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## ADSUMUS SANCTE SPIRITUS

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the original Latin, meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, and is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636).

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
As we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
Make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
And how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
Do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
Nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
So that we may journey together to eternal life  
And not stray from the way of truth  
And what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
Who are at work in every place and time,  
In the communion of the Father and the Son,  
Forever and ever.

Amen.





## BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The Catholics in India are overwhelmed by the recent meeting of our Prime Minister with Pope Francis in Rome. The Pope accepted the invitation to visit India. The visit of Pope will certainly give a new dynamism to the Church in India. Let us pray for the realisation of this historic event.

The Synod on Synodality with the theme Communion, Participation and Mission will be held in Rome in October 2023 and the participation of the whole church is envisaged in the process. The people of God are provided an opportunity to participate in this synodal process through their suggestions and proposals.

The month of October was well observed with ten days' Rosary devotion and celebration of Mission Sunday. This expresses the enthusiasm of our priests, sisters, brothers and lay brethren to participate in the activities of the church. It is also a manifestation of our faith in the Lord.

The Covid cases are on the decline and our school campuses are once again alive with the presence of children. However we shall be vigilant to observe the Covid protocols and shall be well prepared to face any untoward situation. These days we pray earnestly for the non-outbreak of the third wave since the new variant omicron is spreading in many countries.

The new liturgical year began on 28 November 2021 and the Syro-Malabar Church officially



inaugurated the new Taksa and implemented the uniform mode of celebration of Holy Qurbana. In our Eparchy we are already following the Synodal decision of the mode of celebration of Holy Qurbana since 1999. The new revised Hindi and English Taksa will be ready after a few months. The new revised Hindi Taksa will have all the three Anaphoras and the Propria prayers.

We are at the threshold of the great feast of Nativity of Our Lord. We share the great joy of heaven coming down on earth and the dwelling of God amidst us. We are on a pilgrimage to Bethlehem with Mother Mary to meet Jesus the Saviour in manger: the God in human form. Let our preparations for Christmas help us to encounter the Saviour born for us and to share the Good News of salvation to others.

I extend my best wishes to the new editorial team of The Satna Samachar.

Wishing you all the peace and joy of Christmas and the blessings of the New Year 2022,

**Mar Joseph Kodakallil**  
Bishop of Satna





**Message of His Holiness  
Pope Francis  
For The XXXVI World Youth Day**

21 November 2021

**"Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you  
have seen." (cf. Acts 26:16)**

Dear young people,

Once again I would like to take you by the hand and walk with you on the spiritual pilgrimage that leads to the 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon.

Last year's Message, which I signed shortly before the pandemic broke out, had as its theme: "Young man, I say to you, arise!" (cf. Lk 7:14). In his providence, the Lord was already preparing us for the grave challenge we were about to experience.

Everywhere in the world, we suffered the loss of so many of our dear ones and experienced social isolation. The health emergency was a particular setback for you young people, for your life is naturally directed outwards: to school or university, to work and social gatherings. You found yourselves in difficult situations that you were not used to facing. Those who found it harder, or lacked support, felt disoriented. We saw a rise in family problems, unemployment, depression, loneliness and addictive behaviour, to say nothing of growing stress, tensions, outbursts of anger and increased violence.

Yet, thank God, this was only one side of the coin. The experience showed us our fragility, but it also revealed our virtues, including our inclination to solidarity. All over the world, we saw great numbers of

individuals, including many young people, helping to save lives, sowing seeds of hope, upholding freedom and justice, and acting as peacemakers and bridge builders.

Whenever a young person falls, in some sense all humanity falls. Yet it is also true that when a young person rises, it is as if the whole world rises as well. Young people, what great potential you have in your hands! What great strength you have in your hearts!

Today too, God is saying to each one of you: "Arise!" I fervently hope that this Message may help us prepare for new times and a new page in the history of humanity. Yet we cannot begin anew without you, dear young people. If our world is to arise, it needs your strength, your enthusiasm, your passion. I would like, then, to meditate with you on the passage of the Acts of the Apostles where Jesus says to Saint Paul: "Arise! I have appointed you to testify to what you have seen" (cf. Acts 26:16).

*Paul's witness before the king*

The verse that has inspired the theme of the 2021 World Youth Day is taken from the testimony of Paul before King Agrippa following his imprisonment. Paul, formerly the enemy and persecutor of Christians, is now on trial precisely for his faith in Christ. Some twenty-five years later, the apostle recounted the story of his fateful encounter with Christ.

Paul states that he persecuted Christians, until one day while travelling to Damascus to arrest some of them, a light "brighter than the sun" shone around him and his companions (cf. Acts 26:13). He alone, however, heard "a voice": the voice of Jesus who spoke to him, calling him by name.

*Saul! Saul!*

Let us take a closer look at this event. By calling Saul by name, the Lord made him realize that he knew

him personally. It was as if he said: "I know who you are and what you are up to; even so, I am speaking directly to you". Twice, the Lord calls Paul by name as the sign of an important special vocation; so he had earlier done with Moses (cf. Ex 3:4) and Samuel (cf. 1 Sam 3:10). Falling to the ground, Saul realizes that he is witnessing a theophany, a powerful divine revelation that throws him into confusion, but does not destroy him. Instead, he finds himself called by name.

Only a personal and non-anonymous encounter with Christ changes lives. Jesus shows that he knows Saul very well, "inside out". Even though Saul is a persecutor, even though his heart is full of hatred for Christians, Jesus realizes that this is due to ignorance. He wants to show in him his mercy. This grace, this unmerited and unconditional love, will be the light that radically transforms Saul's life.

*Who are you, Lord?*

Before this mysterious presence calling out his name, Saul asks: "Who are you, Lord?" (Acts 26:15) This question is decisive, and sooner or later all of us have to ask it. It is not enough to hear other people speak about Jesus; we need to speak to him ourselves, personally. Deep down, this is what prayer is all about. Prayer means talking directly with Jesus, even though our heart may still be confused and our mind full of doubts or even contempt for Christ and Christians. I pray that every young person, in the depths of his or her heart, will eventually ask the question:

*"Who are you, Lord?"*

We can no longer assume that everyone knows Jesus, even in the age of the internet. The question that many people are asking of Jesus and his Church is precisely this: "Who are you?" In the entire story of Saint Paul's calling, this is the only time in which he, Paul, speaks. And the Lord immediately replies: "I am



Jesus whom you are persecuting" (ibid.).

*"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting!"*

With this answer, Jesus reveals to Saul a great mystery: that he sees himself as one with the Church, with Christians. Up to that point, Saul had seen nothing of Christ, but only the faithful whom he had cast into prison (cf. Acts 26:10) and in whose killing he had consented (ibid.). He had seen how Christians responded to evil with goodness, hatred with love, enduring injustice, violence, calumnies and persecutions for the name of Christ. In some way, without knowing it, Saul had already encountered Christ. He had encountered him in Christians!

How many times have we heard it said "Jesus yes, the Church no!", as if one could be an alternative to the other. One cannot know Jesus if one does not know the Church. One cannot know Jesus apart from the brothers and sisters in his community. We cannot call ourselves fully Christian unless we experience faith's ecclesial dimension.

*"It hurts you to kick against the goads"*

With these words, the Lord speaks to Saul after he had fallen to the ground. Yet for some time he had no doubt been mysteriously repeating those same words to Saul, in an attempt to draw him to himself. Saul, however, had resisted. Our Lord addresses that same gentle "reproach" to every young person who turns away from him: "How long will you flee from me? Why can't you hear me calling you? I am waiting for you to come back to me". There are times when we too say, like the prophet Jeremiah: "I will no longer think about him" (cf. Jer 20:9). Yet a fire burns in every person's heart: even if we try to stifle it, we will not succeed, because it is stronger than we are.

The Lord chose someone who was persecuting him, completely hostile to him and his followers. We

see that, in God's eyes, no one is lost. Thanks to a personal encounter with him, we can always start over again. No young person is ever beyond the reach of God's grace and mercy. Of no one can we say: He's too far gone... It's too late... How many young people passionately rebel and go against the grain, while deep in their hearts they feel a need to be committed, to love with all their heart, to have a mission in life! In the young Saul, Jesus saw exactly that.

*Recognizing our blindness*

We can imagine that, before his encounter with Christ, Saul was to some extent “full of himself”, thinking he was “great” on the basis of his moral integrity, zeal, background and education. Certainly, he was convinced of being right. Once the Lord reveals himself, Saul “falls to the ground”, blinded. Suddenly, he is unable to see, both physically and spiritually. His certainties are shaken. In his heart, he realizes that his passionate zeal to kill Christians was utterly wrong. He realizes that he does not possess absolute truth, and is indeed far from it. His certainties and his pride dissipate; suddenly he finds himself disoriented, weak and “small”.

Such humility – the awareness of our limitations – is essential! Those who are convinced that they know everything about themselves, other persons and even religious truths, will find it hard to encounter Christ. Saul, once blinded, lost his reference points. Alone in darkness, the only clear things were the light he saw and the voice he heard. How paradoxical! Only when we are blinded, do we start to see!

After his overpowering experience on the road to Damascus, Saul preferred to be called Paul, a name that means “small”. This was not like those nicknames or made-up names so common today. His encounter with Christ changed his life; it made him feel truly small and tore down everything preventing him from truly

coming to know himself. As he tells us: "I became the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God" (1 Cor 15:9).

Saint Therese of Lisieux, like so many other saints, loved to say that humility is truth. Nowadays we fill up our time, especially on social media, with any number of "stories", often carefully constructed with backdrops, web cameras and special effects. More and more, we want to be in the spotlight, perfectly framed, ready to show our "friends" and "followers" an image of ourselves that does not reflect who we really are. Christ, the noonday sun, comes to enlighten us and to restore our authenticity, freeing us from all our masks. He shows us clearly who we are, for that is exactly how he loves us.

### *Changing perspective*

Paul's conversion did not involve turning back, but being open to a completely new way of seeing things. He continued on his journey to Damascus, but something had changed; now he was a different person (cf. Acts 22:10). Conversion can renew our everyday lives. We continue to do what we did before, but our hearts and motives are now changed. In the case of Paul, Jesus told him to continue on to Damascus, where he had originally been going. Paul obeyed, but the goal and purpose of his journey were radically altered. From this point on, Paul will view things with new eyes, no longer as a persecutor and executioner, but as a disciple and a witness. In Damascus, Ananias will baptize him and present him to the Christian community. In silence and prayer, Paul would deepen his experience and the new identity bestowed on him by the Lord Jesus.

### *Do not dissipate the strength and passion of youth*

Paul's attitude prior to his encounter with the risen Jesus is not so strange for us. How much strength and passion also well up in your own hearts, dear young people! Yet the darkness around and inside you



can prevent you from seeing things rightly. You can risk finding yourselves lost in fighting meaningless and even violent battles. Sadly, the first victims will be yourselves and those closest to you. There is also the danger of fighting for causes that begin by upholding just values, but once carried to extremes, turn into destructive ideologies. How many young people today inspired, perhaps driven, by political or religious convictions, end up becoming instruments of violence and destruction in the lives of many others! Some, moving with ease in the digital world, use virtual reality and social networks as a new battlefield, unscrupulously employing the weapon of fake news to spread venom and to wipe out their adversaries.

