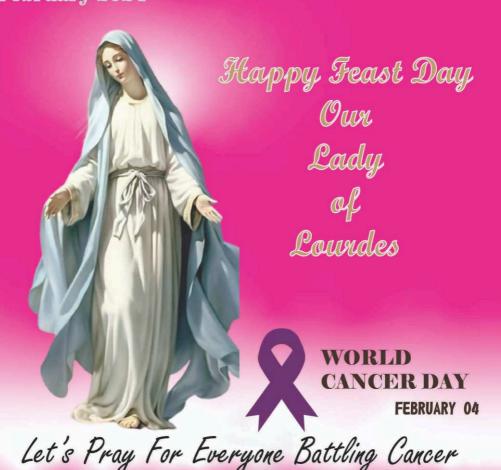


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For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



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Pope's Message

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount the episode of the Transfiguration of



Jesus. There we see the Lord's response to the failure of his disciples to understand him. Shortly before, there had been a real clash between the Master and Simon Peter, who, after professing his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, rejected his prediction of the passion and the cross. Jesus had firmly rebuked him: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a scandal to me, because you do not think according to God, but according to men!" (Mt 16:23). Following this, "six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John his brother and led them away to a high mountain" (Mt 17:1).

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline—ascesis—as God's holy people.

Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. These requisites are also important for the synodal journey to which, as a Church, we are committed to making. We can benefit greatly from reflecting on the relationship between Lenten penance and the synodal experience.

In his "retreat" on Mount Tabor, Jesus takes with him three disciples, chosen to be witnesses of a unique event. He wants that experience of grace to be shared, not solitary, just as our whole life of faith is an experience that is shared. For it is in togetherness that we follow Jesus. Together too, as a pilgrim Church in time, we experience the liturgical year and Lent within it, walking alongside those whom the Lord has placed among us as fellow travellers. Like the ascent of Jesus and the disciples to Mount Tabor, we can say that our Lenten journey is "synodal", since we make it together along the same path, as disciples of the one Master. For we know that Jesus is himself the Way, and therefore, both in the liturgical journey and in the journey of the Synod, the Church does nothing other than enter ever more deeply and fully into the mystery of Christ the Saviour.

And so we come to its culmination. The Gospel relates that Jesus "was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light" (Mt 17:2). This is the "summit", the goal of the journey. At the end of their ascent, as they stand on the mountain heights with Jesus, the three disciples are given the grace of seeing him in his glory, resplendent in supernatural light. That light did not come from without, but radiated from the Lord himself. The divine beauty of this vision was incomparably greater than all the efforts the

disciples had made in the ascent of Tabor. During any strenuous mountain trek, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on the path; yet the panorama that opens up at the end amazes us and rewards us by its grandeur. So too, the synodal process may often seem arduous, and at times we may become discouraged. Yet what awaits us at the end is undoubtedly something wondrous and amazing, which will help us to understand better God's will and our mission in the service of his kingdom.

The disciples' experience on Mount Tabor was further enriched when, alongside the transfigured Jesus, Moses and Elijah appeared, signifying respectively the Law and the Prophets (cf. Mt 17:3). The newness of Christ is at the same time the fulfilment of the ancient covenant and promises; it is inseparable from God's history with his people and discloses its deeper meaning. In a similar way, the synodal journey is rooted in the Church's tradition and at the same time open to newness. Tradition is a source of inspiration for seeking new paths and for avoiding the opposed temptations of immobility and improvised experimentation.

The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two "paths" to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal.

The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: "Listen to him" (Mt 17:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in

the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church.

On hearing the Father's voice, the disciples "fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and do not be afraid.' And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone" (Mt 17:6-8). Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow "him alone". Lent leads to Easter: the "retreat" is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection. Also on the synodal journey, when God gives us the grace of certain powerful experiences of communion, we should not imagine that we have arrived – for there too, the Lord repeats to us: "Rise, and do not be afraid". Let us go down, then, to the plain, and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be "artisans of synodality" in the ordinary life of our communities.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.

Bishop's Message

Dear Rev. Fathers, Religious and People of God,

On 15th of February, we commence the holy season of Lent, a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter through penance, prayer and works of charity. We all know that the season of Lent is one of the best seasons in the liturgical year of the Church. It is the best time to retrospect our life and amend our mistakes and deepen our faith and relationship with God. We are much aware that despite our goodwill, sinful situation continues to pull us away from God. Lent is the God-given season to make a thorough examination of conscience, acknowledging our sinful nature and trying to amend our wrong doings and reconciling ourselves with God and fellowmen. When we respond to God generously for our conversion, God is never tired of forgiving our sins and accepting us His children. Conversion should involve the whole person, and his /her determining point. The heart, should be at the centre of conversion. Fasting, weeping and mourning are the means of expressing sorrow and repentance for our sins by which we turn away from God. But what He wants is not mere external signs but genuine repentance, a real change of heart. In order to have total metanoia, the Church gives us three ways that are prayer, fasting and giving alms.

The season of Lent invites us earnestly to spend more time in personal prayer, in particular, spending a lot of time before Blessed Sacrament and frequenting the Church. God invites us to forgive our enemies and offenders unconditionally, as Our Heavenly father this for us. Generations after generations, Christians have discovered that prayer, penance and alms giving are ways and means to obtain forgiveness of sins and to come closer to God. What we save from our fasting, should be given to the poor. In addition, we do a lot of works of charity to obtain the forgiveness of God.

On Ash Wednesday, the ashes are imposed on our foreheads. The mark imposed on our foreheads may soon disappear, but the spirit of repentance should remain with us till we are totally purified and free from sin. We should walk

through the Gospel way of life till the end so that we can participate in the glorious resurrection of the Lord. I wish you all a fruitful season of Lent. God bless you all.

