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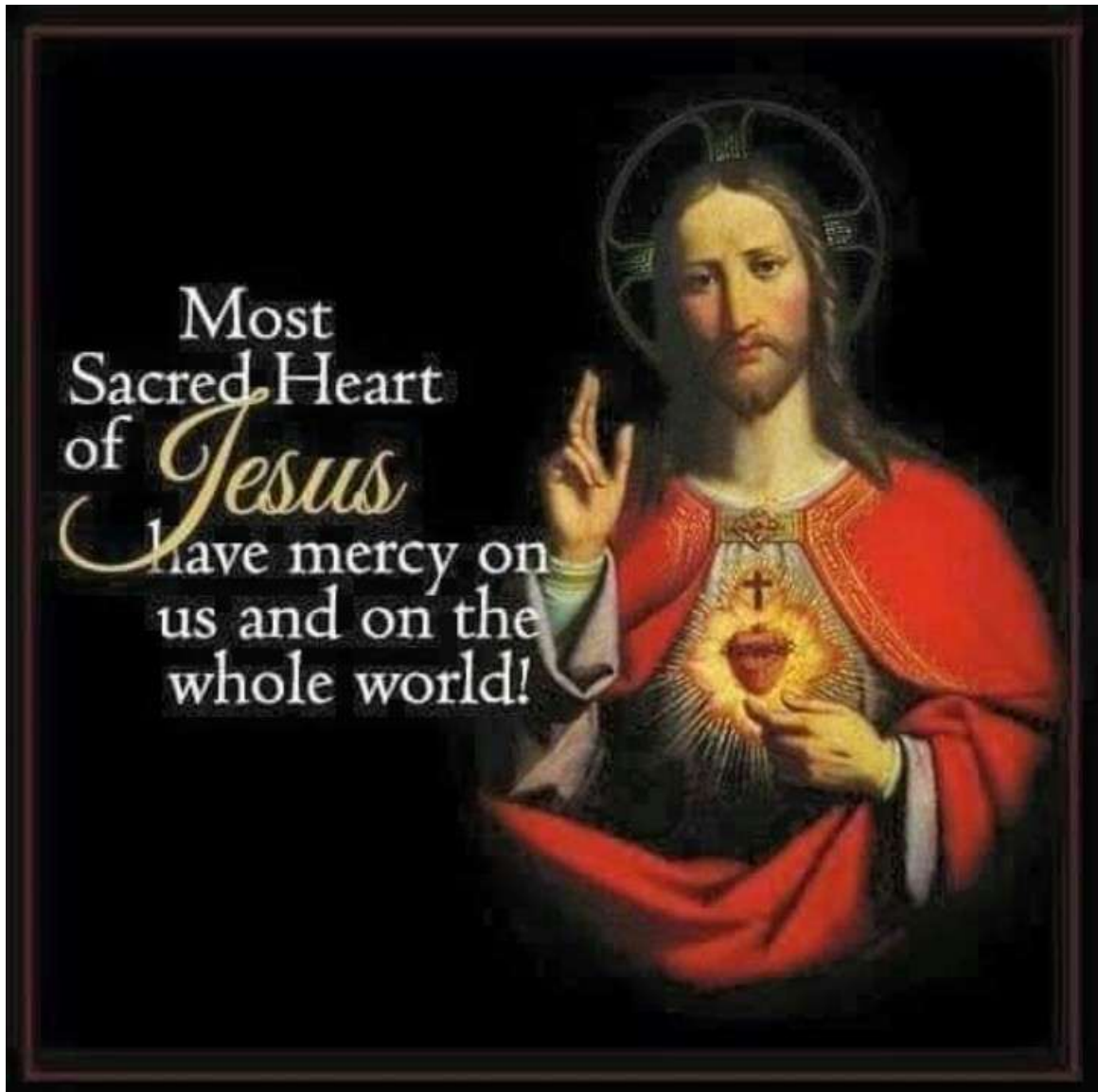
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***Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
and Immaculate Heart of Mary***



Hail Most Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary!

FEAST OF MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (11.06.2021)



*Everything that comes from the SACRED HEART is sweet.
He changes everything into LOVE.*

I. PAPAL INTENTION FOR JUNE 2021:

Intention for Evangelisation : The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

II. OUR BISHOP SPEAKS:

The Specialty of the Heart of Jesus

Dear Fathers, Religious and all men of goodwill,

Wishing you the holy feast of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I would like to draw your attention to His special features.

Heart is the most precious and valuable part of the human body. Heart can be regarded as life because if the heart stops man ceases to exist. As an organ of the body it can be put to scrutiny and examined; but its deep feelings, emotions, passions and longings are sometimes ineffable and unfathomable. It is also considered as the source of thoughts, desires and deeds (Dt 15:9; Mk 7:21- 23). Heart may be pure, sincere or upright (Cf. Pss 24:4; 73:1; Gen 20:5; Dt 9:5; 1Kg 3:6) but at the same time it is deceitful ((Jer 17:9 ff). The Book of Genesis points out that it broods over wickedness and is inclined towards evil continually (6:5). Thus heart signifies the totality of a person possessing both good and bad sides. Thus it is evident that heart is paradoxical in nature.



In the case of the sacred heart of Jesus one comes to understand the specific and special qualities of Jesus by observing his words, deeds and his inner longings which shape his personality. Jesus' heart is the centre of compassion, mercy, love and human relationship et al. His heart can construct and shape the entire humanity into a loving community.