When the Lord broke into Paul's life, he did not suppress his personality or passionate zeal. Instead, he brought those gifts of his to full flower by making him a great herald of the Gospel to the very ends of the earth.

*The apostle of the nations*

Henceforth, Paul would be called the “apostle of the nations”. Paul, who had been a Pharisee, a scrupulous follower of the Law! Here we see yet another paradox: the Lord putting his trust in the very one who had persecuted him. Like Paul, each of us can hear a voice in our heart saying: “I trust you. I know your story and I lay hold of it, together with you. Even if you have often been against me, I choose you and make you my witness”. God's ways of thinking can turn the worst persecutor into a great witness.

Christ's disciples are called to be “the light of the world” (Mt 5:14). Paul must now testify to what he saw, but for the time being he is blind. Another paradox! Yet by virtue of his personal experience, Paul can fully identify with those to whom the Lord will send him. That was why he was made a witness: “to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light” (Acts 26:18).

*"Arise and bear witness!"*

When we embrace the new life bestowed on us in baptism, the Lord gives us an important and life-changing mission: "You are to be my witness!"

Today Christ speaks to you the same words that he spoke to Paul: Arise! Do not remain downcast or caught up in yourself: a mission awaits you! You too can testify to what Jesus has begun to accomplish in your lives. In Jesus' name, I ask you:

- Arise! Testify that you too were blind and encountered the light. You too have seen God's goodness and beauty in yourself, in others and in the communion of the Church, where all loneliness is overcome.

- Arise! Testify to the love and respect it is possible to instil in human relationships, in the lives of our families, in the dialogue between parents and children, between the young and the elderly.

- Arise! Uphold social justice, truth and integrity, human rights. Protect the persecuted, the poor and the vulnerable, those who have no voice in society, immigrants.

- Arise! Testify to the new way of looking at things that enables you to view creation with eyes brimming with wonder, that makes you see the Earth as our common home, and gives you the courage to promote an integral ecology.

- Arise! Testify that lives of failure can be rebuilt, that persons spiritually dead can rise anew, that those in bondage can once more be free, that hearts overwhelmed by sorrow can rediscover hope.

- Arise! Testify joyfully that Christ is alive! Spread his message of love and salvation among your contemporaries, at school and in the university, at work, in the digital world, everywhere.

The Lord, the Church and the Pope trust you and appoint you to bear witness before all those other young people whom you will encounter on today's "roads to Damascus". Never forget that "anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus" ([Evangelii Gaudium, 120](#)).

*Arise and celebrate WYD in the particular Churches!*

Once again, I invite all of you, young people throughout the world, to take part in this spiritual pilgrimage leading to the celebration of the 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon. The next event, however, will take place in your particular Churches, in the different dioceses and eparchies of the world, where the 2021 World Youth Day will be celebrated locally, on the Solemnity of Christ the King.

I hope that all of us can experience these steps along the way as true pilgrims, and not merely as "religious tourists"! May we be increasingly open to God's surprises, for he wants to light up our path. May we be more and more open to hearing his voice, also through the voices of our brothers and sisters. In this way, we will help one another to arise together and, at this troubled time in our history, we will become the prophets of a new and hope-filled future! May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for all of us.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 14 September 2021,  
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

**Franciscus**





## **FROM THE DESK OF PROTOSYNCELLUS**

**Fr Thomas Thelakat**

It gives me immense pleasure to record the important events and happenings in the parish level and the Diocesan level. Though the lockdown from 09 April 2021 was a huge hurdle in our way for the smooth functioning of the Diocese we managed to do the necessary things within the constraints of the resources.

· Holy Qurbana was made available to everyone through online live-streaming.

· Urgent Curia Meeting was convened to discuss the possible casualties of the second wave of Covid-19 on 19 April. A virtual meeting with fathers and sisters working in the diocese also was arranged to gather the different views before taking decisions for the sound management of the case. In spite of the meticulous care and preventive measures, many priests, sisters and faithful were diagnosed with Covid-19.

- Requiem Mass of Thomas Chinganthottam was offered on 24 May.
- God plucked one of the beautiful flowers from the garden of St Vincent Church, Satna namely Mrs Daisy Singh.
- On the day of Dukrana (3 July) a new community of CSN sisters joined to help Mother Teresa Hospital. They were provided the residence in the hospital. MSMM sisters shifted their stay

from hospital to the building which was formerly used by MMB. Both the houses were blessed by Bishopji on the same day.

- Holy Mass for the faithful was made available physically from 10 July, strictly adhering to the Covid protocol.
- Bro. Kuriakose (Sanil) Arackal received the Holy Order of Diaconate on 22 July.
- A few fathers were given transfers. Rev. Fr John Thekkepalakuzhiyil was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese on 23 July.
- To keep the faith of the little ones ever thriving Online Catechesis was inaugurated by the Bishop on 25 July.
- Feast of John Maria Vianney was celebrated on 4 August.
- C. R. I. meeting was held at Pateri on 8 August.
- 75th Independence Day and the Feast of Assumption of Our Lady were celebrated on 15 August.
- Rev. Fr Thomas Alappattukkottayil took charge of his new office as secretary to bishop on 25 August and was given warm welcome in the Cathedral church as the assistant parish priest on 29 August.
- Rev. Fr. Joseph Edathil was given send off in the Bishop's House on 29 August.
- In honour of the feast of Nativity of Our Lady, we had our flag hoisting ceremony on 29 August and the Novena was recited with deep piety. On 08 September we had the feast celebration and the Holy Qurbana was presided over by Rev. Fr. John Thekkepalakuzhiyil.
- The Presbyterium was on 15 September and on

that day all the fathers wished the Episcopal day greeting to Bishopji.

- The diocese of Satna honoured the jubilarians of the year, 2021 in a special way. This year two sisters celebrated their Golden Jubilee and seven sisters celebrated their Silver Jubilee and three couples celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their married life. The celebration began with Holy Qurbana by His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil in St Ephrem's church at Edessa. Gathering of a good number of priests working in the diocese, the presence of the religious and the candidates from the adjoining convents together with their dazzling cultural programme and the delicious meal were great honour and appreciation for the great and unique milestone they have trodden in their lives. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil congratulated and wished them best wishes for their life ahead.



- Very Rev. Fr Abraham, the Vicar General and Rev. Fr Alex from the diocese of Jabalpur paid a short visit to make the survey of the Latin faithful in the Eparchy of Satna on 20 September.
- Rev. Fr Antony Panachinkal went for his higher studies in Rome on 20 September.
- The church feast of St. Vincent was celebrated with immense joy on 26 September and Bishopji



presided over the Holy Qurbana. The flag hoisting was done on 24 September by Rev. Fr Sunil Gandhare CMF.



- Very Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakat and Rev. Fr John Thekkepalakuzhiyil went to visit Satna Brothers in Ujjain on 5 October and came back on 11 October.
- A webinar on Safe-Environment norms was arranged for all the priests and religious in the diocese on 12 October.
- Bishopji celebrated Holy Qurbana with the inauguration of “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission” on 17 Oct.
- Synodal Commission members of ETC Mar Sebastian Vadakel and Mar Raphael Thattil came on 19 October and went to the seminary on the next day with Mar Joseph Kodakallil.
- In the month of October we had ten days’ Rosary followed by Holy Qurbana from 22 to 31.
- Mission Sunday was celebrated on 24 October.
- All Souls' Day was celebrated with intense prayerfulness. We all participated in the prayer service conducted in the cemetery. People of many denominations from every nook and corner of Satna District came to offer their prayers at the tombs of their beloved ones.
- Miss Josephine was called to eternal rest on 31 Oct.

# ST. EPHREM'S TIDINGS

Bro. Durgam James

## Back to Home

After a long summer vacation, with full spirit and zeal, brothers started returning to their home, ETC. Third year students reached on 27 June 2021. Later on 5 July, brothers of the first, the second, and the fourth year batches arrived safely and had undergone personal quarantine for one week.

## Inauguration of the Formation Year

Seeking God's blessings, the formation year 2021-2022 was inaugurated by his Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Chairman for the Synodal Commission



for St. Ephrem's on 19 July 2021. In his address, he stressed the importance of mission formation. Bishop had taken this opportunity to welcome three new staff members. He had announced Rev. Fr. Mathew Kazhuthadiyal as the Vice Rector of ETC. Later Rev. Fr. Cyriac Puliyampallil, the Dean of Studies presented a tentative plan of the academic year.

## **Initiation Programme for the First Years**

Promising support and love to our new Benjamins, initiation programme of the first year theology batch was conducted on 25 July. There are thirteen brothers from various eparchies like Adilabad, Changanacherry, Jagdalpur, Rajkot, Sagar, Thalassery, Ujjain and the Vincentian Congregation.

## **Feast of St. Alphonsa**

We, the members of St. Ephrem family, celebrated the feast of St. Alphonsa with joy and enthusiasm on 28 July. The festal mood began on the previous day with solemn Ramsa. Rev. Fr. Jose Chakkungal presided over the solemn Eucharistic celebration and preached a heart touching homily.

## **A Friendly Match Between the Benjamins and the Rest**

In commemoration of St. John Maria Vianney, a friendly basketball match was conducted between the first years and the rest of the batches. A tough competition was shown by both teams in which first years lifted the trophy.

## **Independence Day Celebrations**

Our Country's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated in its most honour. The flag hoisting ceremony was conducted just after the holy Qurbana. Rev. Fr. George Nelliyanil CMF, the chief guest of the day, hoisted the flag and shared the message. The



honorable MLA Mr. Siddharth Sukhlal participated in the celebrations along with his friends. He shared his message and conveyed the greetings of the day. The first year theologians' programme on the Indian army was the highlight of the day.

### **Match between Fathers and Brothers**

Basketball match was conducted between fathers & brothers of Ephrem Pariwar on 15 August. The match was in high voltage with a tough competition by both the teams. Fathers of Satna Eparchy also joined in this match along with Claretians. It was a memorable game in which brothers could win the game.

### **Onam Celebrations**

Thiruvonam, the festival of Keralites was celebrated in St. Ephrem's in its full rhythm on 21 August. The first year theologians made a beautiful flower carpet and conducted the Onam games. The second year theologians were in charge of the preparation of the festive food. The games were conducted before the delicious lunch.

### **Inauguration of the Arts and Sports Competitions**

Arts and sports competitions 2021- 2022 of St. Ephrem's Theological College were inaugurated by Rev. Fr. John Kudiyiruppil MST on 23 August. In the inaugural ceremony he stressed the importance of arts and sports in one's daily life.

### **Moment of Pride**

In memory of Rev. Fr. Felix Augustine Padiyath, an essay competition for the major seminarians of the Syro-Malabar Church 2021 was conducted by St. Thomas Minor Seminary, Changanacherry. In the theology section, it was our Bro. Ephrem Kunnappally who won the first prize and made us all proud.

### **Teachers' Day Celebration**

Understanding the value and importance of a

teacher, on 5 September 2021, Teachers' Day was celebrated in the seminary. There was a felicitation ceremony before the lunch, where brothers greeted the teachers.