Yours devotedly in Christ +L. Thomas Aquinas Bishop of Coimbatore

Bishop's Desk

I am happy to inform you that Bro. Naveen Rosario who is doing his theological studies at Papal Seminary in Pune will be ordained as deacon on February 3, 2024. Prayerful wishes and fruitful diagonal ministry.

Bishop's Engagements

Date/Time	Programme	Place
01.02.2024 to	35th Plenary Assembly of	St. John's Medical College,
07.02.2024	the CCBI	Bangalore
08.02.2024 to	Board of Bishop's Meeting	St. Peter's Pontifical
09.02.2024		Seminary, Bangalore
10.02.2024	New Project Launching	Manous Garden,
Sat/Mor		Mettupalayam
11.02.2024	Episcopal Consecration of	
Sun/Eve	Bishop-Elect Jeevanandam	Kumbakonam
	Amalanathan	
14.02.2024	Ash Wednesday	St. Catherine's Church,
Wed/Mor		Tiruppur
Eve	Ash Wednesday	St. Michael's Cathedral
15.02.2024	School Annual Day	Carmel Garden Public
Thu/Eve	Celebration	School, Sungam
17.02.2024	Diocesan Altar Servers'	St. Michael's Cathedral
Sat/Mor	Meeting	
22.02.2024	Episcopal Consecration of	
Thu/Eve	Bishop-Elect Albert George	Kuzhithurai
	Alexander Anastas	
28.02.2024	Finance Committee Meeting	Good Shepherd Seminary,
Wed/Eve		Myleripalayam
29.02.2024	Board of Bishops' Meeting	Good Shepherd Seminary,
Thu/Mor		Myleripalayam

From Vicar General's Desk

Dear Fathers,

Greetings from Fr. Vicar General.

In the month of February, the monthly recollection will be at the Vicariate level.

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Yours fraternally, V.Rev.Fr. John Joseph Stanis Secretary to the Trust



ஜீவஜோதி அருப்பணி மைய செய்திகள்

<u>திருவழிபாட்டு பணிக்குழு:</u> யூபிலி ஆண்டு துவக்க விழா:

கடந்த ஜனவரி மாதம் 8ஆம் தேதி அன்று நமது கோவை மறைமாவட்டத்தில் நமது திருத்தந்தையின் அழைப்பிற்கேற்ப யூபிலி ஆண்டு தயாரிப்பு துவக்க விழா தூய மிக்கேல் அதிதாதர் பேராலயத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் ஆயர், குருக்கள், இருபால் துறவியர் மற்றும் இறைமக்கள் அனைவரும் யூபிலி கொடி ஏந்தி பவனியாக சென்று ஆயர் அவர்கள் தலைமையில் யூபிலி கொடி ஏற்றப்பட்டது. அதனை தொடர்ந்து யூபிலி இலட்சினை திறக்கப்பட்டு அதற்குறிய விளக்கம் இயக்குனர் தந்தையால் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. திருப்பலியில் யூபிலி விழா மையக்கருத்தை வைத்து அருட்தந்தை. X.D. செல்வராஜ் அவர்கள் மறையுரையாற்றினார். இதில் பல்வேறு பங்குகளிலிருந்து ஏராளமான இரைமக்கள் கலந்<u>த</u>ு கொண்டு சிறப்பித்தனர். இவ்விழா சிறப்புடன் நடைபெற ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்த இயக்குனர் தந்தை, பேராலய பங்குத்தந்தை, உதவி பங்குத்தந்தை,

திருத்தொண்டர், மற்றும் பங்குப்பேரவை உறுப்பினர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் நன்றிகள், பாராட்டுகள். குடும்ப நலப்பணிக்குழு:

கடந்த ஜனவரி மாதம் முதல் சனி மற்றும் ஞாயிறு (06 & 07.01.2024) அன்று திருமணத் தயாரிப்பு கருத்தரங்கு ஜீவஜோதி நடைபெற்றது. இதில் போ கலந்<u>த</u>ு ஆசிரமத்தில் 58 கொண்டு பயனடைந்தனர். மேலும் இரண்டாவது ஞாயிறு பெர்ரோருக்கான கருக்கரங்கு நடைபெந்நது. இதில் 75 போ் கலந்து கொண்டு பயனடைந்தனர்.

வருகின்ற பிப்ரவரி மாதம் திருமண கருத்தரங்கு இரண்டாம் சனி மற்றும் ஞாயிறு (10.02.2024 & 11.02.2024) அன்று ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மையத்தில் நடைபெறும். 11.02.2024 ஞாயிறு பெற்றோருக்கான கருத்தமர்வு நடைபெறும்.

அடுத்த மாதங்கள் நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்:

மார் ச்	09.03.2024 & 10.03.2024
ஏப்ரல்	13.04.2024 & 14.04.2024

பங்குத்தந்தையின் கனிவான கவனத்திற்கு:

- திருமண கருத்தரங்கு காலை 9.30 மணிக்கு ஆரம்பமாகிறது. எனவே பங்கேற்பாளர்கள் சரியாக 9.00 மணிக்கு இங்கு இருக்குபடி வலியுறுத்தவும். ஒருசிலர் காலதாமதமாக 10.00 (அ) 10.30 மணிக்கு வருகை தருகின்றார்கள். எனவே நீங்கள் அறிவிக்கும் போது நோத்தையும் அறிவிக்கவும்.
- பெற்றோர் கருத்தமர்வு ஞாயிறு நடைபெறுகிறது. அதற்கும் நீங்கள் வலிறுத்தும்படி கேட்டுகொள்கிறோம். அவர்களுக்கும் நாங்கள் சான்றிதல் வழங்குகிறோம். எனவே அதை கொண்டுவரச் சொல்லி சரிபார்க்கவும்.

