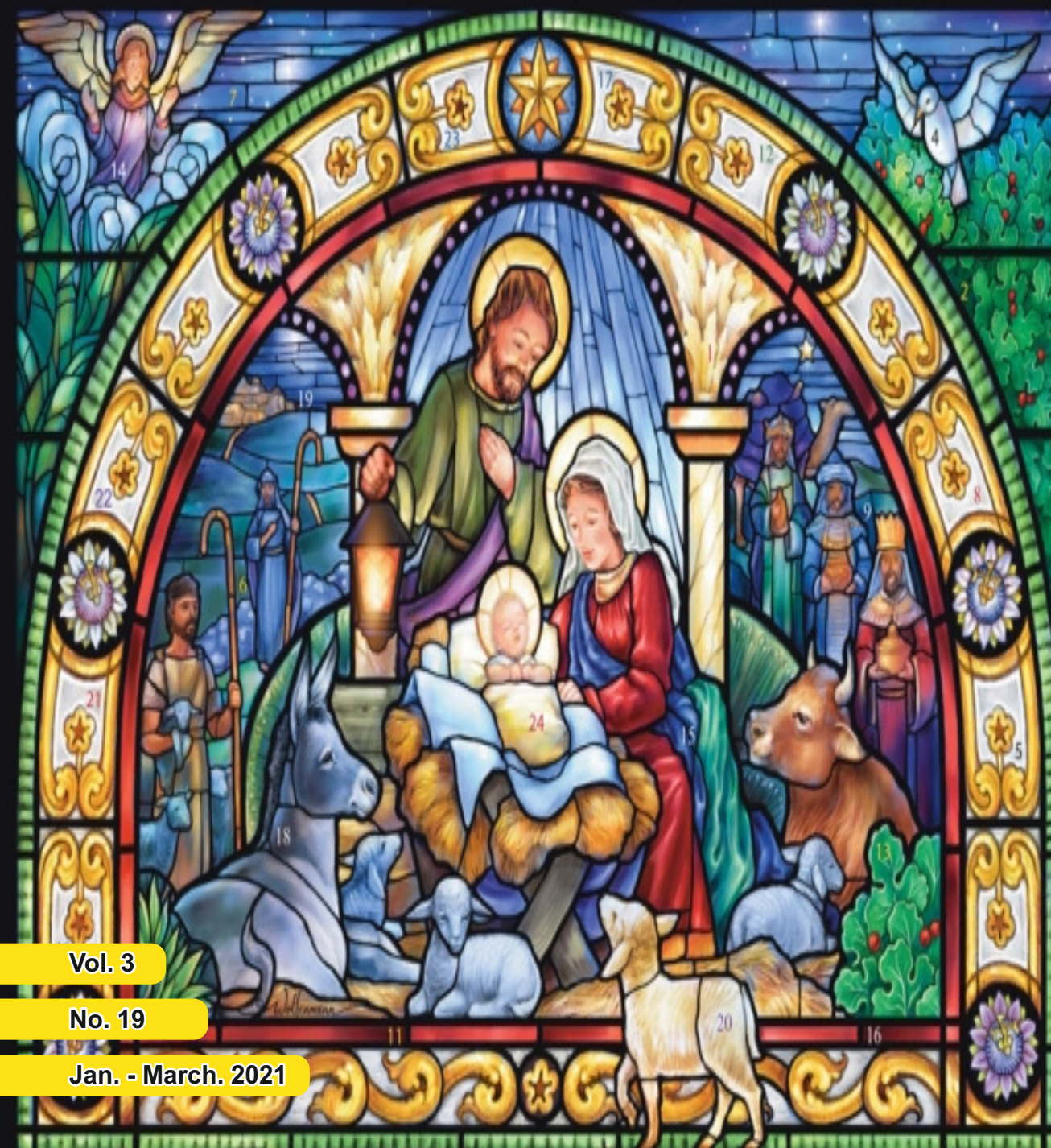




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# Editorial...

## ***Heaven and earth are united today, for Christ is born!***

Dear Fathers and brothers in Jesus Christ, First of all I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New year!

Again we are in the season of love...is there anyone who doesn't wish to love and wish to be loved? It's a time to come back to the Lord to feel his love. It's a day to remember about a God who is the creator of this universe who came to this earth in the form of human being to stay with us...it's a season to know this reality, believe this truth!

Christmas is God is coming down to us. God undertook the Incarnation of Jesus as God-Man to save us from the bondage of sin.