### **Arts and Sports Competitions**

The annual sports day of 2021-2022 was organized in ETC on 11 September 2021. There were three groups, among whom various games and competitions were conducted. As part of the arts competitions, those three groups presented Dramas on 19 September 2021. Groups concentrated on the relevant topics like, 'Effects of Corona', 'Life of Late Rev. Fr Stan Swamy', and 'The life of a priest in the contemporary world'.

### *Best Wishes*

Dear Fr Antony Panachinkal  
for your Higher Studies in Rome



Sincere gratitude,  
dear father for the great  
service that you had been  
rendering as the  
Chief Editor of  
**“The Satna Samachar”**



# ARADHANA BHAVAN, PATERI

Sr Maria Jose Olattu SABS

## Retreats & Seminars

Online retreats arranged by the Generalate, were benefitted almost by all the communities of our Province. And the participants were very grateful to the preachers and the General Team for providing these opportunities, during the peak time of the pandemic.

Most of our Sisters benefitted from the online seminars to update their knowledge according to their field of Apostolate.

From 19 to 21 of August, 3 days of prayer was arranged at Provincial House for the junior sisters in preparation for their renewal of vows. Rev. Sr Ranit Kalamparambil, the directress of juniors was present. Rev. Fr Paul Uthinipparampan enriched them with his words of wisdom.

First phase of Provincial Synaxis was held on 11 and 12 of September 2021, at Provincial House. Rev. Fr Tajo prepared the Synaxis members with his inspiring talk. Bishop Joseph Kodakallil celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the Synaxis members on 12 September and awakened them through his enriching talk.

## Formation

Three days of retreat was arranged for our candidates from 30 August to 1 September. Rev. Sr Arpitha Thiruthel animated them during those days. Ten of our aspirants participated in it and entered into Pre-Aspirancy.

Our Postulants and Pre-Aspirants attended the hand-writing class conducted by Rev. Fr Paul Uthinipparampan.

On 29 September, we conducted the competition of the recitation of the Word of God. Winners were given prizes.

## Visit

As the Church set apart 25 July as the world day for Grandparents and the elderly, Rev. Mother Rose Therese and a few sisters from Provincial House made a lovely visit to Sanjo Bhavan, our newly begun old-age home. They had high tea together with all our Ammas, and spent a little time with them on that day.

## Celebrations

On 26 September, we anticipated and celebrated the feast of our beloved Mother Rose Therese and Sr Jessy Tresa. Rev. Fr Justin Vallooran celebrated the solemn Holy Qurbana. In the evening, Madhavgarh community and Kothi community joined us for the feast day celebration. Neighbouring fathers also joined with us for the dinner.

## Acts of Giving.....

On 21 September, 100 food packets were distributed to the poor who struggle to meet their daily needs.

## Newly Professed.....

2 October 2021, was a day of blessing for the Christu Jyoti Province, Satna. Five of our Novices Reena Burh, Pushpa Theresa, Anu Maria, Angel Alonsa and Cecilia Tigga made their Religious Vestition and First Profession during the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration at



St. Therese of Child Jesus Church, Nandini Nagar, C.G. His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Victor Henry Thakur officiated the ceremony. Our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr Jacob Adampakallel was also present to witness the event. We thank God for His providence towards the Province and accepting their YES as valuable.

### **Retreat**

We conducted five days of retreat for the Jubilarians, from 13 October to 17 October 2021. Along with the Jubilarians a few of our sisters from different communities also attended the retreat. Rev. Sr Suma SD was the preacher. Around 20 sisters made their renewal through this retreat.

### **Jubilee Celebration**

On 19 October 2021, we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Sr Tresa Pullanivalappan, and Sr Cicily Pareman and Silver Jubilee of Sr Margaret Vadakumchery, Sr Seena Maria Pereppadan, Sr Moncy Palathingal, Sr Ancina Ooroth, Sr Shanti Edassery and Sr Maria Edasseril in the Provincial house. The thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration was officiated by Mar Joseph Kodakallil, the Bishop of Satna Diocese. Rev. Fathers, Sisters and other well wishers from neighboring communities attended the function and congratulated the sisters. There was a felicitating



programme followed by agape. Our newly professed sisters were also included in the same. We also conducted a family gathering in which all the community representatives of our Province gathered together and shared our joy and communion through a short programme.

### **Thank You Lord....**

The months of April and May were hard time for our Provincial House community as most of the community members were affected by Covid-19. All those days we had been interceding to St. Sebastine, spending one hour of healing prayer every day. We are grateful to Dr. Sr Rani Rose and Sr Roselit from Salbari community, Sr Annet Pynadeth from Nandini community and Sr Mariatta from Gijwar community. They came over here in the Provincial house, in high risk to look after the sick. We are also grateful to the Fathers who helped us in providing oxygen cylinders and making arrangements to get the bed in hospitals in time of emergency. Moreover the prayer support of the diocese gave new life to our sick sisters. We are very grateful to the Almighty for His bounty.

### **Loving Tribute**

We, the Christu Jyoti Province of Satna, gratefully remember and pay homage to the departed soul of our loving Sr Celine Morely. Offering her life as a pleasing sacrifice to the Heavenly Father for 49 years, the holy and simple soul of our dear Sr. Celine Morely, affected by Covid-19, flew to the Heavenly abode to rejoice with her Divine Spouse in the Jubilee year of her religious life.

## Snehsadan Special School

Sr. Jessy Tresa Akkiveliyil

Sneh Sadan Special School gave farewell to Sr Anila, who was serving the School for 3 years. All the staff members expressed their love and gratitude for her selfless service.

This year 10 students appeared for the board exam. All of them passed with second division.

We celebrated the Independence Day with all the staff and a few students. Mother Rose Therese was the chief guest of the day. She gave an inspiring message to all who gathered. She also inaugurated the smart panel board on this occasion. Programmes of the students were displayed on the smart board.

Rev. Fr George Kacharamattam and team came over here from Ujjain to visit our school and students. They also provided smart phones for 5 students for their better studies.



## Bethania Updates

Sr Juby DST

Prayerful Greetings from Bethania Community!

The theology course for the postulants and the pre-novices commenced at Bethania on 6 September



2021. It was started with the Holy Qurbana in the morning celebrated by Very Rev. Fr Joseph Ottapurackal, the Rector of Ephrem Theological College, Kothi. There are 28 candidates from different parts of India belonging to CSN, DM, DST and SD Congregations. Professors from ETC and sisters from different congregations are taking classes for them.

Our beloved Bishopji Mar Joseph Kodakallil paid a visit on 11 October and celebrated Holy Qurbana with us and thereafter he encouraged the students with his inspirational talk.



*Congratulations and  
Best Wishes*

Fr Thomas Mullenmandil  
for getting enrolled  
to the Bar Council  
of Madhya Pradesh



## Department of Catechism

Greetings from the Department of Catechism...

In our eparchy, the catechetical formation is given to the children mainly through Sunday Schools and therefore the whole programme is usually known as Sunday School Catechism. On every Sunday, just after the Holy Mass the students attend Catechism classes for an hour. Since we have only a few students at every parish, the students are divided into four groups. We follow the Hindi Catechism text books named "Mukti Ki Raah Par" of the Syro-Malabar Catechetical Committee. At the end of every academic year we conduct an annual examination and thus the promotion to the next standard is duly determined.

Some of the programs that we conducted and we are planning to conduct are the following:

1. Online Classes for the Catechism Students

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were not able to conduct regular catechism classes for our students in our parishes. So the department of Catechism made available the videos of the catechism classes to the children prepared by the Ishvani Television, Ujjain. We remember with gratitude Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and Catechism teachers who devote themselves to the faith formation of the students.

2. Inauguration of the online Catechism Classes

The inauguration of the online Catechism classes was held on 25 July 2021 through the Zoom Meeting. Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil inaugurated the online catechism classes with his words of blessing. On this occasion Very. Rev. Fr. Thomas Thelakat also spoke about the

significance of imparting the faith formation to the younger generation. Many priests, sisters, catechism teachers and students took part in the inaugural session of the online catechism classes.

### 3. Catechism Exams

The Catechism exam of the year 2021 will be conducted on 12 December 2021. The question papers will be sent to the students from the department of catechism. The students will write the exam at home and submit the hard copy of the exam to the respective parish priests. The exam will be like open-book exam.

### 4. Google-Meet Conference with Eparchial Consulters

The Members of both the Department of Catechism and Family Apostolate had a Google-Meet conference on 10 September 2021 with the Bishop and the Eparchial Consulters to discuss the celebration of the Year of St. Joseph. Some of the programmes suggested by the Department of Catechism for the fruitful celebration of the year of St. Joseph are:

#### A. Quiz on St. Joseph

Questions will be from the Bible and from Google regarding Miracles, Churches, and Events etc...

#### B. Seminar for the parents and students

Topic: St. Joseph and Family

Platform: Zoom Meeting

#### C. Online celebration of the Year of St. Joseph

The concluding ceremony of the Year of St. Joseph will be celebrated in the month of December. The programmes shot beforehand will be broadcast on our You Tube Channel. The duration of the program will be 1 hour and 30 minutes.

D. Various competitions for the students:-

The competitions are: Shayari writing, tableau, fancy dress, song writing, essay writing, speeches, drawing etc. These competitions will be related to the life of St. Joseph and will be conducted at the parish level only.

5. Angels' Meet:

A gathering of the catechism students who received the First Holy Communion and Confirmation recently will be held on 28 Nov. 2021.

For Catechism Department,

Fr John Pullan

Fr Joseph Edathil



In Loving Memory of  
Rev. Fr George  
Kammattil VC  
Marymatha Province  
Vincentian Congregation

Rest in Christ's Love  
Dear Father  
by  
Eparchy of Satna

**Date of Birth** : 10.08.1932  
**First Profession** : 22.05.1952  
**Ordination** : 11.03.1960  
**Death** : 08.12.2021



## Department of Education

**"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."**

**Proverbs 2:6**

The Department of Education is stepping ahead steadily with all the supports and encouragements from all our Fathers, Sisters and staff. Over the past couple of years the department was not able to function with its full blast due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Though Madhya Pradesh Government has released the order to open schools from classes 6 to 12 from 01 September 2021 and from class 1 to 12 from 01 October 2021, with 50% of students in the schools with all the guidelines and precautionary measures related to Covid-19 pandemic, we are slightly sure for a green signal to open and run the schools as normal after the Deewali Holidays. I appreciate and congratulate our Principals, Managers all fathers, Sisters and all the teaching staff for tirelessly working in the schools for online and offline classes.

### **Webinar for the Teachers**

The Department of Education has conducted a three-day Virtual Training for Teachers on 07th, 09th and 10th of August, 2021, for all the teachers working in the diocese on the theme 'How to make Online Classes Effective.' The teachers were divided into three segments: Nursery to 2, 3 to 8 and 9 to 12. The topic for the teachers of Nursery to 8 was 'Activities to Enhance Student Engagement in an Online Class.' For 9 to 12 the topic was 'Lesson Planning and Technological Tools for Effective Online Classes. It was conducted in collaboration with Orient Blackswan Publishers.