Jesus and the Law

Jesus respects law and regulations, reasons and thoughts of human beings and other religious principles. But his heart can go beyond them. If the laws deter the growth of a person and hurt him he would challenge them. His loving heart cannot be arrested rather it transcends the bounds and frontiers of human laws and leaps forward. What the human judgments and arguments say right the heart of Jesus may reject it. For example a robber's hands should be cut off, may be arguably correct. It is an apt deterrent punishment which may be recommended by a sizeable number of people. However Jesus may not accept it. His heart has its own reasons to differ from it. According to Him this punishment can maim a person, mutilate his dignity, make him a beggar and the family dependent on him can be reduced to utter misery. It is also possible that this person instead of changing his life may nurture revenge upon the society. Jesus would rather show him mercy than recommend such a severe punishment. Very often heart and mind (human reason) may be at loggerheads. They may contradict each other. In the process the heart may be hurt, may bleed, may suffer shame or may be crushed.

Pascale, the French writer has this to say: Heart has its own reasons which the mind can't understand.

The dream of Jesus

Jesus dreamt of an ideal life for the people. He named it as Kingdom of God. In this Kingdom, his intuition proposed only one law, namely "Love of neighbor". He wished that this law should be written in men's heart which would liberate them. He set himself an example of this dream. He could freely associate with all sorts of people. He was a front-liner and trend-setter embracing people belonging to all walks of life. He was laughed at because he was different but Jesus laughed at them because they remained the same. The parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son (prodigal son)(Lk 15); the call of the tax collector (Mt 9); the nearness of sinners and tax collectors (Lk 15:1,2); his encounter with Zacchaeus (Lk 19:1-9); and the woman caught in adultery (Jn 8: 1-11) set up a new vista of his Kingdom. His kingdom reversed the social order of his time. He introduced a radical change in the social system, which even now challenges the men of audacity and conviction. He is a really 'life changer'.

Jesus shuns arrogance

The written laws and rituals would complicate life. External observance of the law would earn man a good name. It may lead him to think high of himself. He thinks, he is righteous and justified and others are sinners and outcasts. He becomes arrogant and thinks of himself better than others. He regards them with contempt, treats them without respect, considers them unworthy and entertains a low esteem for them. His pride isolates him from others. The others become untouchables. In the words of Paul "knowledge puffs up, but love builds up". Jesus vehemently condemns such persons often. They, as we know, are the Sadducees and the Pharisees. Paul too cautions against such attitude among the Christians (Rom 12:3, 10, 16; Phil 2:3).

Jesus' Yoke is easy

Jesus emphatically asserts "his yoke is easy and his burden is light" (Mt 11:30). Yoke has a symbolical meaning other than the wooden frame fitted on the necks of a pair of oxen. It is a symbol of bondage or servitude; it means oppression and suffocation. It may also refer to the suffering, wound, exhaustion or any inconvenience or anything that curbs the free movement of a person. What does Jesus want to impart to us here. One can easily recall the sermon on the mount in which Jesus declares "Blessed are the poor, the hungry and those who weep" (Lk 6:20,21). These people, because of their trust in God and God's preferential love for them enjoy his prerogative. Their yoke and burden become easy because their 'I' and selfishness vanish

There is also another aspect to cogitate. When one spends hours together for his beloved or invests his entire sum to purchase a diadem (prize) for him or her or undertakes any sacrifice to look after the person he or she loves he or she does not feel it as yoke or burden, rather finds an unknown joy in it. Sometimes this joy knows no bounds. This is what the mystery of love signifies. The love and presence of Jesus instills in this person endurance. He or she shall not be perturbed by heavy burdens that encircle him or her because "love endures all, love never ends (1Cor 13: 7,8) .

Jesus' Heart

Jesus is the embodiment of love. He is the presence of God who is love. Once the heart is filled with love "I" and "selfishness" disappear. This is the reason why Jesus is able to proclaim "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest

for your souls” (Mt 11:28). Jesus spurned hypocrisy and pretence. He shows compassion, concern, mercy and love for others. He heals the sick, drives away the devils, feeds the hungry and draws everyone to himself. He preaches repentance and change of heart.

Loving heart travels

In the words of Pope Francis, love travels across the streets and easily finds out the poor. She, like the Good Samaritan, comes close to them. The marginalized and the outcasts cannot escape her sight. In the encounter of the poor, the person imbued with love is able to see the vision of God. He immediately makes solidarity with them. In this way God’s gaze falls on him. He becomes a changed person. He feels the divine presence around him. All the outcasts become his brothers and sisters. His heart gets itself enlarged to accommodate all in himself. He becomes a refuge and shelter for them.

One can recall the words of Mother Teresa: Your prayer lifts you up to God; but your service make God descend upon you. Prayer and service were the two vital principles which guided Jesus’ life. Jesus loved all without expecting anything in return. He rejoiced in serving others. He is ever ready to lay down his life for others (Jn 15:3).

Heart without discrimination

Heart of Jesus respects each and everyone without any partiality. All are his friends. Thomas Carlyle, while he was 6 years old, happened to stay at home alone. Then a beggar came and asked for alms. Thomas felt compassion for him and gave all the coins he saved in a small box. Later on, when he became a renowned writer, he recounts, ‘never had I experienced such a joy as this, in my life’.

