക്രൂ വായി പ്രവായി ക്രൂ വായി പ്രവായി പ്രവായി ക്രൂ വായി വായി പ്രവായി പ്രവായ

<sup>\*</sup> Appointments are subject to change as per Government's Regulations.

## Please Note

## The Nativity: September 08

DNL wishes a very happy feast on the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mother. Showers of blessings may be upon us from heaven through our beloved mother to continue the mission of His kingdom.

## **Clergy Annual Retreat:**

As it was already mentioned, the Clergy Annual Retreat begins on 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening and ends on 16<sup>th</sup> Friday noon. The venue is PILLAR centre, Nagamalaipudukottai. It is an obligation, in accordance with Can. 276, §2, 4°, to all the reverend fathers to participate in this annual spiritual exercise and His Grace too exhorts every priest of the Archdiocese to make use of this time to rejuvenate our life and ministries. Kindly don't forget to bring your cassocks, Bible, writing materials and medicines along with your personal necessary things for the stay. You may also inform your parishioners about this and ask them to pray for the success of the retreat. The Preacher is Rev. Fr. Louis, Anjali Ashram, Mysore.

## Oriyur Pilgrimage:

It is our Archdiocesan custom to make a pilgrimage to Oriyur and to pay homage to our Patron St. John De Britto on the  $02^{nd}$  of October every year. This year, since October  $02^{nd}$  falls on Sunday, His Grace wants to discuss with the *presbyterium* whether to have it on the same day or to have a change. Hence, it will be finalized during the Annual Clergy Retreat.

## **Episcopal Vicar for Religious:**

His Grace has generously accepted the Resignation of Rev. Fr. J. Jeyaraj and relieved him from the Office of the Episcopal Vicar for the Religious. Until another one is appointed Msgr. Jerome Eronimus, the Vicar General will take care of the matters.

"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love." - Mother Teresa

## **Congratulations**



On behalf of the Presbyterium, DNL wishes **Fr. S. Angel Raj**, the Newly Elected Secretary for the Council of Priests (Senate) 2022 – 2025, All the best for the new mission of coordinating the priests, representing them to the Consult and advising the Archbishop in matters of necessity.

Congratulations to **Rev. Fr. Arul** who was awarded the "Life time achiever 2022" for his Literary Musical Contributions by the SIGNIS Tamil Nadu on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The Archdiocese feels proud about you, dear father, and wishes you to contribute more and grow higher. DNL also wishes the other award



winners, especially Rev. Fr. Vima Amalan who was our Archdiocesan priest and Rev. Fr. Xavier Antony SJ, Loyola Technical Institute, Madurai. Congratulations to Rev. Fr. Maria Michael, the Director of Sathangai for arranging such massive event at Madurai.



Congratualations to **Rev. Fr. Muthu** V.F. & PP and faithful of Andipatti, Theni parish for the beautiful construction of Adikala Matha stone Church. His Grace Most. Rev. Dr. Antony Pappusamy blessed and opened the Church on 28.08.2022 at 06.00 pm and appriciated the efforts of Parish Priest and Parishioners.

#### Condolences



The Archdiocese feels sorry about the sad demise of **Bro. Peter** who served the archdiocese for 38 years as Catechist. Archbishop expresses his deepest condolences to the bereaved family and prays for the repose of the soul of Bro. Peter. On behalf of our Archbishop, Msgr. Jerome Eronimus officiated the funeral services on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 at St. Lourdes Church, K. Pudur.

## கிறிஸ்தவ வாழ்வுப் பணிக்குழு

ஒவ்வொரு வருடமும் செப்டம்பர் மாதத்தை விவிலிய மாதமாக நாம் கொண்டாடிக் கொண்டிருக்கின்றோம். தமிழக விவிலியப் பணிக்குழுவானது இந்த ஆண்டு செப்டம்பர் 19 முதல் 24ம் தேதி வரை விவிலிய வாரமாகவும், செப்டம்பர் 25ம் தேதி விவிலிய ஞாயிறாகவும் சிறப்பிக்க நமக்கு அழைப்பு விடுக்கின்றது. இந்த சூழலில் நமது மதுரை உயர்மறைமாவட்ட கிறிஸ்தவ வாழ்வு பணிக்குழுவின் செயலர் என்ற முறையில் அருட்தந்தையர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் வாழ்த்துக்களை தெரிவிப்பதோடு விவிலிய மாதத்தை தங்கள் பங்குகளில் சிறப்பாக கொண்டாட உங்களை அன்போடு கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்.