John 3: 16: "God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die, but have eternal life." Every Christmas reminds us that we need a Savior every day, to free us from our evil addictions and unjust, impure and uncharitable tendencies. This Christmas also challenges us to accept Jesus in the manger as our saving God and personal Savior and to surrender our lives to him, allowing him to rule our hearts and lives every day in the New Year.

Through incarnation we see God shares His love with us. Jesus, as our Savior, brought the "good news" that our God is a loving, forgiving, merciful and rewarding God and not a judgmental, cruel and punishing God.

Jesus showed this by his life and teaching how God our Heavenly Father loves us, forgives us, provides for us and rewards us. All his miracles were signs of this Divine Love. Each Christmas reminds us that sharing love with others is our Christian duty and every time we do that, Jesus is reborn in our lives.

And Christmas is the realization that God is with us and within our hearts. He was born to be with us. For many, God is a far away reality but we know with faith that God is a loving Father who is with us in our day to day affairs though we sometimes remain unfaithful. The joy of Christmas is not for a day or a season. It is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself. Christmas is the season to touch the hearts of all ... **You are the best gift that you can give** to God and others today. God also gave himself. Give yourself fully at least to the one who loves you.

To your community members, to your faithful, to your relatives, to your friends, etc...

The message of Christmas is that we can truly find Jesus if we look in the right places –in the streets, in slums, in asylums, in orphanages, in nursing homes –starting in our own homes, workplaces and town. We need to look for Him in people that we might otherwise ignore: the homeless, the sick, the addict, the unpleasant person, the rebel, or the person of different culture and lifestyle from us. True Christmas is about celebrating the coming of God among the poor, the homeless and the disadvantaged with a message of hope and liberation for these sufferers in our world. Lets offer this Christmas for the Covid affected humanity and the peasants on the road for our rights. Wishing you all a grace filled Christmas...



Editor

Fr. Bijo Kalayakkattil CST





**JMJT**

My dear and loving Fathers, Brothers, Sisters,  
What is the message of Christmas during this Pandemic?

The message of Christmas this year is HOPE.

Everyone everywhere is disturbed and fearful .

In this atmosphere of fear comes Christmas saying,  
“Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the  
people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Messiah the  
Lord” (Luke 2:10-11).

The message of Christmas is listening to Jesus saying, ‘Do not be afraid, I am  
your Saviour’. How dose Jesus fulfil this saying? “And they shall call him  
Emmanuel which means ‘God is with us” (Mathew 1:23).

Jesus gives us hope by being with us. He was born to be with us. He is with us  
always. In this Christmas let us experience His Presence with us and in us and  
thus let us become He. Let us experience hope and radiate Hope to all.

**I WISH YOU ALL HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

**And**

**BLESSED NEW YEAR**

**With Love and Prayers**



**Othiri snehathode swantham Alukkachan**

# Flanumangark Waves

## Erection of Ashrams in Jalandhar Diocese

In accordance with the Constitution (C-316) and Directory (D-250§ 01) of Little Flower Congregation (CST Fathers) and with due permission from His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Agnelo Ruffino Gracias, Apostolic Administrator, based on the New Contract (Convention) with the Diocese of Jalandhar, which was signed on May 31, 2020 and came into effect on July 03, 2020 the following Ashrams were erected in the Diocese of Jalandhar as Religious House (Ashram) of Khrist Jyoti Province of Little Flower Congregation on the Feast day of St. Therese of Child Jesus:

1. Little Flower Ashram, Fazilka (Established as a Station on 02 April, 1986)
2. Little Flower Ashram, Guruharsahai (Established as a Station on 25 March, 2007)

3. Sacred Heart Ashram, Jalalabad (Established as a Station on 23 June, 1995)
4. St. Joseph's Ashram, Moga (Established as a Station in 1987)
5. Little Flower Ashram, Sikhwal (Established as a Station on 13 March, 1978)

## Erection of Ashrams in Faridabad Diocese

In accordance with the Constitution (C-316) and Directory (D-250§ 01) of Little Flower Congregation (CST Fathers) and with due permission from His Grace Mar. Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, Archbishop of Diocese of Faridabad, through the letter dated August 04, 2020, the following Ashrams were erected in the Eparchy of Faridabad as Religious House (Ashram) of Khrist Jyoti Province of Little Flower Congregation on the Feast day of St. Therese of Child Jesus:

1. Little Flower Ashram, Gidderbaha (Established as a Station on 20 June, 2016)
2. Little Flower Ashram, Kot Shamir (Established as a Station on 29 May, 2018)
3. Little Flower Ashram, Zira (Established as a Station on 22 February, 2012)

### **Remembrance of our Founder**

Very Rev. Fr. Basillius Panat-our beloved Founder was remembered on his 44<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary on October 04, 2020. Rev. Fr. Provincial celebrated Holy Mass on the occasion and specially prayed for the development of the Congregation through the intercession of our founder Fr. Basillius and heavenly patroness St. Therese of Lisieux.