## **The NEP shifts School System from 10+2 to 5+3+3+4**

India's new National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisages that the extant 10+2 structure in school education will be modified with a new pedagogical and curricular restructuring of 5+3+3+4 covering ages 3-18, i.e., ages 3-6 Anganwadi, ages 6-8 Class 1 to 2, ages 8-11 Class 3 to 5, ages 11-14 Class 6 to 8, ages 14-18 Class 9 to 12. So the schooling will be from Nursery to Class 12. The Department of Education is planning to conduct a webinar on NEP in the coming days.

### **Christ Jyoti School, Odgady**

Christ Jyoti School, Odgady has applied for its affiliation to CBSE Board. Its inspection was on 11th, 12th of August, 2021. The management and parents are eagerly waiting for the affiliation letter from the CBSE Board.

### **Inspection of Schools**

The Department of Education has decided to organize an inspection in all our Diocesan Schools. The inspection will be of one day. The inspection team will reach a day before the inspection. At the end of every inspection our Bishopji will meet the Manager, Principal and all the staff.

### **Two-Day National Webinar on Safety and Well-being of Our Children**

As the schools are reopening in different parts of the country, the safety of children has become a huge responsibility on the part of the educators. To accompany our educators in caring for the children's well-being and safety, on 15th and 16th of October 2021, CBCI Office for Education and Culture had organized a webinar in collaboration with a Child Rights Organization named, Children Against Child Abuse (CACA). This webinar was organized to empower all the Fathers and Sisters, including the Education Secretaries, Managers, Headmasters and

Principals on the safety and well-being of children. The two-day webinar helped to be aware of the latest laws and regulations and to draw up strategies, institutional level policy framework and to define the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders of the institution on the safety and well-being of children.

### **First Term Pre-Board Examinations**

The Department of Education has conducted the First Terminal Pre-Board Examinations for the Classes 10 and 12 from the centre for all the CBSE Schools as per the new CBSE pattern, on the Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheets. Exams started from 21 October 2021 and completed on 02 November 2021. By the same token the evaluation of the OMR answer sheets will also be done from the centre.

### **Bishop Abraham D. Mattam Award for the Academic Excellence**

The Bishop Abraham D. Mattam Award for the Academic Excellence was given to the 10 and 12 toppers of 2019-20 and 2020-21. This year the toppers are more than two in number and are decided by lot. The lot was taken on 11 September 2021 in Bishop's House, in the presence of Bishop Joseph Kodakallil, our Bishopji. Very Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakat, Vicar General, Members of Bishop's House and Sisters from Christ Jyoti were also present there. The First and Second Rank holders are awarded Cash Prize from the centre. Others, the toppers those who are not decided by lot, are awarded with Cash Prize from their own schools. A short text of life history of Bishop Mattam is sent to the schools and that will be read out at the time of Award Distribution. The list of Toppers for the session 2020-21 is given below.

## Bishop Abraham D. Mattam Award for Academic Excellence, Session 2020-2021

Class X Toppers  
English Medium (CBSE & ICSE)

Sl. No.	Name of the School	Name of the Student	Mark & Percentage of I Rank	Name of the Student	Mark & Percentage of II Rank
01.	Christ Jyoti School, Singrauli	Aditya Roy	96.4%	Rishika Pandey	96.0%
02.	GCM Convent School, Nowgong	Ayushka Singh	93.2%	Raghav Rawat	92.6%
03.	Christ Jyoti School, Satna	Khushi Shorey	96%	Rounak Tiwari	95%
04.	Maria Mata Convent School, Chha.	Aarushi	96.6%	Mansha Soni	94.4%
05.	St. Claret School, Koti	Vani Jain	95.2%	Tanuj Singh	94.6%
06.	Christ Jyoti School, Niwari	Ranjana Vishw.	95.4%	Sangeeta Bairagi	94.2%
07.	De Paul School, Madhavgarh	Om Sharma	97.6%	Gaurav Singh	96.2%
08.	Lisieux Anand School, Panna	Nanya Khare	96%	Shreya Gupta	95.6%
09.	De Paul School, Vindhyanagar	Aparna Sin. Baghel	98.4%	Tripti Dixit	97.4%
10.	Christ Jyoti School, Lavkushnagar	Archit K. Gupta	94.6%	Sonu Singh	91.8%
11.	Sacred Heart Conv. School, Rewa	Aadie Sood	98%	Aatikh Shukla	97.6%
12.	Jyoti School, Jayant	Bhoomi Pathak	97.6%	Priyanka S. Gaharwar	97.2%
13.	Jyoti School, Rewa	Alisha Parvez	98.8%	Shreya Khantal	97.6%
14.	Santhome School Maihar	Sanrachana Singh	98.2%	Arushi Khare	95.2%
15.	Pushpa E.M. Tikamgarh	Anuj Singh	98.2%	Akshika Jain	96%
		Riya Ahirwar	98.2%		
16.	Sacred Heart Con. High Khajuraho	Sakshi Gupta	92%	Alveera Hafeez	90.8%
17.	St Joseph Hr. Sec School, Waidhan	Bhavana Patel	94.6%	Palak Tiwari	92.4%
18.	De Paul School Maidhani Rewa	Sahil Singh	95%	Vishal Singh	94.89%

### Class X Toppers English & Hindi Medium (M. P. Board)

Sl. No.	Name of the School	Name of the Student	Mark & Percentage of I Rank	Name of the Student	Mark & Percentage of II Rank
01.	Gandhi High School, Sidhi	Saransh Gupta	100%	Prerana Tripathi	99%
		Nikita Mishra	100%	Shivansh Chaturvedi	99%
02.	Pushpa High School, Tikamgarh	Rajkumar Shrotriya	100%	Khushi Ahirwar	99%
03.	Alphonsa High School, Prithvipur	Sundaram Tiwari	100%	Krashnkant S. Dangi	98%
		Muskarn Pastor	100%	Akrati Khare	98%
				Rudhra Pr. S. Yadav	98%
04.	Lisieux Anand Hr. Sec. School, Panna	Preeti Patel	100%	Sakshi Chanpuriya	99%
		Vasudev Mistri	100%		99%

## Bishop Abraham D. Mattam Award for Academic Excellence Session 2020-2021

Class XII Toppers  
English Medium (CBSE & ICSE)

Sl. No.	Name of the School	Name of the Student	Mark & Percentage of I Rank	Name of the Student	Mark & Percentage of II Rank
01.	Christ Jyoti School, Singrauli	Ish Kumar Kushwaha	96.8%	Rishabh Singh	96.0%
02.	GCM Convent School, Nowgong	Shubhi Saxena	92.8%	Paras Jain	92%
03.	Christ Jyoti School, Satna	Ayushi Dwivedi	96.4%	Nayan Wadhvani	95.2%
04.	Maria Mata Convent School, Chha.	Shruti Gupta	95.6%	Ankit Richhariya	95.4%
		Swati Tiwari	95.6%		
05.	De Paul School, Madhavgarh	Jose Jimmy	95.6%	Namita & Sonu	94.8%
06.	Lisieux Anand School, Panna	Shivangi Upadhyay	93.6%	Devanshi Pandey	91.6%
07.	De Paul School, Vindhyanagar	Aakritee Saha	97.4%	Abdul Rasheed	96.8%
08.	Sacred Heart Convent School, Rewa	Arpit Kumar Tiwari	96.2%	Shubhda Sharma	95.4%
09.	Jyoti School, Jayant	Priya Jaiswal	96%	Kishan Singh	94.8%
10.	Jyoti School, Rewa	Alisha Mishra	95.4%	Deepti Singh	95.2%
		Anusha Gautam	95.4%	Dev Krishna Tiwari	95.2%
		Sristi Pandey	95.4%	Nishanki Mudgal	95.2%
		Vashmeet Kaur	95.4%	Suhani Ray	95.2%
				Virendra Pratap	95.2%
11.	St Joseph Hr. Sec School, Waidhan	Kajal Shah	93.7%	Kumari Sajal Shah	93.5%
12.	Santhome School, Maihar	Nidhi Dwivedi	92.2%	Mansi Dwivedi	90.8%

### Class XII Toppers Hindi Medium (M. P. Board)

Sl. No.	Name of the School	Name of the Student	Mark & Percentage of I Rank	Name of the Student	Mark & Percentage of II Rank
01.	Lisieux Anand Hr. Sec. School Panna	Rahul Patel	96.60%	Astha Mishra	96%

Fr Paul Varghese  
Education Secretary



# Samaritan Social Service Society

## Introduction

Samaritan Social Service Society (Diocesan Social Service Department) is a non-profitable and charitable organization working with the poor and the underprivileged people such as tribals, scheduled castes, widows, street and orphan children, and the disabled etc., of the most interior villages.

The society works in ten districts of Madhya Pradesh. It, being a venture of Satna diocese, thrives to restore human dignity of the oppressed and the marginalised in order to create a just society based on Gospel values.



## Our thrust areas of work include :

1. Education
2. Empowerment- women & youth
3. Community health & hygiene
4. Agriculture & food sovereignty



5. Environment care
6. Skill development & livelihood
7. Child welfare



### **Events, Celebrations and Activities at Samaritan**

- NSDC external exam was conducted at Samaritan Community College on 18 November 2020.
- International disability day was celebrated at Sneh Sadan, Pateri, with eye camp and education kit distribution on 04 December 2020.
- The chief guest of the disability day celebration at Samaritan on 12 December 2020 was Rev Fr Siju Vadakkumcherry.
- Training programme on fire and safety for Samaritan staff was conducted on 12 December 2020.
- NABH online assessment took place on 15 December 2020.
- Christmas celebration was conducted at Community College on 22 December 2020 and at Samaritan on 23 December 2020.

# Eparchy of

*Hearty congratulations to the newly elected*  
**General Team,**  
CMC Congregation



**Superior General, Sr Grace Therese & the Councillors, Sr Prasanna, Sr Rose Mary, Sr Annie Thomas, Sr Navya Maria, Sr Roselin & Sr Anupa Mathews**

*Hearty congratulations to the newly elected*  
**Provincial Team,**  
Carmel Mata Province of CMC Congregation



**Provincial Superior, Sr Beena Therese & the Councillors, Sr Arpita Sr Jeeva, Sr Alphy & Sr Gracemi**

# Satna Wishes

*Hearty congratulations to the newly elected*  
**General Team ,**  
**FCC Congregation**



**Superior General, Sr Litty & the Councillors, Sr Rose Anitha**  
**Sr Princy Rose, Sr Jyothis, Sr Julie, Sr Mercy, Sr Josiya, Sr Linta & Sr Merlin**

*Hearty congratulations to the newly elected*  
**Provincial Team,**  
**Amala Province of FCC Congregation**



**Provincial Superior, Sr Prabha & the Councillors, Sr Jess Maria**  
**Sr Rosanto, Sr Saritha, Sr Sophiya, Sr Sudeepa & Sr Prasanti**

# **Eparchy of Satna Wishes**

*Hearty congratulations to the newly elected*  
**General Team,**  
**DST Congregation**



**Superior General, Sr Salomy & the Councillors, Sr Vinaya  
Sr Christine, Sr Rose & Sr Reni**

*Hearty congratulations to the newly elected*  
**Provincial Team,**  
**Santhome Province of DST Congregation**



**Provincial Superior, Sr Jessie & the Councillors, Sr Agnet  
Sr Lisieu, Sr Joseline & Sr. Maria**



- Shri Rajmani Patel, Rajya Sabha MP from Madhya Pradesh visited Samaritan on 28 February 2021.
- New FCRA account was opened at SBI, New Delhi.
- Environment Day was celebrated on 05 June 2021.
- The 31<sup>st</sup> batch of Samaritan Community College was given cordial welcome in July 2021.
- Samaritan Social Service Society was honoured as the second Diocesan social service society for the best implementation of the PLDP project in Madhya Pradesh.
- The auditing of Samaritan Social Service Society was completed for the financial year 2020-2021.
- Under the skill development programme Samaritan issued certificate to 25 students for the diploma course in tailoring in collaboration with Fr. Sebastian Panthallooparambil at Gijwar.
- Samaritan received new finance officer Rev Fr. Varghese Kallely on 20 August 2021 and gave him a cordial welcome.