அருட்தந்தையர்களின் அன்பான கவனத்திற்கு

- விவிலிய வாரத்தை சிறப்பிக்க உதவியாக, விவிலிய வார திருவழிபாடு கையேடு,
   கவரொட்டிகள் மற்றும் விவிலிய வினா விடை புத்தகக் கையேடு ஆகியவை
   உங்கள் பங்கிற்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டுள்ளன.
- ஒவ்வோர் ஆண்டும் செப்டம்பர் மாதத்தில் திருவிவிலியமானது சலுகை விலையில் வழங்கப்படும். ஆனால், இந்த ஆண்டு, திருவிவிலிய பிழை திருத்தப் பணிகள் நடைபெற்றுக் கொண்டிருப்பதால், புதிய திருவிவிலியமானது ஜனவரி மாதத்தில் வழங்கப்படும்.
- விவிலிய வாசிப்பை இறைமக்களிடையே உற்சாகப்படுத்தும் வகையில் தங்கள் பங்குகளில் விவிலியம் சம்பந்தமாக வினாடி வினா போன்ற நிகழ்வுகள் நடத்தப்பட வேண்டுமென்றால், கிறிஸ்தவ வாழ்வு பணிக்குழு செயலர் தந்தை அவர்களை தொடர்பு கொள்ளவும்.

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## **HAPPY FEAST**

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

Missionaries of Charity (MC)	5 <sup>th</sup> September
Sisters of Charity of St. Mary (DSS)	5 <sup>th</sup> September
Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross (SCSC)	14 <sup>th</sup> September
Sisters of the Holy Cross (HCM)	14 <sup>th</sup> September
Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod (SCC)	14 <sup>th</sup> September
Congregation of Mother of Sorrows	·
Servants of Mary (The Servites) OSM	15 <sup>th</sup> September
Vincentians (VC)	27 <sup>th</sup> September
The Monfort Brothers of St. Gabriel	29 <sup>th</sup> September
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## சிக்னிஸ் தமிழ்நாடு ஆண்டுக் கூட்டம் - 2022

கத்தோலிக்க ஊடகப் பணியாளர்களுக்கான உலகலாவிய அமைப்பு சிக்னிஸ் (SIGNIS). இந்த சிக்னிஸ் தமிழ்நாடு அமைப்பின் ஆண்டுக் கூட்டத்தை இந்த ஆண்டு நம் மதுரை சதங்கை கலைத்தொடர்பு மையம் ஏற்பாடு செய்திருந்தது.

முதல் நாள் சதங்கை மற்றும் பாத்திமா கல்லூரியோடு இணைந்து சிக்னிஸ் அமைப்பானது மாபெரும் கல்வி நாள் மற்றும் குறும்பட விழாவை (Study Day cum Short Film Festival) பாத்திமா கல்லூரி ஜீபிலி அரங்கத்தில் நடத்தியது. பாத்திமா கல்லூரி, அமெரிக்கன் கல்லூரி, லேடி டோக் கல்லூரி, மீனாட்சி கல்லூரி, அருள் ஆனந்தர் கல்லூரி, மெடோனா கல்லூரி, மற்றும் மதுரை காமராஜர் பல்கலைக் கழகம் போன்ற இடங்களிலிருந்து கல்லூரி மாணவ, மாணவிகளும், மதுரையின் பெரும்பாலும் அனைத்து மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளிகளிலிருந்தும் மாணவ, மாணவிகளும் மொத்தத்தில் 1000 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டனர். தொடக்க விழாவில் நம் பேராயர் அந்தோனி பாப்புசாமி, தமிழக ஊடகப் பணிக்குழு தலைவர் மேதகு.சிங்கராயன் மற்றும் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக பேராசிரியர் சாலமோன் பாப்பையா போன்றோர் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்பித்தனர்.

''இதயத்தின் செவிகளால் செவிபடுங்கள்'' என்ற தலைப்பில் நடைபெற்ற கல்விநாளை முனைவர் மதுக்கூர் இராமலிங்கம் அவர்களும், எவிடன்ஸ் கதிர் அவர்களும் வழிநடத்தினர். மாணவர்கள் மிகவும் ஆர்வத்துடன் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

இவ்விழாவின் ஒரு பகுதியாக மதுரைப் பகுதியில் கலைத்துறையில் முத்திரைப் பதித்த கலைஞர்கள் பத்து பேருக்கு சிக்னிஸ் தமிழ்நாடு - 2022 வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது வழங்கப்பட்டது. விருது பெற்றோர், அருட்தந்தையர்கள் விமா அமலன், அருள், சேவியா அந்தோணி S.J. பேராசிரியர் ஜேம்ஸ், செல்வின், ஹாஸ்பாபு, இராசி சேவியர், கருங்குயில் ஜேம்ஸ், ஆதவன் ஆரோக்கியராஜ் மற்றும் திருமதி.சகாய அமலி போன்றோர் ஆவர்.