Every person is neither entirely good nor entirely bad. Each one has his good qualities and his bad side. Now, a loving person would see the good of the person. Jesus, being a lovable person always sees the good part of his being which enabled him to love both his enemies and friends as well. In Jesus’ heart there are no enemies because he looks at the good of that person. He loves all. That is why his heart is special.

As disciples of Jesus how can we hate someone Jesus loves? Let us try to acquire the heart of Jesus. We shall be able to create a new world and make his kingdom blossom on earth.

Most Rev. Dr. A. Stephen
Bishop of Tuticorin

III. BISHOP’S PROGRAMME FOR JUNE 2021 : (Tentative)

Date	Time	Day	Programme
10.06.2021	9.00 am	Thu	Inaugural Address - St. Paul’s Seminary (<i>Online</i>)
11.06.2021	7.00-8.00 pm	Fri	Inaugural Address - Commission for Evangelization (<i>Online</i>)

COVID Relief Activities of our Diocese:



Our diocese has participated in the corona relief activities in 3 ways:

1. Cash check for the chief minister, (Rupees 2 lakhs) relief fund.
2. Gloves for corporation workers and doctors (about 2 lakhs estimated)
3. Water bottles, biscuits and grocery items for the poor and hospitalized (1 lakh est)

Let us pray for all people...

IV. ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE:



On **12.06.2021**, our diocese is celebrating the 98 anniversary of its erection as a diocese (**12 June 1923**).

Let us remember with gratefulness **Most Rev. Dr. Thiburtius Roche**, the first Bishop and all the former Bishops, Priests, Religious and lay people, who have dedicated themselves for the development of the diocese.

On this happy occasion while wishing **Most Rev. Dr. A. Stephen**, the present Bishop, the Clergy, Religious and all the Faithful of the Diocese, let us thank the Lord for His constant benevolence and providence and pray to Him for his unending protection and abundant blessings for the diocese.



V. AD MULTOS ANNOS!

On the day of your Ordination Anniversary

Rev. Fr. Sathia Nesan M.	-	04.06.1980
Rev. Fr. Fabian Joseph	-	10.06.1988
Rev. Fr. Jebanathan M.	-	19.06.1977
Rev. Fr. Antony Jebastin A.	-	21.06.2020
Rev. Fr. George Antonyraj G.	-	21.06.2020
Rev. Fr. Joynes J.	-	21.06.2020
Rev. Fr. Sudarson L.	-	21.06.2020
Rev. Fr. Jennies OFM (Cap.)	-	24.06.2020
Rev. Fr. Michael Jesus Rino J.	-	28.06.2020
Rev. Fr. Starlin Shrakasus L.	-	28.06.2020
Rev. Fr. I. Mariaraj OFM (Cap.)	-	27.06.1978



VI. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Best wishes to you on your Birthday

Most Rev. Dr. A. Stephen	-	22.06.1952
Rev. Fr. Arul Kumar Antony SDB	-	01.06.1983
Rev. Fr. Anto Justin	-	01.06.1988
Rev. Fr. Antony Titus Roshan R.	-	03.06.1977
Msgr. Siluvai Ignaci	-	05.06.1947
Rev. Fr. Joseph Ravi Balan R.	-	05.06.1961
Rev. Fr. Norbert Thomas	-	06.06.1959
Rev. Fr. I. John Arumainathan OFM (Cap.)	-	06.06.1968
Rev. Fr. Ambrose Petroni	-	06.06.1984
Rev. Fr. Muthuselvan Jude SDB	-	07.06.1979
Rev. Fr. Amaladas Ignatius	-	10.06.1940
Rev. Fr. Sahayam S. M.	-	10.06.1968



Rev. Fr. Vasanthan F.	-	12.06.1981
Rev. Fr. Stephen Mariadas A.	-	13.06.1982
Rev. Fr. Mariadas Lipton J.	-	15.06.1960
Rev. Fr. John Britto	-	16.06.1965
Rev. Fr. Santhiyago R.	-	16.06.1985
Rev. Fr. Fabian Joseph	-	18.06.1955
Msgr. Joseph Xavier	-	19.06.1934
Rev. Fr. Rex Lumine M.	-	19.06.1961
Rev. Fr. Bright Machado	-	19.06.1970
Rev. Fr. Amalraj R.	-	19.06.1972
Rev. Fr. Irudayaraj M.	-	21.06.1963
Rev. Fr. Nelson Paulraj P.	-	21.06.1964
Rev. Fr. Ranjith Kumar Cardoza	-	25.06.1975
Rev. Fr. John Paul Lobo	-	26.06.1956
Rev. Fr. Antony Paul Prabu R.	-	27.06.1988
Rev. Fr. Albert Stephen Thilaha Raja S.	-	27.06.1990
Rev. Fr. James Selvaraj	-	29.06.1959
Rev. Fr. Raja Rodrigo L.	-	29.06.1972
Rev. Fr. Kishok	-	29.06.1977



VII. NECROLOGY

Rev. Fr. Sengole S. Mani	-	01.06.1996
Rev. Fr. Charles Anthony	-	01.06.2020
Rev. Fr. A. Augustine Fernando	-	11.06.1991
Rev. Fr. Peter M.	-	15.06.2014
Rev. Fr. Antony Robert	-	19.06.1998
Rev. Fr. J.S. Lourdes	-	27.06.1962
Rev. Fr. Lorenzo Fernando	-	27.06.2017
Rev. Fr. Singarayar Fernando	-	29.06.1967



VIII. CONDOLENCES:

1. To the Archdiocese of Pondicherry - Cuddalore:

Most Rev. Dr. Antony Anandarayar, Archbishop Emeritus of Archdiocese of Pondicherry – Cuddalore, expired on 04.05.2021, Tuesday at 9.35 pm in St. Thomas Hospital, Chennai. His Funeral Mass was held on 05.05.2021, Wednesday at 4.00 pm in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Pondicherry.