அன்பிய பணிக்குழு:

07.01.2024 புலியகுளம் அந்தோணியார் அன்று புனித திருத்தலத்தில் தமிழக அன்பிய பேரவைத் தலைவர் அருட்பணி. ஜான் போஸ்கோ அவர்கள் காலை 8.00 மணி திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றி மணிமுதல் 1.30 மணி புனிக தொடர்ந்து 9.30 மதியம் ഖത്വ அன் பிய அந் தோணியார் உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளியில் பொறுப்பாளர்களுக்கான கருத்தமர்வை வழிநடத்தினார். கருத்தமாவில் கோவை மறைவட்டத்தை சார்ந்த 12 பங்குகளிலிருந்து 160 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டு பயனடைந்தனர். இந்நிகழ்வு மிகச்சிறப்பாக நடைபெர உதவிய பங்குத்தந்தை அருட்பணி. இராயப்பன் அவர்களுக்கும், உதவி பங்குத்தந்தை மற்றும் திருத்தொண்டர்கள் அவர்களுக்கும் நன்றிகளும், பாராட்டுகளும்.

ஜனவரி மாதம் 9,10,11,12,13 மற்றும் 21ஆம் தேதிகளில் சவேரியார்பாளையம் புனித பிரான்சிஸ் சவேரியார் ஆலயத்தில் உள்ள 60 அன்பியங்களில் இயக்குனர் தந்தை அவர்களின் வழிகாட்டுதலின் படி அன்பிய களப்பணியாளர்களால் அன்பிய பொறுப்பாளர்களுக்கான தேர் தல் நடைபெற்று அன்பிய பொறுப் பாளர்கள் தேர்தெடுக்கப்பட்டார்கள்.

பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு:

14.01.24 காட்டூர் கிறிஸ்து அரசர் ஆலயத்திலும் 21.01.24 ஒண்டிப்புதூர் புனித சூசையப்பர் ஆலயத்திலும் பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு செயலர் அருட்சகோதரி. ரெஜினா அவர்களின் தலைமையில் புதிய பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு தொடங்கப்பட்டது. 50 பெண்கள் இப்பணிக்குழுவில் இணைந்து பணிசெய்ய முன்வந்துள்ளார்கள்.

25.01.24 அன்று திருச்சியில் உள்ள பிராட்டியூரில் தேசிய பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு தலைவர் அருட்சகோதரி. லிட்வின் அவர்கள் தலைமையில் பெண்களுக்கான கருத்தமர்வு நடைபெற்றது. இக்கருத்தமர்வில் நமது பணிக்குழுவைச் சேர்ந்த இரண்டு உறுப்பினர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டு பயனடைந்தனர்.

தொடர் நற்கருணை ஆராதனை:

அன்பு தந்தையாகளே! இம்மாதத்திற்குரிய பங்குகளை கீழ்க்காணும் அட்டவணையில் கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. தயைகூர்ந்து உங்களுக்குரிய நாளில் ஆராதனையை ஏற்பாடு செய்ய அன்போடு கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறோம்.

உங்கள் கவனத்திற்கு:

இது ஒரு தொடர் ஆராதனை:

- ஒரு நாளில் குறிப்பிட்ட பங்கில் 1 மணி நேர ஆராதனை நடைபெறும்.
- ஆராதனையை வழிநடத்துகிற முறையை நீங்களே உங்கள் சூழலுக்கு ஏற்ப அமைத்துக் கொள்ளவும்.
- 1 மணி நேர ஆராதனை நேரத்தை உங்களுடைய பங்கின் வசதிக்கேற்ப நேரத்தை (காலை.:மாலை) தெரிவு செய்து கொள்ளவும்.
- அனைவரையும் பங்கேற்க செய்யவும்.

<u>மையக்கருத்து:</u>

- வருகிற நாடாளுமன்றத் தேர்தல் (2024) மூலம் நல்லாட்சி
 அமைந்திட மறைமாவட்டம் இறைநம்பிக்கையில் வளர்ந்திட
- மறைமாவட்ட ஆயர், குருக்கள் மற்றும் இருபால் துறவியருக்காக,
- பங்கிலுள்ள குடும்பங்களின் நலனுக்காக,
- இன்னும் உங்கள் கருத்துக்களை இணைத்துக் கொள்ளவும்.
- நல்ல மழை பெய்திடவும்.

	கால அட்டவணை:				
எல்	ன் பங்கு	தேதி	எண்	பங்கு	தேதி
1	புளியம்பட்டி	01.02.2024	20 க	ரூர்	20.02.2024
2	வால்பாறை	02.02.2024	l	ாராபுரம்	21.02.2024
3	சோலையார் நகர்	03.02.2024	22 ц	னித மிக்கேல் அதிதூ	தர் பேராலயம்
4	முடிஸ்	04.02.2024			22.02.2024
5	உடுமலைப்பேட்டை	05.02.2024	23 6	காவைப்புதூர்	23.02.2024
6	ஒத்தக்கால் மண்டபம்	06.02.2024		 சல்வபுரம்	24.02.2024
7	பொள்ளாச்சி	07.02.2024	25 @	பாத்தனூர்	25.02.2024
8	ளாட்பாடி	08.02.2024		ாா்மேல் நகா்	26.02.2024
9	மடத்துக்குளம்	09.02.2024	27 ц	லியகுளம்	27.02.2024
10	ஆனைமலை	10.02.2024		வேரியார்பாளையம்	28.02.2024
11	பொரு;ஜார்	11.02.2024	29 ஓ	ண்டிப்புதூர்	29.02.2024
12	சின்னதாராபுரம்	12.02.2024	30 க	ண்ணம்பாளையம்	01.03.2024
13	வேலாயுதபாளையம்	13.02.2024	31 சூ	னூர்	02.03.2024
14	பசுபதிபாளையம்	14.02.2024		ட்கோ	03.03.2024
15	புலியூர்	15.02.2024	33 ம	துக்கரை	04.03.2024
16	ஆசீர்புரம்	16.02.2024	34 в	த்ரா	05.03.2024
17	வெள்ளகோவில்	17.02.2024	35 გ	எட்டூர்	06.03.2024
18	காங்கயம்	18.02.2024	36 <u>@</u>	இராமநாதபுரம்	07.03.2024
19	அரவக்குறிச்சி	19.02.2024		தனியமுத்தூர்	08.03.2024