- Diploma in nursing assistant course certificate was distributed to eighteen students at Samaritan Community College on 06 September 2021. The chief guest of the programme was Mar Joseph Kodakallil.



### SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

The hospital activities are going on well. We have an average 20 cataract surgery per day. There are three doctors serving at Samaritan Hospital (2 ophthalmologists full time service and 1 general physician only in morning hours). Alternative days, the doctors perform surgeries and OPD.





NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers)

Samaritan is delighted to inform that Samaritan Hospital is the third hospital in Satna to be accredited with the NABH.

We are thankful to all for your support to fulfil this venture. Samaritan is thankful to Rev Fr Antony Maruthummoottil for initiating the process of accreditation for the bright future of the hospital.



Fr Justin V.D.

Director, SSSS

## DE PAUL, REWA

Fr Johnson Malayattil VC

The world has been plagued by the Covid-19 epidemic for a year and half. Even today, it continues to be a major threat to people in all walks of life. In spite of these adverse circumstances, De Paul School was very careful to carry out all the activities of the school in a favourable manner. We decided to take classes online as it was impossible to have it offline during this challenging time. The 2021-22 academic year began on 05 April. Students attended the classes online from LKG to third grade through Google meet and classes 4

to 11 through the MST Team app. Here we provide learning activities that give students optimism, energy and mental resilience when they are affected by Covid-19 effect in every way. We nurture the learning level of the children through various activities, exams and notebook checking. This year the school scored 100% success.

After 4 years of commendable service, Rev. Fr Justin was transferred and the managerial position is handed over to Rev. Fr Ajin .On 11 September Rev. Sr Lincy Kozhimala took in charge as the in-charge of Kindergarten. After 3 years of selfless service on 30 September Sr Jiji Mary & Sr Juby got transferred and Sr Elsit & Sr Alphonsa were appointed as teachers in the school. Our teachers participated in various courses and webinars conducted by CBSE and obtained their participation certificates.

We celebrated International Yoga Day on 21 June and the teachers informed children about the specialties of that day and the necessities of yoga in daily life. We celebrated Independence Day on 15 August observing all Covid-19 protocols. Rev. Fr. Ajin hoisted the flag and gave a good message.

"Rashtriya Poshan Maah" was celebrated on 07 October and under the leadership of Principal Rev. Fr. Johnson, the teachers and children went to the villages and streets and distributed a good amount of nutritious food.

We celebrated Police Shaheed day on 26 October and the city traffic in-charge Mr. Promod Pandey and one of staff of Chorhatta police station came here and we honoured them. The children had an informative session with them.

The two blooming buds of our school died this academic year and the school extended their condolences to their parents and families and

comforted them and prayed for them.

We look forward to each and every day with hope that all the activities of the school will proceed smoothly.

## CLARETIAN SAMACHAR

Fr George Nelliyaniyil CMF

The Claretians of Satna celebrated the Feast of Saint Anthony Mary Claret on 24 October, 2021. On this day the Claretians all around the world celebrated the 151st death anniversary of their Father Founder, Saint Claret. Saint Claret preached the Word of God and lived his life as a Missionary in the model of Jesus. He lived in a permanent going out to the peripheries; he did so in Catalonia, going forth to the villages to preach; in Cuba, attending to the most marginalized; and in Madrid, discovering even in the Queen a women in need of the Gospel. In his Autobiography he testifies that the root of this itinerancy was his longing to identify himself with Christ the missionary.

The celebration after the pandemic Covid -19 was simple. The community celebrated Festal Mass in the morning along with the faithful. The Holy Mass was presided over by Fr George Nelliyaniyil CMF and he in his homily emphasized the need to be audacious in our missionary endeavors. Later, in the evening there was a



get-together of Respected Fathers, Sisters, and Brothers from, in and around Kothi. The celebration was also graced with the presence of teachers, staff, friends and well-wishers of St. Claret School, Barakala.

Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakat the Vicar General of Satna Diocese appreciated the works of Claretians in the Eparchy of Satna. He also prayed and wished that the Claretians may continue their good efforts in educational and pastoral fields. The celebration was concluded with delicious dinner. We wish and pray that the good Lord may bless you through the intercession of Saint Anthony Mary Claret.

## CHRIST JYOTI, SATNA

Sr Beena SH

The new academic session 2021-22 was formally inaugurated on 5 April 2021 with the lamp lighting by Rev. Fr Davis, the School Manager, Rev. Sr Beena, the Principal and the Staff representatives. Due to the deadly surge in Covid-19 cases, the school had to resort to conducting online live classes through a special App named Sagokomm Mini.

Classes X and XII Board examinations were cancelled by the CBSE and so separate committees were formed in order to prepare the results according to the CBSE guidelines. The internal as well as the external members met together frequently and the final draft was sent to the CBSE office as per the directions of the policy.

On 16 June 2021, the school reopened after summer vacation. The Core Committee meeting was conducted on 17 June 2021 and it was attended by all the members. Important decisions regarding the forthcoming online live classes, exams and PTM were taken in the meeting considering the valuable suggestions put forward by the members.

International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21 June 2021. This year the competition of the online yoga demonstration was also organized. Students from the classes 6 to 12 took part in the competition. All the selected performances were uploaded on the School YouTube Channel. An Online quiz competition was also conducted in relation with the Yoga Day.

The school organized virtual Parents-Teachers Meeting from 5 to 15 July 2021 with the objective of creating a common platform where the teachers and the parents could come together to discuss the performance of the students and share the ways to enhance their learning at home. The meeting of all the classes was very interactive and beneficial. Winners were selected from both competitions to be awarded with prizes.

A Digital Collage Making competition for classes IX - XII was held on 28 July 2021, on the occasion of World Nature Conservation day. Winners were awarded with certificate and prizes.

CBSE declared the class XII results on 30 June 2021. Aayushi Dwivedi of Maths Section secured the first position with 96.4%, Vaibhav Anuragi of Commerce Section secured the second position with 95.2% and Raj Soni, Aishani Varshney and Shruti Singh scored 94% and shared the third position. All passed and 15 students scored above 90% marks.

On 3 August 2021, class X result was declared. Khushi Shorey secured the first position with 96%, Raunak Tiwari bagged the second position by securing 95% and Ann Rose Roy stood third by securing 94.8%. 24 students scored above 90% marks.

75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was commemorated in a grand manner on 15 August 2021. All the teachers and the non-teaching staff were present for the flag hoisting ceremony. School Manager Rev. Fr Davis Joseph

hoisted the National Flag and gave a short message. Sweets were distributed to everyone. An online Patriotic Song Competition was organized on this occasion. The First Prize winner was awarded with Rs. 1000/- cash prize and trophy. The second prize was Rs. 700/- and trophy and third position received Rs. 500/- cash prize and trophy.

The Feast day of Fr Manager was celebrated on 28 August 2021. We bade farewell to three of our dedicated teachers Mrs Modini Gopidas, Mrs Sushila Devi and Mrs Shashi Shrivastava who rendered their long service to the school and retired in this session. They were awarded with mementos by the school Management and gifts by their colleagues.



Teachers' Day was celebrated online on 5 September 2021. Students, despite the limitations, expressed their love by staging several cultural programmes. A Dance Competition was also organized in which students from classes 3 to 5 took part. All staff members were provided with delicious snacks in relation to the Teachers' Day.

On the occasion of the "International Literacy Day" in September 2021, various activities like Speech Competition, Poem Recitation (Hindi & English), Essay writing Competition (Hindi & English) and Drawing Competition were organized.



Online examinations were conducted during the fixed intervals to evaluate the academic excellence of students in all classes. Examinations were conducted in the OBA pattern and MCQ pattern through the school App

As Madhya Pradesh government permitted to reopen the schools for classes 06 to 12, offline classes started from 13 September 2021 with 50% strength, by strictly following Covid-19 protocol.

The Feast day of Sr. Principal was celebrated on 08 September 2021. A number of competitions were organized in relation with the National Nutrition Mission (Rashtriya Poshan Maah) in the month of September 2021. Extempore Speech and Debates were conducted in the offline classes for the Senior Secondary Section and the students enthusiastically



participated in them. Essay Writing and Poster-Making Competitions were held offline for the Secondary Section students who actively partook in all these. Classes VI - VIII students were given online competitions in English Speech and Poster Making on Healthy Diet. Winners were awarded with certificates and trophies.

## TIKAMGARH NEWS

Fr Augustine Pullolickal

The whole world was in the clutches of Covid-19 pandemic. Our parish was also badly affected by the same virus. We lost the lives of two of our parishioners, namely, Mr. Jomon from Tikamgarh and Mr Martin Tirkey from Ghuwara substation. From the month of July onwards our church became active and vibrant. Celebration of Holy Mass on Sundays and week days was reinstated at Tikamgarh and Ghuwara Catechism classes were also conducted effectively through the online platform. All catechism students learn five each bible verse by heart and on Sundays they present it before their teachers off hand after the Holy Qurbana.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated with proper preparation of nine days of Novena. The celebration was concluded with solemn Holy Qurbana followed by Rosary Procession.

We celebrated the feast of our patroness, St Little Theresa on 03 October 2021. Rev. Fr Augustine Chittuparambil the Syncellus of the Diocese presided over the Holy Qurbana. Rev. Fr Paul Chettimattel delivered a beautiful homily. The participation of Rev. Fathers and Sisters from the adjacent parishes added more colour to the event. After the Holy Qurbana a mind-blowing cultural programme was put up by the children of the parish. The event was concluded with a sumptuous dinner.



The new academic year 2021-2022 began on 01 April. As the second wave of the Pandemic caused the lockdown of the school we had to resort to online classes again. Regular offline classes for IX and X began from 05 August. On 15 August Rev. Fr. Antony Pullan hoisted the flag and delivered an inspiring message to the teachers of English and Hindi medium. On 01 September students of classes VI, VII and VIII began to come to school for the offline classes.

Teachers' Day was celebrated with much enthusiasm. As it fell on a Sunday it was celebrated on the previous day. Students' scintillating cultural programmes showcased their love and concern for their teachers.