### **Declaration of General Synaxis**

The notification from the Superior General for the General Synaxis 2021 was notified by Fr. Provincial on October 20, 2020. Besides, Unit-wise list of the members of the Province from whom eight representatives to the General Synaxis are to be elected was sent to all the members of the Province. Envelope with the caption: Representatives to the General Synaxis 2021 with the declaration paper and Prayer for the success of the General Synaxis and Explanatory Note on the Logo was also placed before the members.

### **Annual Retreat for Fathers**

In the midst of covid-19 situations we have decided to have our annual retreat in two different sessions. The First Session of Annual Retreat 2020 was organized from 03-06 November, 2020. Similarly, second batch was conducted from 10-13 November, 2020. Around 50 fathers participated for the annual retreat.

Both the sessions were guided by Rev. Fr. Mathew Palachuvattil from Jalandhar Diocese. The retreat was based on Theresian Spirituality. This retreat was very effective and helped our fathers to introspect and get more insight in Theresian spirituality.

### **With the Memories of our loving Felixachan**

The death anniversary of Late Rev. Fr. Felix Nellikunnath (November 13) was commemorated in a befitting manner in the Provincial House. Fathers and sisters took part in the Holy Mass celebrated for the departed soul. It was a day to remember the unfading memories of Fr. Felix Nellikunnath and to thank the Lord for all the graces He had showered upon us and our Congregation through him.

### **Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee celebration**

The Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee celebration of Rev. Fr. John Kudilil {Ordination December 17, 1970} and Fr. John Mundackal {Ordination December 22, 1970} was solemnly celebrated on November 14, 2020 at Provincial House. Almost 40 priests and some sisters from Punjab and Rajasthan took part in the celebration. A solemn celebration of Holy mass by Fr. John Kudilil which was concelebrated by Fr. provincial and Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal in which we thanked God almighty for giving us these two zealous missionary priests. Fr. Mathew Kumpuckal preached the homily. A felicitation ceremony was also organized in which Fr. Provincial, Fr. Sunny Charakunath and Fr. Mathew Palachuvattil felicitated and remembered Fr. John Kudilil and offered him gifts as the token of our love, concern and honour.

### **Declaration of Provincial Synaxis**

Notification for the eighth Ordinary Provincial Synaxis 2021 was issued by Fr. Provincial on November 14, 2020 with the consent of the Provincial Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 and approved by the Superior General with the consent of his Council on 21 August 2020 and 12 October 2020. The Eighth Ordinary Provincial Synaxis shall be convoked to elect the Provincial Superior, the Provincial Councillors and the Provincial Auditor for a term of three years. The First Session of the Provincial Synaxis 2021 shall be held at Khrist Jyoti Provincial House, Hanumangarh from Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. The special theme of this Provincial Synaxis is "Called to Live and Proclaim", based on Mk. 3: 13-14, to give new impetus to Evangelization.

### **Monthly Recollection for Brothers**

Monthly Recollection for Brothers' was organized at Little Flower Ashram, Guruharsahai on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020. Rev. Fr. Salj Puravalappil guided the brothers and gave insight on relevant spiritual subjects.

### **Birthday and feast day celebrations**

Birthday of Our loving Provincial was celebrated on 06<sup>th</sup> of December, 2020. We had solemn Eucharist Celebration by Rev Fr. George Alukka along with Fr Deepak Thoomkuzhy. We had a small birthday party in the evening. Along with the birthday celebration we also celebrated the feast day of Fr. Dijo Urulel. Many fathers from Punjab and Rajasthan along with Sisters from By-pass Convent and Junction Convent took part in the function.

### **Blessing of Priest house at Sadiq and Bathinda**

Blessing of temporary Priest house (Residence) at Sadiq station was held on November 23, 2020 by Rev. Fr. Provincial George Alukka. The blessing and inauguration of the Little Flower Station at Bathinda was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 by Rev. Fr. Provincial. Many Fathers from Punjab and Rajasthan graced both the occasions with their prayerful presence. Best wishes and congratulations to Fr. Bibin Naripara and Fr. Tibin Mannusserril.

### **Get well soon fatherji....**

Rev. Fr. George Kulampally went to Kerala for his treatment on November 01, 2020. He is continuing his treatment at Rajagiri hospital, Aluva. We urge you all to keep our loving father in your daily prayers so that Lord Almighty touch him and heal him at the earliest. Get well soon Fatherji.