Our heartfelt condolences to the presbyterium of Archdiocese of Pondicherry - Cuddalore. May the soul of the zealous Archbishop rest in peace.



2. To Rev. Fr. Nelson Paulraj:

Mr. R. S. Packianathan, aged 93, beloved father of Rev. Fr. Nelson Paulraj, the Coordinator of Pastoral Commissions of the Southern Region of our diocese, expired on 08.05.2021, Saturday. His funeral Mass was celebrated on 09.05.2021, Sunday at 10.00 a.m. at Sathankulam.

Our heartfelt condolences to Rev. Fr. Nelson Paulraj, and to all the members of the bereaved family! Let us offer our prayers for the repose of the departed soul!

3. To Rev. Fr. Joseph Stalin:

Mr. Antony Justin Raj D., beloved elder brother of Rev. Fr. Joseph Stalin, expired on 09.05.2021, Sunday, at the age of 48. His funeral was held on 10.05.2021, Monday at Thalamuthunagar.

Our heartfelt condolences to Rev. Fr. Joseph Stalin and to all the members of the bereaved family! Let us offer our prayers for the repose of the departed soul! May the departed soul rest in Peace!

4. REV. FR. G. JOSEPH:

We are extremely sad to inform you that our brother priest Rev. Fr. Joseph G. expired due to Corona on 15.05.2021, Saturday at 6 pm at Edison Hospital, Tiruchendur . He was laid to rest that night itself in his home town of Kuthenkuly.

Inter Nos offers its condolences in a special way to the members of the bereaved family. Let us offer three Masses for the repose of the departed soul. May the soul of the zealous priest rest in peace!

5. REV. FR. SAHAYARAJ RAYEN:

We are deeply saddened to inform you about the death of our brother priest Fr. Sahayaraj Rayen on 17.05.2021, Monday evening. The funeral rites took place at Karunkulam at that night itself.

Inter Nos offers its condolences in a special way to the members of the bereaved family. Let us offer three Masses for the repose of the departed soul. May the soul of the zealous priest rest in peace!.

6. To Rev. Fr. Xavier Arulraj:

Mrs. Raja Guna Seeli (retired Headmistress), beloved elder sister of Rev. Fr. Xavier Arulraj expired on 22.05.2021, Saturday due to kidney failure, at the age of 68. Her funeral was held on 23.05.2021, Sunday at 3.00 p.m. in Our Lady of Assumption Church, Thoppuvilai.

Our heartfelt condolences to Rev. Fr. Xavier Arulraj and to all the members of the bereaved family! Let us offer our prayers for the repose of the departed soul! May the departed soul rest in Peace!

7. Mr. Kumar, diocesan staff:

Mr. Kumar, a sincere and hardworking staff, who was working as Receptionist at our Bishop House since September 2016, expired on 25.05.2021 due to corona.

Our heartfelt condolences to all the members of his bereaved family! Let us offer our prayers for the repose of the departed soul! May the departed soul rest in Peace!

8. Mr. Arputharaj, Driver:

Mr. A. Arputharaj, a sincere and hardworking staff, who was working as Driver to our Bishop Emeritus Most Rev. S. T. Amalanather and Bishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Yvon Ambroise, for 37 years, expired on 28.05.2021.

Our heartfelt condolences to all the members of his bereaved family! Let us offer our prayers for the repose of the departed soul! May the departed soul rest in Peace!

9. To Rev. Fr. Edward J.:

Rev. Sr. Dr. Jeyarani J. (Carmel Sister), Former Provincial Superior - Amala Province-CTC, beloved younger sister of Rev. Fr. Edward J., expired on 29.05.2021 at the age of 59. Her funeral was held at Pambanvilai Carmel Convent on the same day.

Our heartfelt condolences to Rev. Fr. Edward J. and to all the members of the bereaved family! Let us offer our prayers for the repose of the departed soul! May the departed soul rest in Peace!

IX. NOTIFICATION FROM THE DIOCESAN CURIA:

1. From the Chancellor's Office:

a) Contact Details of Newly Ordained Priests:

S.No.	Name	Mobile Number	Email ID
1.	Rev.Fr. G. Antony Francis Prathap	91766-52682	antocistuty@gmail.com
2.	Rev.Fr. Arokia Amalraj S.	90253-26846	aroamal1991@gmail.com
3.	Rev.Fr. F. Balanprashath	89735-57716	balanroy26121991@gmail.com,
4.	Rev.Fr. J. Demel	94884-61596	siluvaidemel@gmail.com,
5.	Rev.Fr. Nilavan S.	80984-86638	nicholasnilavansj@gmail.com
6.	Rev.Fr. Savariraj F.C.	7538804438	savarirajpdk@gmail.com
7.	Rev.Fr. Vimalajan Olifer D'Silva	94874-52885	oliferjan@gmail.com

b) Wishes to New Deacons:

The *Presbyterium* of Tuticorin diocese welcomes the new Deacons:

1. Dn. Kingslin (Kuthenkuzhi)
2. Dn. Esther Vinoth (Kadakulam)

3. Dn. Balan (Pudukottai)
4. Dn. Jothimani (Vellapatti)
5. Dn. Rabiston (Lion's town)

c) Monthly Recollection

The information about the monthly recollection will be made known after the announcement from the Government regarding pandemic situation.

d) Bishop Stephen's Birthday:

Our beloved Bishop Stephen celebrates his birthday on 22 June. We wish God's blessings abundantly on him and May God strengthen him to do his pastoral ministry in our diocese!

e) Reminder to transferred and newly appointed Parish Priests:

The Parish Priests who are transferred and newly appointed are to send a copy of the duly signed and sealed 'Installation Form' to the Chancellor's Office.