உங்களின் ஒத்துழைப்புக்கு நன்றி

அருட்பணி D. **ஆண்டனி ஜேசுராஜ்**, அருட்பணி மைய இயக்குநர்

Bible Commission

On Sunday 7th January, 2024, Bible Class was conducted for the sixth time at the Basilica of Our Lady of Rosary, Karumathampatty. Fr. C. Lawrence underlined the Important Themes in the Gospel of John. He also explained to the participants the Theme of Replacement and the Miracle at Cana in detail. He responded to the queries of the participants. Tea and Snacks were provided to all the participants. Congratulations to Fr. K. M. C. Arun, Fr. Benito and the Parishioners.

On Sunday 21st January, 2024, Bible Class was conducted at the Church of St. Catherine, Tirupur. Fr. C.

Lawrence gave a detailed explanation of the Gospel of Matthew. He underlined two important purposes, namely, Catechetical and Liturgical Purposes. He enumerated the Gospel of Matthew as Midrash, Catechetical and Liturgical book, Apology against the wrong teaching and interpretation. He gave a detailed explanation of the Theme of Fulfillment, Christology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology of the Gospel. He responded to the questions of the Participants. Congratulations to Fr. Arul Jebamalai Raj, Fr. Arul Santhosh, Bro. John Paul and the Parishioners.

Bible Commission is pleased to inform that the Eighth Class of the Fifth Cycle of Certificate Course was conducted on 28th January, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Campus, Coimbatore. There were more than 100 participants. Fr. C. Lawrence conducted all the four sessions. He started the session with a recap from the previous class and explained the Theme of Replacement in the Gospel of John. He also explained elaborately the Miracle at Cana, its significance and the Role of Mother Mary. He also explained in detail to the participants the Parables and Miracles of Jesus. He responded to the queries of the participants.

I extend my sincere thanks to the Most Rev. Dr. L. Thomas Aquinas, Bishop of Coimbatore and Very Rev. Fr. John Joseph Stanis, Vicar General, for their continuous prayer and support. My heartfelt thanks go to Rev. Fr. Arun, the Procurator. I owe my big thanks to Rev. Fr. M. George Dhanasekar, VF of Coimbatore, for his timey help by providing the hall, black board and the rest. I offer my appreciation to Fr. Andrews Arokiaraj and Master Prabhu for their meticulous arrangements. I express my words of gratitude to Rev. Fr. Antony Jesuraj, Director of Pastoral Centre, Mr. Leo, Mrs. Rani, Mrs. Julie and all the volunteers for their dedicated service. Glory be to God.

Rev. Fr. C. Lawrence Secretary, Bible Commission

News from CDYC

Dear fathers,

Greetings from Youth Commission.

I, hereby thank His Excellency beloved Bishop, Msgr. Vicar General, Very. Rev. Fr. Procurator, all Very. Rev. Vicar foranes and you dear fathers for all the support, love and guidance towards the youth commission. We are happy to bring the important activities that took place in our diocesan youth commission in this New Year - January 2024. The following activities motivated our youth to be active in the ministry.

CDYC ELECTION for NEW DEXCO 2024

The Election for the new DEXCO (Diocesan Executive Committee) was conducted on 07.01.2024 at St. Antony's High School, Puliakulam. This election was organized by Rev. Fr. S. Gnana Pragasam



(Secretary, CDYC). Representatives from various parishes participated in this election. All the rules and regulations were explained by him. The representatives who were present for the meeting contested for the following posts. The election was conducted in Pallet Paper form.

New DEXCO Committee:

The following are the newly elected DEXCO Committee members:

S.N	Position	Name	Parish	Place
I.	President	Precilla. S	Mount Carmel Church	Cannel Nagar
2	Vice -	Dominic Infant	Resurrection Church	Ramanathapuram
	President	Raj. A		
3	Secretary	Praveen, N	Sacred Heart Church	Valparai
4	Joint -	Tharani Celine.	Christ the King Church	Kattoor
	Secretary			
5	Male	Cyril Joseph	St. Francis Assisi's Church	Ganapathy
	Representative	Besky		
6	Female	Rejina O.L.of Good Health Church		Aanaimalai
	Representative			
7	Treasurer	Henry Joseph St. Joseph's Church		Ondipudur
8	Male	Kevin Jones	St. Joseph's Church	Ondipudur
	Co-ordinator			
9	l'emale	Stephy Juliya, G St. Ignatius of Loyol		Somanur
	Co-ordinator		Church	

Apart from this list there are some extra other committees which are also considered to be the DEXCO. Candidates are as follows:

S.N	Committee	Name	Parish	Place
1	Cultural Committee	Arun Pandiyan	Sts. Peier and Paul's Church	Madaihukuiam
2	Sports Committee	Jerry	St. Mary's Church	Udumalpet
3	Media Committee	Godwin	Godwin Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church	
4	Magazine and Photography Committee	Irwin Bernard Williams		
5	Eco Committee	Sherin Infancia	St. Francis of Assisi's Church	Ganapathy
6	Food Committee	Kevin Jones	St. Joseph's Church	Ondipudur
7	You Canteen	Rosano Naveen	St. Francis Xavier's Church	Sowripalayam

Eucharistic Celebration:

At the end, the DEXCO Committee members were congratulated and blessed by Rev. Fr. Antony Jesuraj (Director, Pastoral Center). Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. S. Gnanapragasam for all the new DEXCO and for all the representatives.



ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEET at TRICHY- 17th JAN 2024.

General Body Meet:

On 17.01.2024 there was the Annual General Body Meet at Trichy organized by Tamil Nadu Youth Commission (TCYM). In this meeting, 6 of





our Diocesan Executive Committee (DEXCO) took part along with Rev. Fr. S. Gnanapragasam (Secretary, CDYC). The theme of the program was about Election 2024 and also about the election of Tamil Nadu Youth

Commission Executive Members.

Participants of the meeting from CDYC - DEXCO are as follows:

Rev. Fr. S. Gnanapragasam (Secretary), Ms. Precilla (President), Selvan. Dominic InfantRaj(Vice-President), Selvan. Cyril Joseph Besky (Male Representative), Ms. Rejina (Female Representative), Mr. Kevin Jones (Male Coordinator), Ms. Stephy Juliya (Female Coordinator)

Parish level Pongal Celebration:

In Velankanni Arokiya Annai Church, **Cheran Maa Nagar**, the Youth celebrated pongal festival on 07.01.2024. I thank Rev. Fr. Andrew, Parish Priest, sincerely for his love and support towards the youth and Youth Commission.





In Velankanni Arokiya Annai Church, **Palladam**, the Youth celebrated pongal festival on 21.01.2024. I thank Rev. Fr. Antony Gnana Prakasam, Parish Priest, sincerely for his love and support towards the youth and Youth Commission.

Parish Youth Election at Resurrection Church, Ramanathapuram

On 21.01.2024, we had Youth mass at Resurrection Church, Ramanathapuram and the new formation of Youth group and the election was conducted for the parish Youth representatives. Selvan. Jerome and Selvi. Andrea Jeni were elected as new representatives



of the Parish. I thank Rev. Fr. Anandhakumar, Parish Priest for the support and love towards the Youth & Youth Commission

UPCOMING EVENTS: YOUTH PONGAL 04.02.2024

Competitions

We are planning to celebrate Youth Pongal in our diocese. We have planned to conduct following programs and competitions for our youth girls and boys. Please



encourage our youth to participate in the program on 04.02.2024.

RANGOLI Competition for Youth girls-3 persons in a team.

Celebration will be at St. Antony's High School Puliakulam. Time: 9.00 AM- 4.30 PM. 1. Rangoli (Theme: Pongal), 2. Throw ball (All parish girls combined team), 3. Tug of war (Parish wise), 4. Uriyadi, 5. Common Pongal (All parish) 6. Silambam, 7. Paraiaatam.

We have conducted two online meetings with DEXCO, and youth Representatives of every parish for the planning of the program.

I request you dear fathers, to encourage the youth members of your parish to participate in the program in large numbers. Please inform as soon as possible the number of members participating in the program for arranging the lunch.





Rev. Fr. S. Gnana Pragasam, Director, CDYC

News from CMSSS

Dear Fathers and Sisters

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – SAFPI Activities

- Small Business Initiative (SBI) like grocery shop, vegetable sales, tailoring, livestock farming and jewellery making yearly budget planning were prepared and uploaded for 42 partner families in the DDMS software
- > Small Business Initiative (SBI) completion report for three partner families were prepared and uploaded in the DDMS software

- ➤ 123 beneficiaries of Kinathukadavu and Pollachi region signed their fund request application and sent to SAFPI Office
- ➤ Weekly reports, monthly work plan and monthly progress report were sent to SAFPI Office

Success Story

Chithra (CB 1018) lives in Somanur at Coimbatore

District. Chithra's family condition had changed by the support from Family Development Program. She has capacitated herself by attending training and awareness programs and joined in a self-help group with our support and started her savings. She has taken sales of cloth as business



in a profitable manner. Now she has started to purchase the materials from wholesale merchant. She sells more during festival occasions compared to normal days. Items are customer-based requirement. She sells the material for the company labourers during salary time which enhances money without debt. So, she is earning nominal income from this business. Apart from this she earns through daily wages in a private company to generate additional income for her family. This amount earned from the small business initiative helped her to handle the family expenses and children's education. She has bought 24 grams of gold for her daughters and has some savings in post office. Now her family condition is good and she is able to afford nutritious food to her children. She is keen to afford proper education to the children in order to settle their future in the better position. She has a plan to construct a shop and house together on her own in the future.

KOLPING INDIA

Kolping Annual Report Submission 2024

Kolping Phase III, first year (2023) has been completed successfully, BMZ project Annual Report for the first year

2023 comprises of ecological issues addressed through saplings distribution, tree plantation, mass awareness rally, mass cleaning campaign and awareness skit impact were highlights of the report. Also, capacity building on skill and renewable conventional energy program are the most focused in it. The report was submitted to the Kolping National office.