மதியம் நடைபெற்ற குறும்பட விழாவில் ஏற்கனவே தமிழக அளவில் சிக்னிஸ் நடத்திய போட்டியில் பங்கு பெற்றிருந்த 50 குறும்படங்களில் சிறந்த 10 படங்கள் திரையிடப்பட்டது. திரைப்பட இயக்குநர் குகன் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக கலந்து கொண்டு மாணவ, மாணவிகளிடம் கலந்துரையாடல் நடத்தினார். முதல் மூன்று இடம் பிடித்தோருக்கு சிறப்பு பரிசு வழங்கப்பட்டது. இவ்விழாவில் நம் மதுரை மாவட்ட பணிக்குழுக்களின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் தந்தை பெனடிக்ட் பர்னபாஸ் அவர்களும் கலந்து கொண்டார்.

இவ்வாறாக முதல் நாள் மிகவும் சிறப்பாக பாத்திமா கல்லூரி அரங்கத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இரண்டாவது நாளில் சிக்னிஸ் தமிழ்நாடு உறுப்பினர்களான 50 பேருக்கு ஆண்டுக் கூட்டம் சதங்கையில் நடைபெற்றது.

இந்த மாபெரும் கூடுகை சிறப்பாக அமைய உணவு மற்றும் தங்குமிடத்திற்கு உதவி செய்த நம் பேராயர், திரு. வள்ளல் செபஸ்தியான், பொறியாளர். லாரன்ஸ் பொறியாளர். ரவி, திரு. அற்புதராஜ், திரு. சேவியர், மெடோனா கல்லூரி, புனித. லெயூகா பள்ளி, திரு.சேவியர் கஸ்பார், போன்றோருக்கு சிறப்பான நன்றிகள்.

#### 56-வது உலகத் தொடர்பு நாள் மறைமாவட்ட அளவிலான கட்டுரைப் போட்டி முடிவுகள்

இதயத்தின் செவிகளால் செவிமடுங்கள் என்னும் தலைப்பில் கொண்டாடப்பட்ட 56-வது உலகத் தொடர்பு நாளை முன்னிட்டு நம் மறைமாவட்ட அளவில் சதங்கை கலைத் தொடர்பு மையம் கட்டுரைப் போட்டியை நடத்தியது. இப்போட்டியில் 36 பங்குகளிலிருந்து ஏறக்குறை 50 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டனர். கலந்து கொண்ட அனைவருக்கும், அவர்களை உற்சாகப்படுத்தி பங்கு பெறச் செய்த பங்குதந்தையர்களுக்கும் சதங்கை நன்றிகளை சமர்ப்பிக்கிறது.

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வெற்றி பெற்றோருக்கு ஆகஸ்டு 25-ம் தேதி பாத்திமா கல்லூரியில் நடைபெற்ற சிக்னிஸ் தமிழ்நாடு 2022 விழாவில் நம் பேராயா் பரிசுகளை வழங்கி சிறப்பித்தாா்கள். நன்றியுடன்,

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## குடும்ப நலவாழ்வு பணிக்குமு நடத்தும் தீருமண முன்தயாரிப்பு நடைபெறும் நாடகள்

03,04.09.2022 நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம் சனி, ஞாயிறு 10,11.09.2022 விருதுநுகர் சனி, ஞாயிறு 17,18.09.2022 நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம் சனி, ஞாயிறு 24,25.09.2022 நிலக்கோட்டை சனி, ஞாயிறு

**அருட்பணி. எஸ். ஜேம்ஸ்பால்ராஜ்,** செயலர்

"Clad in a white saree with a blue border, she and the sisters of Missionaries of Charity became a symbol of hope to many - the aged, the destitute, the unemployed, the diseased, the terminally ill, and those abandoned by their families."- Pratibha Patil, President.

St. Teresa of Calcutta also known as Mother Teresa was the founder of Missionaries of Charity a worldwide well-known Organization, for caring people who are dying of HIV/AIDS leprosy and tuberculosis.