Rev. Fr. Sagaya Loudrin
Chancellor

2. From the Financial Administrator's Office:

Dear Rev.Fathers,

Loving Greetings!

How are you all? Hope you are fine and pray for the same. Covid-19 Pandemic has shaken the world to a greater extent. But the Lord has been good to us that He has kept us safe and secure.

Thank you for your co-operation in following the rules of the government to protect us from this pandemic, though it seemed to be difficult and we have lost two of our fellow priests and few suffer from the after effects of the viral pneumonitis. Let us continue to take precaution and abide by the rules to protect ourselves and others. As every drop in the ocean counts, our little effort adds to the preventive measures to wipe away the Corona virus from the face of the earth. Hence take care of your health because it is our wealth.

❖ Financial Administrator Office' Holidays for the month of June

No holidays for this month.

Parish Contributions:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church ,Sathankulam for May 2021	3000
Arockia Matha Church, Adaikalapuram for April 2021	3000
Holy Family Church,Vadakkankulam for March 2021	20000

Infant Jesus Shrine, Caldwell colony, Tuticorin for April 2021	1000
Our Lady of Fatima ,Fatima Nagar, Tuticorin for May 2021	3000
St. Antony's Church , Azhagappapuram for April 2021	15000
St. Benadict's Church , Pathinathapuram for Feb & March 2021	2000
Total	47000

Shrine Contributions:

Our Lady of Snows Basilica , Tuticorin for April 2021	30000
Sacred Heart Church , Kavalkinaru for March 2021	30000
St. Antony's Shrine , Thappathi for April 2021	2000
St. Antony's Shrine , Uvari for April 2021	30000
Total	92000

Rev. Fr. S. M. Sahayam
Financial Administrator

X. INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESAN COMMISSIONS / INSTITUTES:

1. இளையோர் பணியகத்திலிருந்து:

தமிழகக் கத்தோலிக்க இளைஞர் இயக்கம், தூத்துக்குடி மறைமாவட்டம்
TMSSS வளாகம், தூத்துக்குடி.
ஜூன் 2021 பணித்திட்டம்

13.06.2021 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை : இணையவழி கருத்தமர்வு
மணப்பாடு மறைவட்ட இளைஞர்கள்
நேரம் : காலை 10.30 மணி முதல் 12.00 மணி வரை

19.06.2021 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை : இணையவழிக் கருத்தரங்கம்
மறைமாவட்ட இளம் மாணாக்கர் இயக்க பொறுப்பு வழிகாட்டி ஆசிரியர்கள் கூட்டம்
தலைப்பு : “புதிதாய் புறப்படுவோம்”
காலை 10.30 மணி முதல் 12.00 மணி வரை

20.06.2021 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை : இணையவழிக் கருத்தரங்கம்
குறுக்குச்சாலை மறைவட்ட இளைஞர்கள்
காலை 10.30 மணி முதல் 12.00 மணி வரை

27.06.2021 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை : இணையவழிக் கருத்தரங்கம்
தூத்துக்குடி மறைவட்ட இளைஞர்கள்
காலை 10.30 மணி முதல் 12.00 மணி வரை

அருட்பணி. டேவிட் சகாய வளன்
இயக்குநர், தூத்துக்குடி மறைமாவட்ட இளையோர் பணியகம்

2. தேவ அழைத்தல் பணியகத்திலிருந்து :