➤ Annual subscription for the year 2024 has been collected from 252 Kolping members

S.No	Place	Group Name	No. of. Members
1	Coimbatore	Alpha Kolping Family	12
2	Cathedral	Punitha Michael Kolping Family	16
3	Cathedral	Vinnarasi Kolping Family	19
4	Cathedral	Kulandhai Matha Kolping Family	14
5	Puliyakulam	Pousthina Kolping Family	8
6	Puliyakulam	St.Antony Kolping Family	12
7	Rathinapuri	St. Peter Kolping Family	12
8	Rathinapuri	St. Paul's Kolping Family	17
9	Rathinapuri	Winner Kolping Family	13
10	Jothipuram	Sagaya Annai Kolping Family	18
11	OG Palayam	St. Fathima Annai Kolping Family	14
12	Udumalpet	Arputha Annai Kolping Family	13
13	Madathukulam	Annai Theresa Kolping	11
14	Valparai	Thiru Iruthaya kolping Family	12
15	Valparai	Salom Kolping Family	14
16	Sowripalayam	Rosa Mystica Kolping Family	18
17	Sowripalayam	Mahimai Matha Kolping Family	11
18	Puliyakulam	Jonsha Kolping Family	14
19	Ondipudhur	Punitha Susaiappar Kolping Family	8
	I	Total	252

Director's Group Visit & New Group Orientation

➤ Rev Fr. Selvaraj, Director of CMSSS has visited Madathukulam region and met Annai Theresa, Zera and

Punitha Saveriyar Kolping families orientated on Kolping Family project values, beliefs and practices to the new group.



National Level Coordination Meeting

Kolping India organized a National Level Coordination Meeting for all the collaborating partner organizations on 10th & 11th of January 2024 at ICSA Paripurna Centre, Chennai. Mr. Maruthu Pandi, Kolping Coordinator of CMSSS



participated in this meeting. On the first day collaborating partner organizations presented a PPT of their activities and programs which was conducted under Kolping India - BMZ Project for the year 2023. Later Mr. Sebastian, Program Manager of Kolping India shared the activities, welfare programs, National and International Visits of Kolping India to

other partner organizations and to Kolping International.

Small celebration was celebrated for Rev. Dr. Fr. Maria Soosai, National Director for his excellence as he was unanimously selected as an Executive Board Member of Kolping



International. Next day an activity-based session was held for all coordinators wherein they explained about social and environmental issues of their region. Later the meeting ended up with holy feast and National Director gave a special gift to each region Directors & Coordinator.

Employment Opportunities

Kolping India in alliance with Kolping Paderborn and Kolping International is providing an Employment opportunities for Indian Nurses in Germany. Kolping Paderborn at Germany would ensure safe employment, protection and settlement assistance at Germany. Kolping India would soon start German language 10 weeks course in a residential mode at our Kancheepuram Centre. Upon course completion to the satisfaction of German employer, immigration formalities would follow.

CARITAS PRAGUE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM (CPSP)

CPSP is a project that sponsors children for education. We have 113 students as of now. Budget is approved by the Caritas head office. We are now in the process of verification of bank passbook.

They are in consideration for sponsoring another student with a bicycle. 8 seminarians also come under this category. We have started collecting the photographs and going ahead with the collection of mark statement too. Leave form of graduating children is under preparation.



Arif Ahammed

Arif Mohammed is gifted for his birthday with books, notebooks, pencils, scale and colour pencils.

Aishwarya

Aishwarya is a student residing at Pollachi. She is a child with good calibers and has successfully completed her UG. She wanted to pursue her higher studies but she had to shoulder the responsibilities of her family too so looked for job. Luckily, she was selected by WIPRO through placement and they have guaranteed her higher studies too.



IBC Project Self-Help Strengthening Meeting

- Maintenance of Group accounts and its importance, register updating, receipt for subscription and depositing the funds in the bank after collection were verified and explained.
- ➤ Discussed on increasing the savings of the members.
- ➤ Health and skill training details were shared in the meeting.
- Mentoring was given for various committee.
- Pongal was celebrated.



Awareness Training for Women on Health

Health related topics were covered in the training program -Personal Hygiene Maternal health care, Communicable and non-communicable disease, existing government health care services for women, Nutritive food habits, Health issues due to junk foods habit etc.,

Awareness Training on Women's Rights

- Created awareness on the six fundamental rights in India.
- > Understanding on various acts for women to access their





rights were imparted. along with various policies to protect women.

➤ Capacity building program - their community reservation, welfare schemes by the government and its access, procedure, preparation and submission of application were capacitated.



Awareness Programme on Early Marriage and Personality Development

- Early marriage problem-
- ➤ Leads to violence, abuse and exploitation of women and trafficking.
- > Tensions and stress of the couple is a barrier to peaceful life.
- Lag in health, care, unwanted pregnancies, abortion overburdens with domestic work.
- ➤ Do not know to maintain the children and her family.
- ➤ Depressed due to physical and psychological problems.
- ➤ Independent living becomes impossible.
- Unique personality does not emerge.



Skill Training on Basic Computer Course for Youth from Gypsy Community

The totally 35 students from seven clusters of Coimbatore and Avinashi came forward to get the basic knowledge on computer. This course will enhance for the willing youth to learn the skills in computer. The course will



teach them basics of MSOffice - theory class and practical sessions.

UDHAYAM WOMEN FEDRATION TRUST Financial Assistant - "UWFT"

S. No	Membership No.	Members Name	Region	Financial Assistant utilized	Amount in Rs.
1	CBE/073/22	P. Daisy	Coimbatore	Vessel shop	30,000
2	KK/126/22	Rabiyathul Pashiriya	Kinathukadavu	Mutton stall	45,000
3	KK/136/22	B. Kamroon Nisha	Kinathukadavu	Tailorin unit	45,000
4	KK/133/22	A. Samthani	Kinathukadavu	Coconut farm	45,000
5	Poll/008/22	Muthulakshmi	Pollachi	Milch animal	45,000
6	Poll/041/22	Rani Alfreeda	Pollachi	Education	45,000
7	Poll/019/22	Jayapriya	Pollachi	Education	45,000
8	Poll/175/22	Karpagavalli	Pollachi	Snacks Shop	30,000
Total				3,30,000	



GOVERNING BODY MEETING - 05th January 2024

Governing body meeting was conducted in the regions of Coimbatore, Pollachi, Valparai, Anaimalai and Kinathukadavu. **Discussion in the meeting.**

Federation leaders in all regions conveyed their heartfelt thanks to the Managing Trustee for honouring them with a gift on the day of Christmas celebration.