## SINGRAULI TIDINGS

Fr Joseph Varickamackal

### Holy Family Church

On 28 July Alphonsa Unit celebrated the feast of St. Alphonsa and on 29 August St. Monica Unit celebrated the feast of St. Monica. On 30 August 2021, Fr. Joseph Edathil took charge as Asst. Parish Priest. In the month of October we had 10 days Rosary at the Grotto. Catechism students' competition was held on 31 October 2021.



FCC sisters celebrated the golden jubilee of Christ Niwas Convent Singrauli on 24 October 2021. The main

celebrant of the day was Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil. Fr Joseph Varickamackal our parish priest, fathers, sisters from neighbouring communities and Parishioners joined us in thanking God for the showers of blessings upon FCC community at Singrauli for the past 50 years. The presence of Rev. Fr Ajay, the son of the soil who became a priest for



the diocese of Jamshadpur added beauty to the day. Rev. Sr Beena, one of the pioneers was present for the celebration.

### **Christ Jyoti School**

In the academic year 2020-21, students of Class XII excelled in the board examination. Out of 68 students who appeared for the examination, 12 of them scored above 90% and 56 got 1st division. Ish Kumar Kushwaha from Commerce stream became the school topper by securing 96.8% and he is the cash award winner of Rs. 5000 from Satna Diocese. Out of 112 students who appeared for the X class examination 107 secured 1st division and Aditya Roy became the topper scoring 96.4%.

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2021-22 was held on 24 of August 2021. The chief guest for the event was Mr. Nagendra Pratap Singh Chouhan, Town Inspector Bargawa.



Offline classes started for class IX & XII on 02 August 2021, for class VI-VIII on 02 September 2021 and for classes I-V on 04 October 2021. Teachers' seminar was conducted on 31 July 2021 by Dr P.N. Singh, Additional District Project Co-ordinator. A seminar was held on 11 October 2021 for the students of Class X on the topic Hygiene and causes of viral diseases by Dr. Rajat Kumar. Drawing Competitions were conducted by Forest & Police department of Singrauli and our students won the prizes.

## REWA REFLECTIONS

Fr Paul Umassery

As the Global pandemic Corona is receding, life is getting back to normalcy at Rewa and our Churches and schools are brimming with people and pupils. Most of our adult population is already vaccinated and at work and waiting for the vaccination of children.

### **St Francis Xavier's Church Bodabagh**

After long spells of lockdowns, public worship at our church resumed with more enthusiasm. Online Catechism, Youth animation and various other programmes organized by the Diocesan departments helped the faithful to remain connected to their faith. House blessings turned out to be a grand get together of families.

Along with regular Sunday celebrations we celebrated the following: the feast of assumption of Mother Mary (15 August), the feast of St Euphrasia (30 August), Ettu Nombu (September 01- 08), St. Mathew (21<sup>st</sup> September ), Mission Sunday (24 October) and 10 Days of Rosary (22-31 October).

Ettu Nombu was marked by Holy Qurbana and Novena to Mother Mary celebrated and prayed by priests from the nearby Vincentian Ashram and mission stations. Each day was taken up and dedicated to families and Rev. Fathers preached sermons on different Marian themes. 08 September was a special day as our beloved Bishop Mar Joseph Kodakallil celebrated the Holy Qurbana and administered the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation to the children.

Mission Sunday was celebrated with extraordinary enthusiasm on 24 October 2021. The day began with Holy Qurbana celebrated by Fr Paul Umassery who elaborated on the importance of the day and the sermon was on the necessity of the Mission.

After the Holy Qurbana the Mission Sunday celebration began at the kindergarten hall where auction, fun-games, food-courts and fund collection together collected an amount of Rs. 52000. The presence of Rev. Fr Siju and Sisters from Koond, Rev. Sisters from Sacred Heart School, DST sisters from De Paul, CMC sisters, the families and the bachelors together made the day memorable.

### **Jyoti Sr. Sec. School**

After a lull of eighteen long months of fear, anxiety and hopelessness the school resumed its course following the Government endorsed SOP of Covid-19. The teachers, parents and the children are happy to get back to teaching and learning at class rooms. Classes and co-curricular activities for class 01 to 12 are in full swing. We are simultaneously running the online and offline classes over Zoom.



## Celebrations

On 15 August, we celebrated 'Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav' the 75<sup>th</sup> independence day of our nation. Staff members wearing tricolour dresses made a formation of 75 to mark the day. To mark the 50yrs of our existence, Jyoti school staff made a large formation of 50 and it was well captured by the drone camera and circulated widely in Rewa.

Manager's Day was celebrated on 21 September, Fr Paul and the staff members greeted our Manager Rev. Fr Mathew with bouquets and extended warm prayerful wishes of the day. The Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux was celebrated on 01 October, we wished happy feast to Sr Tresa, Vice Principal and Sr Deep Kiran Kero.

Teachers' Day was celebrated with cultural programmes, fun-games, activities and the celebration concluded with luncheon.

## Achievements and Recognition

The 100% success of class 12<sup>th</sup> (AISSCE) and of class 10<sup>th</sup> (AISSE) of 2020-2021 brought appreciation and laurels to the school. The number of students scoring maximum marks was the highest in the history of the school. The results made the Golden Jubilee year memorable and the fact that it was a year of Global pandemic Covid-19, brought more smiles and satisfaction. Alisha Parvez has secured First Rank (99%) in class X in the schools of the Satna Diocesan Society and was awarded Bp Abraham D. Mattam award of academic excellence and a cash award of Rs. 10000.

Vinneth Kumar of Class XII Green bagged first and second prizes in the Abhighyan Zest conducted in the consecutive years of 2020 and 2021 organized by The United University Prayagraj, UP and was awarded a Laptop and a Bluetooth device.

Manan Jain of Class VI Orange secured first prize in the national level painting competition Namastey

Bharat organized by ABP News and Editors Guild.

Jyoti School stood second at an Interschool Debate competition for juniors and seniors at Sainik School, Rewa organized by Hub of Learning (HOL) under CBSE.

### **Medical Camp and Blood Donation**

SS Medical College, Rewa conducted a three day (8-10 September) long health check up of staff and senior class students. Lipid Profile of the participants was done and medical team under Dr Mahindra Tilkar, Dr Vibha Sinha and Dr Bhrigu Singh made extensive medical examination for the well being of staff and students.

Dr T Illayaraja IAS, Dr BL Tiwari CMHO and Dr Lokesh Tripathi (HOD Pathology) visited Jyoti School and met the staff members to participate in the Blood Donation Campaign organized by an NGO, Annashesh run by Jyoti alumni. The chief guest of the campaign, Dr T Illayaraja IAS, DM Rewa expressed his appreciation for the school in maintaining the academic excellence and especially a Green and Clean Campus. He thanked the school for initiating students into various social activities together with academics. On 01 October 2021 Fr Paul and the staff members donated 58 units of blood to the SS Medical College, Rewa. The donors were later awarded with blood pass book, medal and certificates.

## **ODGADY MISSION**

Fr Eugene Madappattu

### **Christ Jyoti School**

Covid-19 Pandemic has resulted the closure of the school starting at a zero academic year with huge financial constraints. It threw before us a difficult challenge of keeping the students connected to school and teachers. Lack of reliable internet access was a major problem before us. We started the online classes with all its hurdles and challenging difficulties. We

conducted online classes and examinations through Google Meet and Whatsapp.

### **Inspection for CBSE Affiliation**

CBSE inspection was held in our school on 11 & 12 August 2021, by two-member committee, the principal of DAV public school Mr S.K. Sharma and the principal of Central School Jharkhand Mr V.K. Solanky. They examined all our documents and all other details of the school. We have successfully completed the procedures of inspection and we are eagerly waiting for the affiliation.

### **Farewell**

All our staff members gathered in the school on 13 August and expressed their love and gratitude to our manager Rev. Fr Antony. We arranged a virtual meet for the students to give farewell to the manager.

### **Independence Day**

Bishop Joseph Kodakallil hoisted the National Flag at 8.00 am. There were no students in the school to attend the function but we organized a programme on virtual platform and made the Independence Day a colorful one.

### **Welcome**

On 15 August our Bishop Joseph Kodakallil visited our church and celebrated the Holy Qurbana. On 20 August 2021, Rev. Fr Eugene reached here from Prithvipur. We welcomed him wholeheartedly and he took charge as the manager of Christ Jyoti School, Ogdady. We reopened the school on 06 September after the Pandemic and on the same day we celebrated teachers' day. Our students put up beautiful programmes to express their love and gratitude towards their teachers. We also celebrated in a simple way the birthday of our manager Rev. Fr Eugene and the Feast day of our principal. Teachers and students

extended birthday wishes and festal greetings to them with immense joy and love.

### **Feast of Nativity**

On 08 September we celebrated the Nativity of Mother Mary in a solemn way. In preparation of the feast we visited all the families and recited rosary and blessed house. All the members of the parish were present for the liturgical celebration. The parish priest Rev. Fr Eugene enriched the members through his homily. The procession carrying the statue of Mother Mary and reciting the Rosary intensified our devotion. On 24 October we celebrated mission Sunday with deep love for the Church.

## **WAIDHAN TIDINGS**

Sr Liza SABS

### **St. Paul's Church Waidhan**

After a break of the second wave of Covid -19 pandemic, the faithful started coming to the church for the Holy Qurbana. The feast of the birth of Mother Mary was celebrated solemnly along with the parishioners. From 04 October, parish priest Rev. Fr John Pullan along with sisters visited all the families and the house blessing was done.

### **St. Joseph's Convent Waidhan**

Sr Rani Maria was transferred to Nandini (C.G.) and Sr Liz Mary joined the community on 14 June 2021. The community is also blessed with one more member Sr Rose Manjally who joined on 22 June 2021. Bishop Joseph Kodakallil, the shepherd of our diocese paid his visit both in August and in October and Blessed us with his encouraging words. Mother Provincial along with five of our newly professed sisters visited us on 24 October and we welcomed and congratulated them and they spent a day with us. Prayerful wishes to our



dear little sisters.

### **St. Joseph's Hr. Sec. School**

28 July being the name day of our Principal Sr Alph, a virtual celebration was conducted as we celebrated it as Principal's day.

Independence Day and Teacher's Day were celebrated following all the pandemic protocols.



Internal inspection of the school was done under the responsibility of Sr Ansa Plamoottil and Sr Celine Cholkankery on 13 September 2021.

# LISIEUXIANS' BROADCAST

Sr Ancy SABS

## Academic Year 2021-22

New academic session began on 05 April proposing to hold classes in hybrid mode (offline cum online). It was inaugurated by Rev. Dr Fr Tajo Leyon, the manager with his inspiring and enlightening message followed by a propitious lamp lighting ceremony in order to usher in a wonderful beginning. Inauguration took place on a virtual platform. Online classes were conducted for the students of Nursery to class VIII and offline classes for IX to XII. Daily virtual live classes were started through Google Meet and Teachmint from 09 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the video classes of subject teachers were uploaded regularly at 06 p.m. Offline classes began on 04 October - strictly adhering to Covid-19 safety precautions for the students of I to VIII. Half-Yearly Exams were conducted in offline and online modes for the students of Class VI to XII and Nursery to V respectively.