மேதகு. ரோச் ஆண்டகை குருமாணவர் நிதி
25-03-2021 லிருந்து 25-05-2021 வரை

	குருமட அதிபர் வழியாக	ஏப்ரல்	மே
1	அழகப்பபுரம்	34900	
2	காவல்கிணறு பங்கு	35010	
3	குருஸ்புரம் பங்கு	25425	
4	பாத்திமாநகர் பங்கு	11150	5290
5	தூய தோமையார் கோயில் பங்கு தூத்துக்குடி	19600	
6	தூய அந்தோணியார் கோயில் பங்கு, தூத்துக்குடி	4600	
7	புனித மிக்கேல் அதிதூதர் ஆலயம், அண்ணாநகர் (17 குடும்பங்கள்)	2250	2550
8	புனித ரீத்தம்மாள்புரம் பங்கு (14 குடும்பங்கள்)	2200	2200
9	லயன்ஸ்டவுண் பங்கு	4300	
10	இராஜபாளையம்	5100	
11	முக்காணி (1 குடும்பம்)	500	
12	பழையகாயல் பங்கு	3100	
13	இரத்தினபுரம் (2 குடும்பங்கள்)	1200	
16	பத்திநாதபுரம்	8350	
17	தாளமுத்துநகர்	2930	
18	இரஜகிருணபுரம்	9400	
19	ஜெனிபா வீரபாண்டியபட்டினம்	15000	
20	வள்ளியூர் பங்கு	4000	
21	குழந்தை இயேசு அன்பியம், வள்ளியூர்	1000	
22	அன்பர்கள்	24101	6100
	கத்தோலிக்கப்பள்ளிகள்		
23	கத்தோலிக்க தொடக்கப்பள்ளி,இஞ்ஞாசியார்புரம்	1500	1500
24	புனித அலாய்சியஸ் பெண்கள் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி, தூத்துக்குடி (27 ஆசிரியர்கள்)	9000	
25	புனித இஞ்ஞாசியார் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி, தூத்துக்குடி	1850	
26	கத்தோலிக்க தொடக்கப்பள்ளி, அலங்காரத்தட்டு (5ஆசிரியர்கள்)	1200	
27	பாத்திமா நடுநிலைப்பள்ளி, பாத்திமாநகர்	1300	
28	கத்தோலிக்க தொடக்கப்பள்ளி, அம்பலசேரி	200	
29	கத்தோலிக்க நடுநிலைப்பள்ளி, தைலாபுரம்	500	
30	புனித தோமையார் மெட்ரிக் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி, தூத்துக்குடி	7800	
31	திரு இருதய மருத்துவமனை	100000	
	மொத்தம்	337466	17640
	மறைமாவட்ட பொருளாளர் அலுவலகம் வழியாக		
1	திரு. ஜேம்ஸ் முத்தையாபுரம்	300	300
2	திரு. J.D பர்னபாஸ்,அடைக்கலாபுரம்	500	500
3	திரு.அண்ட்ரு லூசியா, தூத்துக்குடி	400	

4	திரு இருதய ஆண்கள் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி, சாத்தான்குளம்	2900	
5	திரு இருதய தொடக்கப்பள்ளி, சாத்தான்குளம்	600	
6	புனித ஜோசப் பெண்கள் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி, சாத்தான்குளம்	2100	2100
7	கத்தோலிக்க தொடக்கப்பள்ளி, மு.சவேரியார்புரம்	1000	1000
8	புனித அந்தோனியார் உயர்நிலைப்பள்ளி, மு. சவேரியார்புரம்	350	350
9	வடக்கன் குளம்		9200
10	ஸ்லைன் மேரி ஞானமணி G.பட்டணம்	1000	
	மொத்தம்	9150	13450
	சிறுமலர் குருமட அதிபர் வழியாக	337466	17640
	மறைமாவட்ட பொருளாளர் அலுவலகம் வழியாக	9150	13450
	மொத்தம்	346616	31090

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XI. NEWS FROM THE CATHOLIC WORLD:

Catholic university in India opens COVID-19 care centers:

Rome Newsroom, May 14, 2021

St. Xavier's University has opened care centres in Kolkata to treat people with COVID-19 who have no place to isolate at home.

Fr. Felix Raj, S.J., the vice-chancellor of the Catholic university, said that many poor villagers in the region live in households in which people are in close proximity to each other and that "it would not be prudent to expect that they can maintain physical distancing in such setups."

"We cannot sit idle and be mute spectators to what is unfolding in our neighborhood amid a raging pandemic. St. Xavier's University has always reached out to people in their hours of distress," the Jesuit priest told The Telegraph in Kolkata. The university is helping to start three isolation facilities with 90 beds in partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Asansol, in addition to a pre-hospitalization center on its campus. The facilities will have beds, oxygen, nebulizers, trained nurses, and a doctor on call.

The number of COVID-19 cases has surged recently in Kolkata, also known as Calcutta, one of the most densely populated cities in India. West Bengal, where Kolkata is located, reported its highest single-day spike in new cases on May 13, with 20,839 new cases in 24 hours, according to the state's data. Across India, a country with a population of more than 1.3 billion people, there have been reports of hospitals running low on beds and vital supplies, such as oxygen.

The death rate has been so high in Delhi and Bengaluru (also known as Bangalore) that crematoriums have reported running out of space. The country has averaged about 3,500 deaths

per day from COVID-19, with a total death toll of more than 262,000 people, although experts believe the number of deaths to be undercounted, according to the Associated Press.

World Health Organization spokesman Tarik Jasarevic has said that higher rates of transmission could be due to a new COVID-19 variant that was discovered in India. In Hyderabad, Fr. Noel Maddhichetty has also been working to help those affected by the pandemic. He is the director of Bosconet, a Catholic association with 500 centers across 28 states of India. In the first wave of the pandemic, Bosconet reached 3.28 million people with some sort of support, including hot meals, weekly rations, and health kits to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

But Maddhichetty said that the organization was caught off guard by how quickly the situation deteriorated in this second wave with an acute shortage of oxygen. "We are not capable of supplying oxygen. We don't have an oxygen supply chain," he told EWTN. The priest said that Bosconet was looking into how it could help prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and what kinds of support it could provide for people who were sick and quarantined at home. "Also, we are now trying to promote the vaccination ... and the Don Bosco centers are trying to give some space for vaccinations centers," he said.

Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay and president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, said in a statement May 10 that the Catholic Church would be at the forefront of offering medical services to those in need because of the pandemic.

"The Church in India has a thousand hospitals with 60,000 beds across providing healthcare to everyone, especially people on the margins of society. We are also coordinating financial aid to buy more ventilators and increase our medical equipment to save the lives of our people, which will be available for people of all faiths and creeds," Gracias said in the statement published by Asia News.