- ➤ Coimbatore federation leaders conveyed their New Year wishes to the Director with cake cutting ceremony.
- ➤ Subscription collection for the Year 2024 is in process.
- Application for financial assistance was collected in the regions of Pollachi, Kinathukadavu and Coimbatore.
- > To promote Income generation EDP training instruction was given to the beneficiaries to learn about the baking items like, buns, cakes, donuts etc.,



NABFINS Financial Assistant to the Joint Liability Groups - 21.12.2023 to 20.01.2024

SL No.	Name of the JLG/SHG	No. of Members	Region	Amount in Rs.
1	CMSSS Kaveri -1 Jlg	5	Pollachi	4,20,000
2	CMSSS Amaravathi -Jlg	5	Pollachi	2,60,000
3	CMSSS Nila -Jlg	5	Kinathukadavu	2,90,000
	Total	15		9,70,000

Pledge was taken by the Director and Nabfins staff by CMSSS that "I shall not indulge myself or allow others to indulge in fraudulent activities. I will also immediately appraise NABFINS of the fraud/suspected fraud as soon as it comes to my notice."



SPECIAL EVENTS

Launch of New Project

Coimbatore Multipurpose Social Service Society (CMSSS) launched a new project towards sustaining livelihoods for women titled "Empowering Marginalized Women through Training, Production, and Marketing of Biodegradable Crockeries" grants granted by Diocese of Limburg from Germany.

Project was launched and inaugurated on 21st, December 2023 by Most Rev. Dr. L. Thomas Aquinas, MA., DCL, Bishop of Coimbatore and President of CMSSS. Fr. J. Selvaraj, Director of CMSSS, staff members and more than 200 women from Self Help Group participated.







Training for Trainees (TOT)

On 22.02.2024. Rev. Fr. Selvaraj J, Director of CMSSS along with staff – members visited Marialaya to attend a training on making of napkins and empower marginalized women



INCOME GENERATION PROGRAMME IN COLLOBORATION WITH FEDERAL BANK

- > CMSSS joined hands with Federal Bank to support the marginalized, to impart training in sewing and generate income.
- Free sewing machines will be disbursed after free skill training.



Small Business Initiative Product Expo cum Training

Mr. Sivakumar, Mrs. Victoria and Mrs. Amalie Lawerence staffmembers of CMSSS will be attending the training program on 28th January 2024. This training will enable learning for various skills. The TOT will carry the training to the members in the SHG and will help for going ahead with startups.



SC/ST COMMISSION GENERAL BODY MEETING

The SCST Commission of Coimbatore Diocese General body meeting was held in the CMSSS Conference Hall on 18th January 2024. In this meeting our CMSSS Director Fr. Selvaraj, regional Coordinator and commission members attended the meeting. In this meeting the efforts taken by the commission over the years were discussed. The points discussed were take forward with new ideas and strategies in the upcoming days.

➤ The commission board new members were unanimously selected and their roles with responsibility were clearly defined in the meeting

➤ Next two months resource tapping and fund mobilising plans were finalised



HEALTH COMMISSION

The Coimbatore dioceses health commission secretary Fr. Selvaraj organised a program on Health & Hygiene for personality development to school children at St. Micheal Higher secondary school, Coimbatore. In this program the school Correspondent Fr. Dhanasekar, Principal Mr. Antony, Chief Nurses from St. Mary's Hospital at Podnaur and more than 125 students participated in the program.

- ➤ Sister gave PPT presentation about Health & Hygiene information to the students for more than an hour
- ➤ She demonstrated a few simple exercises for the students to lead healthy life



Rev. Fr. J. Selvaraj Director, CMSSS

News from CEEMA

Dear Rev. Fathers & Sisters, Greetings from CEEMA!

Mother Teresa tailoring unit - Pongal Celebration

The Pongal celebrationat Mother Teresa Tailoring Centre, Aravakuruchi was organized on 10.01.2024. The programme commenced with prayer song and lighting of KuthuVilakku. Mrs.Shalima welcomed all participants. Welcome dance was performed followed by various cultural events presented by the students. Rev.Fr. G. Rosario Vinoth (director, CEEMA) delivered the presidential address. 60 women are undergoing training in this batch.





Distribution of Certificate

CEEMA distributed course completion certificates to 60 trainees who attended the six-month course at the Mother Teresa tailoring centre, Aravakuruchi on 10.01.2024. Fr. Rosario Vinoth distributed the certificates.





Children Sponsorship Program (CSP)

We have enrolled new children to our CPSP programme this month.

New Thrust Project:

CEEMA discussed the GramaSabha meeting with officials of Sadayapalayam Panchayat on 08.01.2024. All staff attended the GramaSabha meeting on Republic Day in all our intervention areas.

Community program

CEEMA and students of Karuppannan Mariamman College jointly cleaned the premises of the Sadayapalayam Panchayat office and library on 22.01.2024. Forty college students participated in this effort.





TrainingProgram

PG & Research Department of Social Work in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Defense, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi organized a



two-day training of trainer (ToT) program on 'Provisions of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019' on 9th & 10th January 2024 at Hindustan College of Arts and Sciences. The topics included Transgender concept, its nature, social and legal issues, how to develop awareness and the roles & responsibilities of NGOs.

GramaSabha Meeting

CEEMA field workers participated in the Gram Sabha meeting held on Republic Day 26.01.2024 in their area where they shared the demands of the people and the results of the project activities in the Gram Sabha meeting. And they knew everything that was discussed in the Gram Sabha.



"No one can go back in time to change what has happened. So work on your present to make yourself a wonderful future. Happy New Year 2024!"