## Independence Day

We celebrated the glory of freedom in the most inimitable way possible, even though the pandemic induced us to opt for a virtual route. It's true that the Covid-19 downsized our celebrations, but it never failed to curb the spirit of freedom of Lisieuxians. Students showcased their talents through a medley of patriotic songs and dances awakening everyone's feelings towards the Mother Land and various speeches reflected the patriotic zeal of our students. The campus was decorated with saffron, white and green colour ribbons, balloons and flags. The flag hoisting ceremony was reserved only for the teaching and non-teaching faculty of the school. Rev. Dr Fr Tajo Leyon hoisted the national flag and delivered an overwhelming speech reminding of the sacrifices made



by our great freedom fighters while making us to take pledge to create a beautiful India free from corruption, crime and social vices and to serve our motherland with heart, body and soul to bring its glory and laurels with our dignified deeds.

### **Investiture Ceremony**

Adapting to the new situation in this pandemic era Lisieuxians carried out online election of our Head boy and Head girl for the academic year 2021-22 through digital balloting. The selected nominees of class XII had made their election campaign through short videos of their inspirational speeches requesting the votes. The students casted their votes digitally through Google form on 23 August. Master Aryan Singh Poonia and Miss Anukrati Tiwari were elected as the Head Boy and Head Girl respectively. During the investiture ceremony, the newly elected leaders were prepared to don the mantle of leadership and took a solemn oath with a promise that they would carry out their duties and responsibilities with integrity, faith and excellence.



### **Teachers' day**

Teacher's day was celebrated in an unparalleled manner via virtual cultural platform. The love and respect towards their teachers – mentors and guides of life – were exposed by students through incredible performances of speeches, songs and dances. The teaching faculty of both schools gathered on 04 September for a devout prayer service, followed by funny and interactive group games and scrumptious lunch.

## Death Anniversary

Life on earth is fleeting, but the afterlife is eternal. It's been a year (28 September 2020) since Ms. Lilly Mary George was called to eternal rest. She was a committed teacher always with full of life and a zealous educationist for the people of Panna. We conducted office for the dead at her tomb followed by the Holy Eucharistic celebration in the parish church. Floral tributes were paid by the teachers and students in the school. No one can fill the footsteps of Ms. Lilly ma'am, nor can her love be ever forgotten by Lisieuxians. May God bless her and give her a new home in heaven. Requiescat in pace!

## Wildlife Week – 2021

The Wildlife Week 2021 was celebrated in the school from 02 to 08 October, with an aim to protect and preserve the flora and fauna of India and the theme of this year was “Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet”. Several awareness-building activities were conducted in the School for the protection of wildlife resources. Students of Lisieux Anand School participated in the Bio-diversity Quiz Program and Wall Painting Competition organised by Madhya Pradesh State Biodiversity Board and Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation Society respectively. Lisieuxians brought laurels to the school by bagging several prizes in the events.



## Diocesan Environment Friendly Day

Lisieuxians participated in the Diocesan Environment Friendly Day on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Ecology, on October 4th by planting many saplings in the school campus. It was a sincere effort from the school to raise awareness among students on environment conservation. School motivated them to plant more trees as trees play a crucial role in maintaining the ecological balance of nature. Any harm to it can pose threat to entire ecosystem. The tree planting drive was taken by the students wholeheartedly and took pledge to save the mother earth by planting and protecting different plants.



## National Nutrition Mission

Lisieux Anand family intently involved in the "National Nutrition mission", a programme schemed to endow with holistic development and adequate nutrition for mothers, pregnant women and children to determine a malnutrition free India. Both staff and students collected rice, grains and cereals and distributed them in different areas in Panna like Pahad Kothi, Diamond Chowraha etc. Local media and people of Panna cordially appreciated Lisieuxian's good efforts of contributing towards addressing malnutrition locally while reaching out to the marginalised and poor sectors of the society.

# CHHATARPUR UPDATES

Sr Linze CSN

## **Annual Feast Day Celebrations**

The traditional and annual feast day celebration of Maria Mata Parish took place on 08 September 2021 after eight days of Eucharistic celebrations followed by devotional Marian novena. Each day was assigned to different families and they took the leadership of arranging for the evening liturgy and distributed snacks for the worshipping community. On the day of feast, Rev. Fr Francis Mattathil was the main celebrant for the solemn Eucharistic celebration which was followed by sumptuous dinner arranged by the parish community under the leadership of Rev. Fr Job Vallianal, the Parish Priest.

## **Zonal Level CRI Meeting**

A meeting of the CRI members of Tikamgarh Zone was held at Maria Mata Parish, Chhatarpur on 19 September 2021 from 2 pm to 5 pm. Spiritual talks, Sacrament of Reconciliation, group games, etc. were included in the schedule. Fr Biju Puthenpura VC, the President of Satna CRI Unit, Sr Anu Maria CSN, the Secretary, Fr Sunil CMF, the Treasurer along with 19 Sisters from the Zone participated in the meeting.

## **Farewell Function**

The Maria Mata Family bade farewell to the outgoing students of class XII by dividing them into two groups due to Covid - 19 protocols. The first group which included the students of Maths was accorded farewell on 10 August and the second group comprising of Commerce and Bio was given send off on 14 August. The students of class XI performed multiple programmes which made the farewell function ever memorable amidst pandemic protocols. The principal, Sr Linze delivered the farewell message and the

Manager, Fr John Thoppil presented a memento and wished God's abundant blessings on their ways ahead.

### Teachers' Day Celebrations

Since this year the teachers' Day fell on a Sunday, the celebration was anticipated to 04 September. A restricted number of students of classes X and XII performed various programmes in honour of their beloved teachers and expressed their love and respect towards them. The Manager reminded the teachers of the nobility of their profession and exhorted them to be evermore dedicated and committed in their teaching ministry. After the short programme, all the teachers were served tasty lunch.

### National Nutrition Day

As part of the national celebration of Rashtriya Poshak Divas, the students of Maria Mata School took initiative to bring various nutritious food raw materials to the school on 28 September and on the following day packed them well and distributed them to the needy families of two slums in the vicinity of Chhatarpur City. It was indeed a direct and unique experience for the staff and students to know the reality of poverty being faced by the people around. The programme also helped to inculcate in them a spirit of sharing and caring for the people in the neighbourhood irrespective of their caste, colour or creed. The Manager, the Principal and the staff encouraged the students to take up such humanitarian initiatives in future too.



# Nowgong Samachar

Fr Joseph Porimattathil

- We celebrated the feast of St Joseph on 21 March 2021. Rev. Fr Eugene Madappattu was the main celebrant of the day for the Holy Qurbana. We conducted speech competition for the catechism students of the parish and essay writing competition for the youth of the parish. The theme of the competition was the role of St Joseph in the salvation history. Sherin Frank got first prize for speech and Lakesh Xalxo got first prize for the essay writing.
- Feast of St. Thomas, the patron of the Syro-Malabar Church was celebrated on 4 July 2021 with solemn Holy Qurbana.
- All the faithful of our parish involved and immersed in the holy week services with great love and deep faith.
- We organised nine days Novena prayer in preparation for the great feast of nativity of Mother Mary, the patroness of our Parish on 08 September 2021. We celebrated the feast with solemn holy Qurbana. Rev. Fr Thomas Puthenthayil was the main celebrant for the Holy Eucharist. The day was ever memorable for two children from our Parish as they received the First Holy Communion. All the members of the parish and the campus gathered for the agape after holy Mass. Youth of the parish organised the cultural events.
- Mission Sunday was celebrated on 24 October 2021. The day reminded us once again that the Church is missionary in her very nature. We had solemn Holy Qurbana. Rev Fr Joseph Porimattam, the parish priest was the main





celebrant. All the families and members of the church were present on this day. Youth Of our parish organised auction, games and lunch.

- The new academic year was started on 15 April 2021 with the online classes on Google class room. From 1 May to 17 June the school was closed for summer vacations. On 10 June Sr Sangeeta CSN was transferred and Sr Soumini took charge as the principal on 21 June and on the same day the school started with the live class on zoom. Online classes began streaming from the school.
- We celebrated Independence Day on 15 August. At 8.00 am the flag was hoisted in the presence of parishioners and by 10.00 am Vriksharopan Abhiyan Karyakram was conducted in the presence of Tahsildar, and some leaders of Education department (BRC), Nowgong. 25 trees were planted by the guests and the teachers. Some online competitions were arranged for the school children.
- As the Rakshabandhan was on a Sunday, 22 August 2021 the previous day the teachers tied Rakhi on the saplings which they planted on 15 August, conveying the message that the trees would protect us.
- In connection with the celebration of 75 years of freedom the government of India has launched a

programme of Atmanirbhar India and the CBSE is conducting a series of competitions every month in connection with this in the title Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The school is conducting this series of competitions online for the students and they are participating in it very enthusiastically.

- As the Teachers' Day this year fell on a Sunday, on 4 September we celebrated Teachers' Day. The students expressed their love through different online programmes and to mark this day students recited Acrostic poems spelling the names of their teachers and made videos wishing them. All the teachers were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for their dedication and hard work during their teaching career especially during the pandemic period. The gathering was concluded with delicious lunch.



- Two of the teachers, Mrs. Shikha Pathak and Mr. Shaiju Abraham gave a class for the staff on the curriculum of the CBSE.
- As per the instruction of the CBSE, every school is asked to celebrate 'Poshan Maah' and we celebrated it on 28 September 2021. Every student of Class XI and XII brought one packet of food item to be distributed to the poor children. Teachers also contributed for the same cause. We chose a government school in an interior village

and went there with the collected food items along with the representatives of class XI and XII.



- In connection with Diwali Celebrations, Rangoli competition for higher class students and Diya/Pot Decoration competition for lower class students were held on 30 October 2021.
- From 06 September onwards 50% of the students from class 6 started coming to the school and simultaneously online classes were also streamed for the rest of the students. From 4 October 50% of the students from class I to VIII and all the students of the Class IX to XII are attending the offline class. By trusting God and giving our best we continue to serve the people.

## Prithvipur Tidings

Sr Telma CPS

- The Feast of St. Alphonsa was celebrated on 08 August 2021. After the solemn Holy Qurbana and procession everyone feasted sumptuously.
- Teachers' Day was celebrated in anticipation on 04 September. It was an opportunity for the students of the school to express their love and concern for their teachers. They put up a good

cultural programme to make the day really memorable. The Manager Rev. Fr Francis Mattathil gave a beautiful message in which the focus was the need for the teachers to become role models in matters of quality in teaching and morality in life.

- The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated on 08 September with immense joy. Holy Qurbana was offered for each family of the station. After each day's Holy Qurbana people ensured their full involvement in the feast celebration by distributing sweets for all the participants.
- We celebrated the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the heavenly patron of our dear parish priest Rev. Fr. Francis Mattathil on 04 October 2021. We had solemn Eucharistic celebration in the morning. Fathers and sisters from neighboring parishes gathered together to wish him festal greetings in the evening. After the spiritual nourishment in the chapel through a prayer service guided by Rev. Fr Francis everyone had the opportunity to feast.
- This year The Manager's Day was celebrated as the Day of Administrative Body as the Principal's Day coincided with it.
- The Month of Rosary was observed with proper piety reciting the Rosary all throughout the month. Mission Sunday was observed on 04 October 2021.
- Our parish priest Rev. Fr Eugene got transferred and we bade farewell to him on 18 August 2021. On the same day Rev. Fr Francis Mattathil took charge as our parish priest.