Originally Teresa was an Albanian, born in Skopji, Ottoman Empire (Now North Macedonia). Her real name was Anjeze Gonxhe Bojaxhiu in which 'Gonxhe' means "Rose bud" or "Little Flower" in Albanian. Inspired by the stories of the lives of missionaries at the age of 12, she was convinced to commit herself to religious life.

In 1928 at the age of 18 she joined the sisters of Loretto Ireland. She saw neither her mother nor her sister again. In 1929 she arrived in India and began her Novitiate in Darjeeling where she



learnt Bengali and worked as a teacher in St. Teresa's school near her convent. She took her first religious vows on 24th May 1931 and chose to be named after St. Thérèse de Lisieux, the patron saint of missionaries. She took her solemn vows on 14th May 1937 and started teaching at the Loreto Convent School in Eastern Calcutta where she worked nearly 20 years and was also appointed as headmistress in 1944.

Although she enjoyed teaching, she was increasingly disturbed by the poverty surrounding her in Calcutta; the Bengal Famine of 1943 that brought misery and death to the city, and the August 1946 Direct Action Day that began a period of Muslim Hindu violence. In 1946 during a visit to Darjeeling by train Mother Teresa felt the call at her inner conscience to serve the poor of India for Jesus. She was granted permission to leave the school and in 1950 she founded the Missionaries of Charity, choosing a white saree with blue borders as the order's habit.

In her word, "MC would care for the Hungry, the Naked, the Homeless, the Crippled, the Blind, and the Lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout the society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone.

She had mentioned that her first year was fraught with difficulty with no income. She begged for food and supplies and experienced doubt, loneliness and the temptation to return to the comfort of convent life. But later her efforts caught the attention of Indian officials including the prime minister.

The first place given to her to start her first hospice was an abandoned Hindu temple, which she renamed as Kalighat the home of the Pure Heart (Nirmal Hriday), where the people received medical attention, an opportunity to die with dignity in accordance with their faith. "Beautiful Death," Mother Teresa said, "is for the people who lived like animals to die like Angels, loved and wanted." She also said, "by Blood, I am an Albanian; by citizenship an Indian; by faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world and as to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus."

In 1962, she received Padma Shri and Javaharlal Nehru award for international understanding from Indian government and in 1980 Bharat Ratna. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of her birth, the Indian government issued a special 5 rupees coin on 28th August 2010. In 1971, Pope Paul VI gave her the Pope John XXIII Peace Prize, and she also received the *Pacem in Terris* award in 1976 from the Catholic Church. In 1979 she also received the Nobel Peace Prize and she refused the conventional ceremonial banquet for the laureates, asking that its \$ 1,92,000 cost be given to the poor in India and saying, "the Earthly rewards were important only If they helped her to help the world's needy."

She was asked the question, "What can we do to promote World Peace?", Her answer was, "go home and love your family." Further, she explained, "around the world, not only in the poor countries, but I found the poverty of the West, so much more difficult to remove. When I pick up a Person from the street, hungry, I gave him a plate of rice, a piece of bread, I have satisfied, I have removed that hunger. But a person that is shut off, that feels unwanted, unloved, terrified; the person that has been thrown out from society, that poverty is so hurtable and so much, and I find that very difficult."

In 1997, September 5, she died due to ill health. At the time of her death the MCs had over 4,000 sisters and an Associated Brotherhood of 300 members operating 610 missions in 123 countries. She received a state funeral from the Indian government in gratitude for her service to the poor of all religions in the country. On 19<sup>th</sup> October 2003 She was beatified as Blessed and on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 Pope Francis canonized her as St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Priest was driving and gets stopped for speeding.

The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, "Father, have you been drinking?"

"Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"

The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Praise be to God! He's done it again!"

## Summary of the Pope's Apostolic Letter "Desiderio Desideravi" on the Liturgy One Year after "Traditionis Custodes"

With "Desiderio Desideravi," the Apostolic Letter to the People of God, Pope Francis invites to overcome both aestheticism, which only takes pleasure in external formality, as well as carelessness in the liturgies: "A celebration that does not evangelize is not authentic," he says.

The Holy Father issued an Apostolic Letter to the People of God on the Liturgy, to recall the profound meaning of the Eucharistic Celebration that arose from the Council and to invite to liturgical formation. On June 29 Pope Francis published "Desiderio Desideravi," which develops in 65 paragraphs the results of the February 2019 Plenary Assembly of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and follows the Motu Proprio "Traditionis Custodes," reaffirming the importance of ecclesial communion regarding the Rite that arose from the Post-Conciliar Liturgical Reform. It's not a new instruction or a directory with specific norms, but a meditation to understand the beauty of the Liturgical Celebration and its role in evangelization. And the Pontiff ends with an appeal: "Let us abandon controversy to listen together to what the Spirit says to the Church; let us preserve communion, and continue to be amazed by the beauty of the Liturgy."