"We will open all our facilities to the needs of the people. Our schools will operate as isolation and quarantine centers, our institutions as vaccination centers, and our religious personnel all over the country will begin our campaign to encourage people to get vaccinated," he said. The cardinal noted that two bishops died during this second wave of the pandemic, as well as many priests and religious sisters. "I often receive phone calls from entire convents infected with the virus," he said.

Bishop Basil Bhuriya of Jhabua, 65, died on May 6 and Archbishop Emeritus Antony Anandarayar of Pondicherry-Cuddalore, 75, died of COVID-19 on May 4.

"We must remember that our lives are of service. Yet it is painful to see lives snuffed out so quickly. The virus has claimed many people we know and has left many children orphaned who have lost both parents. There is so much suffering and we turn to pray," Gracias said.

Pope Francis on Corpus Christi: ‘We need to enlarge our hearts’

Vatican City, Jun 6, 2021

Pope Francis said Sunday that we need to “enlarge our hearts” to truly appreciate the gift of the Eucharist. Celebrating Corpus Christi Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica June 6, the pope noted that Jesus instituted the Eucharist in the large Upper Room in Jerusalem. He said: “We need to enlarge our hearts. We need to break out of the small room of our ego and enter the vast expanse of wonder and adoration.”

The pope lamented that this attitude of adoration was missing in “so many movements” in the Church. “But if this is missing, if amazement and adoration are missing, there is no road that leads to the Lord. There will be no synod, nothing,” he said. “This is the attitude before the Eucharist, this is what we need: adoration. The Church too must be a large room. Not a small and closed circle, but a community with arms wide open, welcoming to all.”

He continued: “Let us ask ourselves this when someone approaches who is hurting, who has made a mistake, who has gone astray in life: is the Church, this Church, a large room to welcome this person and lead him or her to the joy of the encounter with Christ?” “The Eucharist wants to nourish those who are tired and hungry along the way, let us not forget that! A Church of the pure and perfect is a room with no place for anyone; the Church with open doors, which gathers and celebrates around Christ, is instead a great hall where everyone -- all, righteous and sinners -- can enter.”

Pope Francis also dedicated his Sunday Angelus address to the feast of Corpus Christi, celebrated on Thursday at the Vatican, but observed on Sunday in Italy and other countries. The pope celebrated the live-streamed Mass, marking the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, at the Altar of the Chair. A limited number of people attended due to continuing coronavirus restrictions. They wore face coverings and sat spaced apart.

In his homily, the pope reflected on three images in the Gospel reading. The first was that of the man carrying a pitcher of water.

“Jesus tells his disciples that the Passover meal can be eaten wherever a man carrying a pitcher of water leads them. To celebrate the Eucharist, therefore, we need first to recognize our thirst for God, to sense our need for him, to long for his presence and love, to realize that we cannot go it alone, but need the Food and Drink of eternal life to sustain us on our journey,” he said. “The drama of the present time, we can say, is that this thirst is felt less and less. Questions about God are no longer asked, desire for God has faded, seekers of God have become increasingly rare. God no longer attracts us because we no longer acknowledge our deep thirst for him.”

The pope continued: “Our thirst for God brings us to the altar. Where that thirst is lacking, our celebrations become dry and lifeless. Even as Church, then, it is not enough that the usual little

group meets to celebrate the Eucharist; we need to go out into the city, to encounter people and to learn how to recognize and revive their thirst for God and their desire for the Gospel.”

The second image, he said, was that of the spacious Upper Room, which challenges us to expand our hearts.

The third and final image from the Gospel reading was that of Jesus breaking the bread.

“In the Eucharist, we contemplate and worship the God of love. The Lord who breaks no one, yet allows himself to be broken. The Lord who does not demand sacrifices, but sacrifices himself. The Lord who asks nothing but gives everything,” he said. “In celebrating and experiencing the Eucharist, we too are called to share in this love. For we cannot break bread on Sunday if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters. We cannot partake of that Bread if we do not give bread to the hungry. We cannot share that Bread unless we share the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in need.”

“In the end, and the end of our solemn Eucharistic liturgies as well, only love will remain. Even now, our Eucharistic celebrations are transforming the world to the extent that we are allowing ourselves to be transformed and to become bread broken for others.”

At the end of the Mass, there was an extended period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. In his homily, the pope noted that, for a second year in the row, he was unable to lead a procession with the Blessed Sacrament in the feast of Corpus Christi due to coronavirus measures. Processions, he said, reminded us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others.

“May we become a Church with pitcher in hand, a Church that reawakens thirst and brings water. Let us open wide our hearts in love, so that we can become be the large and welcoming room where everyone can enter and meet the Lord,” he urged.

Pope Francis to priests: Weakness is a chance for encounter with God

Vatican City, Jun 7, 2021

Pope Francis told a group of young French priests on Monday that weakness is a chance for encounter with God, and not something they should try to overcome by their own strength.

“My fragility, the fragility of each one of us, is a theological place of encounter with the Lord,” he told a group of around 20 priests at a June 7 meeting at the Vatican. “The ‘superman’ priests end up badly, all of them,” Francis said. “The fragile priest, who knows his weaknesses and talks about them with the Lord, he will be fine.”

Pope Francis encouraged the priests, who are in Rome for studies, to be pastors always acting in service of the Catholics under their care.