# Members of IV Presbyteral Council

21/09/2021 – 21/09/2024

## A. EX - OFFICIO MEMBERS

1. Fr Thelakat Thomas
2. Fr Chittuparambil Augustine
3. Fr Thekkepalakuzhiyil John
4. Fr Kachappilly Kuriackose
5. Fr Ottapurackal Joseph

## B. ELECTED MEMBERS

1. Fr Chettimattel Paul (Secretary)
2. Fr Cherukara Joseph
3. Fr Chirattavayalil Thomas
4. Fr Kalapurackal Cherian
5. Fr Mattathil Francis
6. Fr Mangalapilly George
7. Fr Thoppil John
8. Fr Umassery Paul
9. Fr Valiamplackal Jose

## C. NOMINATED MEMBERS

1. Fr Nechimyalil Sebastian VC
2. Fr Uthinipparampan Paul
3. Fr Vallooran Martin
4. Fr Varickamackal Joseph

# Members of II Pastoral Council

03/12/2021-03/12/2024

## A. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Fr Thomas Thelakat               | (Protosyncellus)   |
| 2. Fr Augustine Chittuparambil      | (Syncellus)  |
| 3. Fr John Thekkepalakuzhiyil       | (Chancellor, Judicial Vicar,<br>Editor-The Satna Samachar) |
| 4. Fr Kuriakose Kachappilly         | (Finance Officer)  |
| 5. Fr George Mangalapilly           | (Council Member)   |
| 6. Fr Scaria Kaduthanathil          | (Council Member)   |
| 7. Fr Paul Chettimattel             | (Presbyteral Council Secretary)                            |
| 8. Fr Augustine Pullolickal         | (Protopresbyter)   |
| 9. Fr Joseph Varickamackal          | (Protopresbyter)   |
| 10. Fr Joseph Ottapurackal          | (Rector, ETC Seminary)                                     |
| 11. Fr Joseph Puthenpura VC         | (CRI President)  |
| 12. Fr Paul Uthinipparamban         | (Education Secretary)                                      |
| 13. Fr Martin Vallooran             | (SSSS Director)  |
| 14. Fr John Pullan                  | (Catechism Director)                                       |
| 15. Fr Sebastian Panthallooparambil | (Youth Director)   |
| 16. Fr Antony Pullan                | (Family & Laity Director)                                  |
| 17. Fr Cyriac Puliampallil          | (Director, Prison Ministry)                                |
| 18. Fr Thomas Puthenthayil          | (Director, Spiritual Renewal)                              |
| 19. Sr Elizabeth SH                 | (Commission for Women)                                     |
| 20. Sr Rose Therese SABS            | (Provincial)   |

## B. ELECTED MEMBERS:

### ZONAL LEVEL

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Mr Vinod Kerketta    | (Tikamgarh, Tikamgarh Zone)     |
| 2. Mrs Vimala Kerketta  | (Lavkushnagar, Tikamgarh Zone)  |
| 3. Mr Fulgence Kerketta | (Vindhya Nagar, Singrauli Zone) |
| 4. Mrs Banu Prabha      | (Singrauli, Singrauli Zone)     |
| 5. Mr Sibi Philip       | (Rewa, Satna Zone)              |
| 6. Mrs Mavis Das        | (Satna, Satna Zone)             |



**ELECTED MEMBERS : PARISH LEVEL**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Mr Vijay Michael          | (Tikamgarh)                 |
| 2. Mr Pradeep Kujur          | (Lavkushnagar)              |
| 3. Mr Jayprakash Xalxo       | (Nowgong)                   |
| 4. Mrs Lilly Lakra           | (Khajuraho)                 |
| 5. Mr Silverster Tirkey      | (Vindhya Nagar)             |
| 6. Mrs Gyani Ekka            | (Waidhan)                   |
| 7. Mr Tiberius Beck          | (Jayant)                    |
| 8. Mr Robert Bara            | (Singrauli)                 |
| 9. Mr Dominic Xaxa           | (Sidhi)                     |
| 10. Mrs Rubecka Francis      | (Rewa)                      |
| 11. Mrs Baijanti Lakra       | (Panna)                     |
| 12. Mr Stephen John          | (Pateri)                    |
| 13. Mr Sabiel Toppo          | (Satna)                     |
| 14. Mr James Wadika          | (Maihar)                    |
| 15. Mr Harun Tirkey          | (Chhatarpur)                |
| 16. Fr John Thoppil          | (Priest Representative)     |
| 17. Fr Charles Kurisseril VC | (CRI Priest Representative) |
| 18. Sr Anu Maria CSN         | (CRI Women Religious)       |
| 19. Sr Elcit DST             | (CRI Women Religious)       |

**C. NOMINATED MEMBERS**

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Fr Mathew Thottakara        | (Rewa)                            |
| 2. Fr Varghese Kannukadan      | (Panna)                           |
| 3. Fr Paul Umassery            | (Rewa)                            |
| 4. Fr Sebastian Nechimyalil VC | (Kothi)                           |
| 5. Fr George Nelliyanil CMF    | (Superior, Claret Niketan, Kothi) |
| 6. Sr Prasantha SH             | (SH Satna)                        |
| 7. Sr Shincy DST               | (Bethania)                        |
| 8. Mr Sudhir Beck              | (Satna)                           |
| 9. Mr Vinod Kumar              | (Gorbi)                           |
| 10. Mrs Tej Kumari             | (Ghuwara)                         |
| 11. Mrs Priscilla Ashok        | (Prithvipur)                      |

## Transfers & Appointments

1. Fr Thekkepalakuzhiyil John : Chancellor & Chief Editor, The Satna Samachar
2. Fr Alappattukottayil Thomas : Secretary to Bishop, Asst. Parish Priest - St. Vincent Cathedral, Asst. Editor, The Satna Samachar, Asst. Director, Family & Laity
3. Fr Chembemkulathil James : Resident Priest, Sherganj
4. Fr Chirattavayalil Thomas : Parish Priest & Manager, Jyoti School, Jayant
5. Fr Edathil Joseph : Asst. Parish Priest, Singrauli
6. Fr Kallely Varghese : Finance Officer, Samaritan Social Service Society
7. Fr Madappattu Eugene : Priest-in-Charge & Manager, Christ Jyoti School, Odgady
8. Fr Mangalapilly George : Director, Liturgy Commission; Eparchial Consultor; Nominated member of Presbyteral Council
9. Fr Mattathil Francis : Priest-in-Charge & Manager, Alphonsa School, Prithvipur
10. Fr Puliyampallil Cyriac : Director, Prem Sadan, Ephremnagar
11. Fr Puthenthayil Thomas : Prayer Ministry, Pateri
12. Fr Thoppil John : Construction Committee member: Tikamgarh Zone
13. Fr Mullenmandil Thomas : Jabalpur: Practice in High Court

### Relieved:

1. Fr Ekka Erosiyan : Lavkushnagar-Studies in CANA Changanacherry
2. Fr Kanjirakombil Dennis : Parish Priest, Jayant
3. Fr Panachinkal Antony : Odgady-Studies in Rome
4. Fr Varickamackal Joseph : Manager, Jayant

## BISHOP'S DIARY

### June 2021

- 02 Synodal Commission Meeting with ETC Staff
- 24 CBMP Meeting
- 27 Meeting with Youth of Eparchy
- 28 First Holy Communion & Chrismation, Deosar

### July

- 03 Blessing of MSMM & CSN Convents, Panna
- 06 CBMP Meeting
- 07 Family Commission Meeting
- 19 Inauguration of St. Ephrem's Academic Year
- 22 Diaconate
- 24 Meeting with Priests and Sisters
- 25 Inauguration of Catechism Classes in the Eparchy
- 26 Meeting of Synodal Commission for Seminaries

### August

- 10-11 CBMP Annual Meeting
- 16-27 Synod
- 29 Qurbana, Engagement, Madhavgarh

### September

- 06 Certificate Distribution, Samaritan
- 08 First Holy Communion, Rewa
- 12 Holy Qurbana, SABS Provincial House
- 14 CBMP
- 15-16 Presbyterium, Jubilee Celebration
- 26 Parish Feast, Satna
- 27 Feast, Vincentian Study House, Kothi

### October

- 01 Holy Qurbana, SHNH, Pateri
- 03 Parish Feast, Vindhyanagar
- 05 Holy Qurbana, SD Pateri
- 09 Jubilee, Dewra
- 11 Holy Qurbana, Bethania
- 12 CBMP Meeting
- 17 Eparchial Level Inauguration of Synod

	-Zonal Youth Meeting, Satna
	-Mission Sharing with Mission League Children, Arakuzha
18	Meeting with Major Archbishop
19	Jubilee, SABS Provincial House
20	Synodal Commission Visitation in ETC
24	Jubilee, FCC Convent, Singrauli
26	CBMP, Bhopal
30	Marriage, Khajuraho
31	Blessing, Rewa
<b>November</b>	
03	Mission Sharing with Mission League Children, Thirumala
7-12	Retreat
14	Parish Feast & First Holy Communion, Lavkushnagar
15	Qurbana, Bethania
16	Qurbana, Confirmation: SABS, Kothi
20	Mar Abraham D Mattam Endowment Lectures, ETC
21	First Holy Communion & Confirmation, Waidhan & Singrauli
25	Jubilee, Ruhailaya, Ujjain
26	Visiting Brothers in Ujjain & Kotra
27	Installation of Archbishop, Bhopal
29	Parish Feast & First Holy Communion, Rewa
<b>December</b>	
12	Conclusion of Year of St. Joseph
15	Convocation, Bethania
18	Qurbana, SABS Provincial House
19	Holy Orders, ETC
30	Ordination, Thekkekara
<b>January 2022</b>	
01	Ordination, Manvettom
04	Jubilee, CPS, Kalady
7-15	Synod
27	Marriage, Cathedral
31	Parish Feast, Singrauli

**PRAYERFUL WISHES TO**  
**Most Rev. Dr. A.A.S. Durairaj SVD**  
**Archbishop of Bhopal**




**PRAYERFUL WISHES TO OUR DEACONS ON THEIR ORDINATION**

INVITATION

*Priestly*  
Ordination


**HOLY**  
*Qurbana*

Dn Kuriakose (Sanil) Arackal




With immense gratitude I Dn Kuriakose (Sanil) Arackal  
 Acknowledge your prayers and love towards  
 Forming me a priest in the Diocese of Satna.  
 I humbly request your valuable presence and  
 Prayers at my Ordination which will be held in  
 My home parish on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.  
 Assuring my prayers & thank you.

Dn Sanil




“ആത്മീയതയുടെ ആത്മീയതയുടെ  
 തിരുതാകാരുചി” (ഭരതം 10:45)



*Priestly*  
Ordination

FIRST  
HOLY  
QURBANA



Dn. Varghese (Justin) Vattathara  
 St. John's Church, Thekkekkara

**30**  
9:30AM

*Merry  
Christmas*



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