Pope Francis writes, the Christian faith is either an encounter with Jesus alive or it is not. And "the Liturgy guarantees us the possibility of that encounter. We do not need a vague remembrance of the Last Supper: we need to be present in that Supper." Recalling the importance of Vatican II's Constitution "Sacrosanctum Concilium, which led to the rediscovery of the theological understanding of the Liturgy, the Pontiff adds: "I would like the beauty of the Christian Celebration, and its necessary consequences in the life of the Church, not to be disfigured by a superficial and reductive understanding of its value or, still worse, by its instrumentalization at the service of an ideological vision, no matter what it is." After having warned against the "spiritual worldliness," Gnosticism and Neo-Pelagianism that fuel it, the Holy Father explains that "to take part in the Eucharistic Sacrifice is not one of our conquests, as if we could presume to it before God and our brethren, and that "the

Liturgy has nothing to do with an aesthetic moralism: it is the gift of the Lord's Passover that, accepted with docility, makes our life new."

One doesn't enter the Cenacle but by the power of attraction of one's desire to eat the Passover with us." To cure spiritual worldliness it's necessary to rediscover the beauty of the Liturgy; however, this rediscovery "is not the search of a ritual aestheticism, which takes pleasure only in the care of the external formality of the Rite, or is satisfied with a scrupulous observance of the rubric. Evidently, this affirmation does not approve at all the contrary attitude, which confuses simplicity with a bungling banality, the essential with an ignorant superficiality, the concretion of the ritual action with an exaggerated practical functionalism." The Pope explains that "all the aspects of the Celebration must be taken care of (the space, the time, the gestures, the words, the objects, clothing, singing, music, ...) and all the rubrics observed: this care would be sufficient not to rob the assembly what is due to it, namely, the Paschal Mystery celebrated in the ritual form established by the Church. However, even of the quality and norm of the celebratory action were guaranteed, this would not be sufficient for our participation to be full." In fact, if "astonishment is lacking for the Paschal Mystery" present "in the concretion of the sacramental signs, we could run the risk of being truly impermeable to the ocean of grace that inundates each Celebration". "This astonishment," clarifies Pope Francis, "has nothing to do "with the smoky expression 'sense of the mystery': sometimes among the alleged accusations against the Liturgical reform is also that of having eliminated it from the Celebration." The astonishment of which the Pope speaks is not a sort of disconcert in face of an obscure reality or an enigmatic rite, but it is "on the contrary, astonishment in face of the fact that God's salvific plan was revealed to us in Jesus' Passover."

How, then, can we recover the capacity to live the liturgical action in its fulness? In face of the disconcert of post-modernity, individualism, subjectivism and abstract spiritualism, the Pontiff invites us to return to the great Conciliar Constitutions, which cannot be separated from one another. And he writes that "it would be banal to read the tensions, unfortunately present in regard to the Celebration, as a simple divergence among different sensibilities towards a ritual form. The problem is first of all ecclesiological." In short, hidden behind the battles over the ritual

are different conceptions of the Church. The Pontiff points out that that one cannot acknowledge the validity of the Council and not accept the Liturgical Reform born of "Sacrosanctum Concilium."

Quoting theologian Romano Guardini, very present in the Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis affirms that, without liturgical formation, "the reforms in the rite and in the text do not help much." He stresses the importance of formation, in the first place, in the seminaries: "A liturgicalsapiential focus of theological formation in the seminaries would certainly also have positive effects on pastoral action. There is no aspect of ecclesial life that does not find its culmination and its source in it. Joint pastoral ministry, organic and integrated, more than being the result of elaborated programs, is the consequence of situating the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration, foundation of communion, at the center of the life of the community. The theological understanding of the Liturgy does not allow at all to understand these words as if everything were reduced to the cultural aspect. A Celebration that does not evangelize is not authentic, as a proclamation isn't that does not lead to the encounter with the Risen Lord in the Celebration. Hence, without the witness of charity, both are as a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."