> Rev.Fr. G. Rosario Vinoth Director, CEEMA

May God give them eternal rest

01-02- 1862	Rev.Fr. J. Malbec
03-02-1961	Rev.Fr.M.Sinnappan
03-02-1967	Very Rev.Fr. L. Bechu V.G
03-02-1964	Rev.Fr. Joseph Vattapally
05-02-1949	Most. Rev. Bernedtte Oubagarasamy
05-02-1959	Rev.Fr. James Arputham
05-02-1987	Rev.Fr. S. Joseph
05-02-2014	Rev. Fr. Louis
06-02-1885	Rev.Fr. F.Triquet
06-02-1854	Rev.Fr. Louis Perceval
07-02-1903	Most Rev. E.A. Bardou
14.02.2011	Rev. Fr. Asirvatham
15-02-1995	Rev.Fr. Arul Irudayaraj
16-02-1857	Rev.Fr. Pierre Metral Chervet
16-02-1861	Rev.Fr. A. Lapanne
17 -02-1848	Rev.Fr. Dubois Jean -Antoine
24-02-1934	Very Rev.Fr. Petit V.G
25-02-1964	Rev.Fr. J.B. Roache
26-02-1906	Rev.Fr. Aimable Le François



Highlights of previous Month



Blessing of Community Hall, Good Shepherd Seminary, Myleripalayam.

Blessing of Dinning Hall, Christ the King Polytechnic, Othakaalmandapam.





Feast Mass, Holy Communion and Confirmation, Infant Jesus Shrine, Puliyur.

Feast Mass, Infant Jesus Shrine, Kovaipudur.





Feast Mass, Kulanthai Madha Church, Kangayam

Highlights of previous Month



Feast mass, St. Sebastian Church, Sitra.

Feast of the Holy Inncoents, St. Michael's Cathedral.





First Saturday Mass, Holy Rosary Basilica , Karumathampatti.

Holy Communion, Confirmation and Blessing of Renovated Church, Tower, St. Thomas Church, Avinashi.





Ongoing Formation for the Priests,
Bishop's House

Highlights of previous Month



School Annual Day Celebration, Christ the King Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Karamadai

Opening of the Jubilee Year, St. Michael's Cathedral.





School Annual Day Celebration, St. John Bosco Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Goundampalayam.





Holy Communion,
Confirmation and
Closing Ceremony of

St. Antony's Congress,

Komarapalayam

Feast Mass, Holy Communion, Confirmation and Blessing of Community Hall, St Paul's Church, Ratinapuri.



Wish You a Long Life and Good Health on Your Birth Day



On 2nd Rev.Fr.Arun Gnanapragasam



On 9th Rev. Fr. Albert Selvaraj



On 9th Rev. Fr. Gladwin



On 10th Rev. Fr. Pancras Joseph



On 12th Rev.Fr.Lourdu Alexis Xavier



On 15th Rev.Fr.Arokia Yudha Thaddeus



On 19th Rev.Fr.K.M.C.Arun



On 24th Rev.Fr.Maria Joseph Dhanaraj

May God Bless You on Your Feast Day



On 11th Rev.Fr. Lourdu Irudayaraj



On 11th Rev.Fr.Lourdu Alexis Xavier



28.01.2024 ஞாயிறு

கொடியேற்றம்

காலை 8.00 மணி **திருப்பலி, கொடியேற்றம்**

தலைமை : அருப்பணி. V. அ**ருண் ஞானப்பிரகாசம்** மறைமாவட்ட பொருளாளர்

காலை 10.00 மணி Holymass in English

மாலை 5.30 மணி தீருப்பலி



ஞாயிறு

திருவிழா சிறப்பு நவநாள்

01.02.2024 வியாழன்

மாலை 5.30 மணி **திருப்பலி, மறையுரை, நவநாள், ஆராதனை**

தலைமை அருப்பணி **ஆன்று** உதவி பங்குத்தந்தை, புனித மிக்கேல் அதிதூதர் பேராலயம், கோவை

02.02.2024 வெள்ளி

மாலை 5.30 மணி **திருப்பலி, மறையுரை, நவநாள், ஆராதனை**

தலைமை அரப்பணி. **2311601 சகாய்**றால் உதவி பங்குத்தந்தை, அற்புத குழந்தை இயேசு திருத்தலம், கோவைபுதூர்

03.02.2024 a-coff

மாலை 5.30 மணி **திருப்பலி, மறையுரை, நவநாள், ஆராதனை**

தலைமை அருப்பணி. சி86 பங்குத்தந்தை, புனித மகதல மரியாள் ஆலயம், காரமடை

திருவிழாச் சிறப்பு

04.02.2024 (ஞாயிறு)

காலை 8.00 மணி திருவிழா கூட்டுப்பாடற்பலி

அருப்பணி. R.D.E. **ஜெரோம்**

செயலர், பிஷப் அம்ப்ரோஸ் கல்லூரி

காலை 10.30 மணி Holymass in English

மாலை 5.30 மணி திருவிழா கூட்டுப்பாடற்பலி

குருத்துவ வெள்ளிவிழா காணும் கோவை மறைமாவட்ட அருட்தந்தையர்கள்

அருப்பார் விக்டர் பால்ராஜ் அருப்பார் அரிபார் அருப்பார் அரிபார் அரிபா

மாலை 7.00 மணி ஆடம்பர தேர்பவனி, திவ்ய நற்கு நணை ஆசீர்



அருட்பணி. ததேயுஸ் பால்ராஜ் பங்குத்தந்தை

அருட்பணி. **கீளாட்வின்** உதவி பங்குத்தந்தை

அன்பிய பொறுப்பாளர்கள், அருட்சகோதரிகள், பக்த சபைகள் மற்றும் பங்குமக்கள்