“Strip yourself of your preconceived ideas, your dreams of greatness, your self-affirmation, to put God and people at the center of your daily concerns,” he urged. The pope also warned the French priests against placing the identity of being an “intellectual” above that of being a “pastor.” “You will be a pastor in many ways, but always in the midst of God’s people,” he underlined. “The studies you do in the various Roman universities prepare you for your future tasks as pastors, and allow you to better appreciate the reality in which you are called to proclaim the Gospel of joy.”

Reflecting on community life, the pope noted the temptation to gossip or to create closed-off groups which can be damaging to fraternity. “May you always welcome one another as a gift,” he said. “In a fraternity lived in truth, in the sincerity of relationships and in a life of prayer, we can form a community in which you can breathe the air of joy and tenderness.” “The priest is a man who, in the light of the Gospel, spreads the taste of God around him and transmits hope to restless hearts: this is how it must be,” he continued.

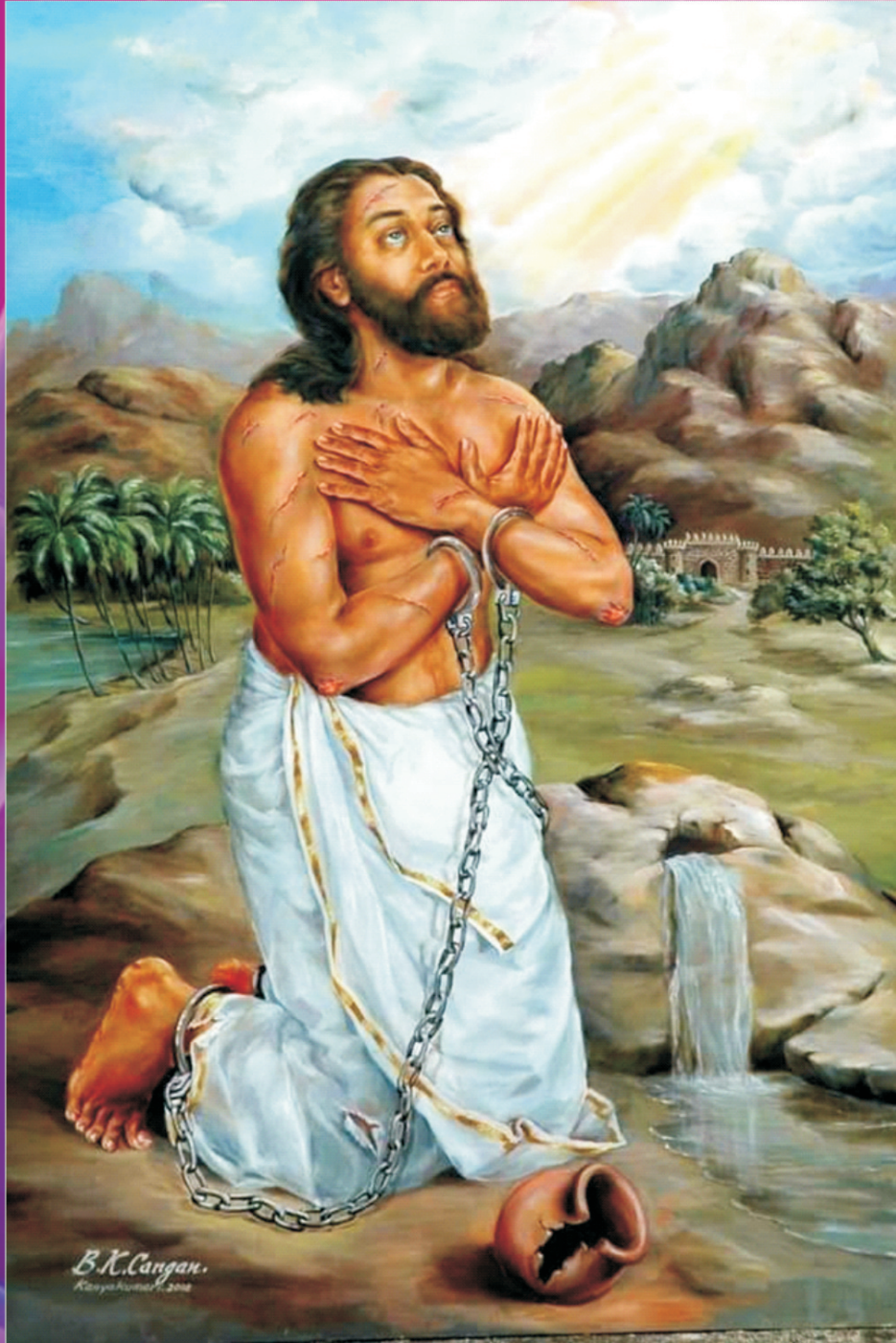
Francis encouraged the young priests to not be afraid to dream of a Church entirely at the service of its members and the world, stating that each of them has a contribution to make.

“Do not be afraid to dare, to take risks, to go forward because you can do everything with Christ who gives you strength,” he said. “With him you can be apostles of joy, cultivating in you the gratitude of being at the service of your brothers and of the Church.”

A sense of humor is also an important part of joy, Pope Francis said, adding that it can be one of the characteristics of holiness.

“A priest who has no sense of humor, does not like it, something is wrong. Imitate those great priests who laugh at others, at themselves and even at their own shadow,” he said. “And cultivate within yourselves the gratitude of being at the service of your brothers and of the Church.”





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