It is important to be educated in the understanding of the symbols, which is ever more difficult for modern man, continues the Pope. One way of doing it "is, without a doubt, to take care of the art of the Celebration," which "cannot be reduced to the mere observance of a rubric device, nor can it be thought of as imaginative creativity — at times wild — without rules." The Rite is a norm in itself and the norm is never an end in itself, but is always at the service of the superior reality it intends to safeguard." The art of celebrating isn't learned "because one attends a course of oratory or of techniques of persuasive communication," rather, it requires "a diligent dedication to the Celebration, letting the Celebration itself transmit its art to us." And "among the ritual gestures proper to every assembly, silence occupies a place of absolute importance," which "moves to repentance and the desire of conversion; arouses the desire of conversion," arouses listening to the Word and prayer, readies for Adoration of the Body and Blood of Christ." Pope Francis then notes that the way of living the Celebration in Christian communities "is conditioned –for good or, unfortunately, also for evil–, by the way in which its Pastor presides over the assembly." And he enumerates several "models" of inadequate presidency, although they are opposite signs: "austere rigidity or exasperated creativity; spiritualizing mysticism or practical functionalism; precipitated speed or accentuated slowness; scruffy carelessness or excessive refinement; superabundant affability or hieratic impassibility. All models that have the same root: "an exasperated personalism of celebratory style that sometimes expresses a badly dissimulated leadership mania", amplified when the Celebrations are spread over the network. Whereas, to "preside over the Eucharist is to submerge oneself in the furnace of God's love. When we are given to understand, or even intuit this reality, we certainly no longer need a directory that imposes on us an appropriate behavior."

The Hoy Father ends the Letter appealing "to all the Bishops, priests and deacons, to formators of seminaries, to Professors in Faculties of Theology and Schools of Theology and to all professors and catechists, to help the Holy People of God to draw from what has always been the primary source of Christian spirituality," reaffirming what was established in "*Traditionis Custodes*," so that the Church elevates, in the variety of languages, a unique and identical prayer capable of expressing her unity" and this unique prayer is the Roman Rite, which arose from the Conciliar Reform and was established by the holy Pontiffs Paul Vi and John Paul II.

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## **KANI (Seminarians Fund)**

Opening Balance as on 25.07.2022	36,62,729.72
Fr. Vicar Forane, Munjikkal	40,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Ayravathanallur	30,000.00
Mr. L. Peter, Vasantha Nagar, Madurai	25,000.00
The Congregation of the Sisters of	
the Cross of Chavanad, Annanagar	20,000.00
Mr. Irudayaraj, Thiruthangal	12,000.00
Josephine Kavitha Packia Rani, Thiruthangal	12,000.00
P. Immaculate Jancy Rani, Thiruthangal	12,000.00
P. Jenifer, Thiruthangal	12,000.00

Mr. Manuvel Dass, Kadachanendal	12,000.00
Mr. Yobu, Virudhunagar	12,000.00
Mr. Paul, Gnanaolivupuram	10,000.00
Fr. Alexander Visuvasam MMI, Munjikkal	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Sattur	10,000.00
Fr. Vicar Forane, Virudhunagar	10,000.00
Mr. Arockiya Doss, Nagamalai Pudukottai	10,000.00
Fr. Charles Davis, P. Udaiyapatti, Manaparai	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Anjal Nagar	10,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Michaelpalayam	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Kavirayapuram	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, St. Mary's Cathedral	5,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, A. Vellodu, Dindigul	5,000.00
Antony Rose Mary, Virudhunagar	5,000.00
Narcheithi Paniyalargal, Nagmalai pudukottai	4,000.00
Mrs. Kanaga Viola, Bibikulam	2,000.00
Chitra, Sundaranatchiapuram	2,000.00
Fr. Parish Priest, Periyakualam (Bination Mass)	1,100.00
P. Gnanapackiam, Arasaradi, Madurai	1,000.00
Savariammal, Bibikulam	1,000.00
J. Maria Francis Xavier & Antony Arul Geetha, VNR	1,000.00
Mrs. Amala Shanthi Cecelia, Bibikulam	200.00
	39,57,029.72
Less:	
Payment for St. Paul's Seminary - 45,700.00  Bank SMS Charge - 0.45	
45 700 45	4E 700 4E
45,700.45	45,700.45
Closing Balance as on 25.08.2022	39,11,329.27
Cash in Hand - Nil	
Cash at Bank - 39,11,329.27	
39,11,329.27	

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2022 -25.08.2022						
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 13/02/22	Holy See 27/03/22	Hunger Disease 14/04/22	Good Friday 15/04/22	Vocation Sunday 08/05/22
1	A. Nathampatti					
2	Alankulam					
3	Ammapatty	500	500	4500	4500	
4	Anjal Nagar	2500	2000	77890	45652	1500
5	Anna Nagar	15890	7560	116400	37040	8120
6	Aruppukottai	1500	1000	17000	6000	1500
7	Ayravathanallur	8440	2000	40700	10550	2010
8	Bastin Nagar	16020	5000	110000	40000	5000
9	Batlagundu	31100	4600	50060	20560	5020
10	Bibikulam	10100	3925	51250	12050	
11	Bodinayakanur	500	500	5000	2000	500
12	Chinnamanur	1209	1228	6144	7605	1987
13	Cumbum	2000	1000	18000	4500	1000
14	Devadanam	3000		33000	13200	
15	Ellis Nagar	8300	7200	71400	22300	8700
16	Gnanaolivupuram	5300	6212	124447	50753	8210
17	Hanumanthanpatty			13110	9500	
18	Holy Rosary Church	10000	3000	35000	18500	
19	Iyyampalayam	500	400	6000	2000	400
20	K. Pudur	10630	2000	75000	107610	4900
21	Kadachanendal	2000	2500	32500	20500	2500
22	Kadamalaikundu			5000	5000	
23	Kalladipatti	500	500			
24	Kariapatty	1200	1100	8000	6000	1200
25	Karumathur	1600	600			500
26	Kavirayapuram			12110	13290	
27	Kottur		<u> </u>	3320	3081	
28	Lourdupuram	400	500	4600	3200	500
29	Megamalai	200	200	200	200	200
30	Mangalamkombu	500	500	5000	3500	550
31	M. Meenatchiapuram	1000	1000	14500	3500	500
32	Mathankovilpatti	500	500	2000	1000	500
33	Marianus Nagar	1000	1000	20000	10000	1000
34	Meenmpatti	2300	1700	41111	4444	2320
35	Melur	2200	1150	51115	18188	1250
			20			

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		Communi-	Prision	Bible	Mission		Peter the	0
	Pence	cation Day		Sunday	Sunday	Mission	Apostle	Opus 05/12/22
ŀ	03/07/22	31/07/22	07/08/22	25/09/22	23/10/22	06/11/22	20/11/22	05/12/22
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7	5000	5000	5000					
8 9	5000	5000	5000					
10	5200	5550	5160					
11								
12								
13	1200	1200	1200					
14	1200	1200	1200					
15								
16								
17	2100	1800	2300					
18								
19	400	400	400					
20	12700							
21								
22								
23 24	1000	4000						
25	1000	1000	2250					
26			2350					
27			2250					
28	400		2230					
29	200	200	200					
30	500	500	500					
31	500	500	500					
32	500	230						
33								
34								
35	1000	1200	1150					

S. No.	D. 'IN	TT 1				
No.		Holy	Holy See	Hunger	Good	Vocation
	Parish Name	Childhood	27/03/22	Disease	Friday	Sunday
		13/02/22	27.00.22	14/04/22	15/04/22	08/05/22
	Melakovilpatti	2500	500			
	Michaelpalayam	1000	500	7500	1000	750
	Munjikkal	2000	2000	15000	10000	2000
_	Murugathuranpatti					
	Nagamalai	27000		90000	20000	
41	Nakkaneri	1000	1000	14200	3800	
42	Nilakottai	1000	500	20000	1500	
	Niraivazhvu Nagar (VNR)	500	500	1000	1000	500
	Othaiyal	600	600	5100	1500	700
	Packiapuram	2500	2500	50000	10000	2000
46	Packianathapuram	1770	1750	32319	4161	
47	Palanganatham	10500	10500	160000	31000	11200
48	Pandian Nagar	1470	1180	10000	4800	
49	Periyakulam	1000	1000	15000	6000	1000
50	Perumalmalai	1000	1000	13000	8000	1000
	R.R. Nagar	1500	600	7800	1500	600
	Railway Colony	1000	1000	7000	4000	1000
53	Rajapalayam	1200	1000	18200	4800	1500
54	Rayappanpatti	4000	4000	37000	33000	4000
55	Rayapuram			4060	2880	
56	Samayanallur	8000	2000	74700	14900	
57	Sattur			7860	4320	
58	Shenbaganur	950	750	4250	2500	750
	Sengole Nagar	7120	6150	81350	19220	9250
60	Sempatti Mission			500	1500	
61	Silukkuvarpatty	3368	786	14892	12199	2100
62	Sivakasi	8601	5600	51390	34643	5262
63	Srivilliputhur	7000	7500	38950	54940	8010
64	St. Mary's Cathedral	10000	4000	45000	44000	4000
65	Sundaranatchiapuram	12500	1000	8000	7500	1000
	T. Sindalacherry	4100	2000	21500	14000	2500
67	T. Vadipatti Shrine	2000	1000	12000	18000	
	Theni					
69	Thirumangalam	8034	1881	13462	11393	2703
	Thirunagar	4750	4600	29100	23500	4700

(	SI	PECIAL	COLLE	CTION			25.08.20	22
		Communi-	Prision	Bible	Mission	African	Peter the	
		cation Day	Ministry	Sunday	Sunday	Mission	Apostle	Opus
ļ	03/07/22	31/07/22	07/08/22	25/09/22	23/10/22	06/11/22	20/11/22	05/12/22
36								
37	500							
38								
39								
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41								
42								
43	1000	1000						
44					ļ			
45								
46								
47	10000	12000						
48								
49	2500	3500	4002					
50	1000	1000	1000					
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64					1		<del>                                     </del>	
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69	3056		4401		1			
70	3030		7401		1		<del>                                     </del>	
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	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2022 -25.08.2022						
S. No.	Parish Name	Holy Childhood 13/02/22	Holy See 27/03/22	Hunger Disease 14/04/22	Good Friday 15/04/22	Vocation Sunday 08/05/22	
71	Thiruthangal	3200	2600	28000	11000	2100	
72	Thummuchinampatty	4000		1500	1500		
73	Ugarthe Nagar	2000	1500	15000	10000	1500	
74	Usilampatti	1500	1100	50877	7840	1500	
75	Uthamapalayam						
76	Virudhunagar	10750	10500	105000	52500		
77	Vadapatti Mission						
78	W. Pudupatti	1561	1115	5000	4000	1892	
79	Y. Othakadai	1348	1654	7663	11153	1254	
	Carmel Sisters, Shenbaganur				4132		
	Total	303211	145241	2177530	1019904	134638	

## நொபிலி அருள்பணி மையம் புதிய கட்டிடம் மலர்வதற்காக தாரான மனதுடன் இதுவரை உதவிய உள்ளங்கள்

Collection as on 25.08.2022

39,27,855.58

#### From the Procurator's Desk

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Hereafter the monthly allowance will be given only when the Parish account is submitted to the diocese.

Procurator's office number - 8778167121

## The Procurator has programmed his weekly schedule as below:

Monday : For Shop Tenants

Tuesday & Wednesday : For Priests

Thursday : Visit of Diocesan Commercial Complexes Friday : For Diocesan Engineers & Contractors

Saturday : Office Work

Computers are provided to all parishes for computerisation of parish account. In case any computer is not in working condition, please bring the CPU to the Diocesan office, we will rectify and give back to you in working condition. Don't move the computers from one parish to another parish when you are transferred.

- Procurator

(	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 01.02.2022 - 25.08.2022							
	St. Peter's Pence 03/07/22	Communication Day 31/07/22		Bible Sunday 25/09/22	Mission Sunday 23/10/22	African Mission 06/11/22	Peter the Apostle 20/11/22	Opus 05/12/22
71	5000							
72	1200	1000	1200					
73								
74								
75								
76	10355	9235	12540					
77								
78								
79	1209	1856	2754					
	68416	52729	49407					

## **Mass Received From Parishes**

Rayappanpatti (242 Masses) 24,200.00 10,000.00 Bastin Nagar (100 Masses) T. Sindalacherry (100 Masses) 10,000.00

> **Collection as on 25.08.2022** 44,200.00



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## Happy Ordination Anniversary

Rev. Fr. Britto Jerald Dhinakaran on 21.09.2014 Rev. Fr. John Richard M. on 21.09.2014 Fr. Pappuraj V. on 26.09.2010



## Main Dogmas on Mother Mary

DIVINE MOTHERHOOD (Ephesus 431)

PERPETUAL VIRGINITY (Baptismal formula; since third century)

> IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Pius IX, December 8, 1854)

> **ASSUMPTION** (Pius XII, November 1, 1950)

## Adoration Sunday

	September	•	October	
04	Theni	02	Alangulam	
11	Sengole Nagar	09	Kavirayapuram	
18	Melur	16	Gnanaolivupuram	
25	Pudur	23	T. Vadipatti	
		30	A. Nathampatty	
Necrology				

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- 09.09.1979
28.09.1981
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25.09.1985
06.09.1992
16.06.1997
12.09.1999
12.09.2021