### **A Bitter experience with corona virus**

Many of our fathers and sisters of different stations were affected by Covid-19 Virus. All Thanks and all Praises to God-our Saviour that they recovered and coming back to their normal life. Heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your prayers and moral support to our loving Fathers and Sisters.

### **Slept in Lord**

Two sisters, one each from Fazilka and Bikaner left for their eternal and heavenly abode. Sr. Georgeena CMC from Fazilka community was called for her eternal reward on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020. Sr. Moad MSA from Bikaner community was called for her eternal reward on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. We remembered and offered holy mass for both the departed souls. Heartfelt Condolences and prayers to both the communities....

## Aluva Tidings

### Sopravivenza 2020-21

We had our annual competitions from October 1st to 3<sup>rd</sup>. We named it as Sopravivenza 2020-21. Since it was during the outbreak of the epidemic we held this according to the rules and regulations of the civil authorities. It was an opportunity for all of us to find and nourish our abilities and talents. The opportunities that we got in this competition spurred ourselves into greater self-fulfillment.

### Feast of St. Therese of Child Jesus

We celebrated the feast of our patroness St. Therese of Child Jesus on 4<sup>th</sup> of October. Due to the impact of covid-19 we did not have the usual festivity attached to the feast. However, we had nine days of Mass, novena, and homilies by different fathers and deacons.

### Marian devotion

On behalf of the nativity of Mary we conducted a ten days of rosary devotion. The entire community was divided into ten groups for conducting the rosary devotion. It was a very beautiful and prayerful days for all of us. All group members used their own creativity to make rosary devotion more colorful, creative, and devotional.

### Sajeevam 2020-21

On 13<sup>th</sup> of October, we celebrated Sajeevam, our Rector's Day. This was also the home day for LFS. Our home day began with holy mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. SajiNellikunnel, our Rector. That day we had a volleyball match among the three batches. As it was celebrated as a home day we had many other community activities and at the evening the first year philosophers presented a beautiful cultural program.



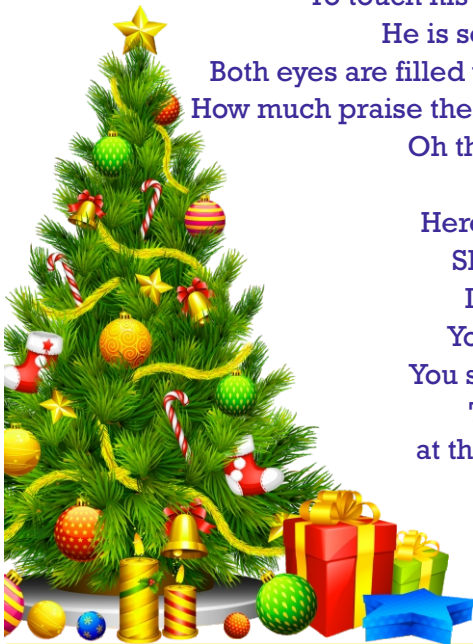
# *The Night of Heavenly Mysteries*

An angel wakes up and sees the night sky  
 Awesome chilled heart total  
 All eyes are on the Happiness  
 The scene where the stars all shown together  
 Moonlight fills the earth with the light of holiness  
 Then the angel looked at the earth  
 Seeing that Nazareth full of festivities  
 The Shepherds's celebration was a total delight  
 The word spread in the heart like a Flower in the angel's pulse.  
 This is the night of the mystery of heaven

A night where even withered flowers sprouted  
 Take a holy human birth in the holy land  
 Holy light shown on that soil  
 What a beauty the colorful flowers fulfill the fragrance  
 And it was a divine gift to the holy family  
 The holy night arrived in the colours of the heavenly stars is the secret in the heart of God?  
 The stars and flowers together have a colourful aroma  
 And this is the night of heavenly mysteries

God came even among the Shepherds  
 To touch his own son's face without even they knowing it  
 He is so eager to attach his baby to that chest  
 Both eyes are filled with tears for God even look at the poor Shepherds  
 How much praise these men give to Child Jesus with a smile on their face.  
 Oh this is the night of heavenly mysteries

Here is the virgin Mary singing to Jesus  
 She saw a twinkle near Child Jesus  
 Looked at it and said to the baby  
 You must fly in whole earth like this  
 You show the light in to the hearts of men  
 This is the word of Mary to Jesus  
 at this heavenly mysteries of Holy night.



## *News from Novitiate*

### **MAN PROPOSES GOD DISPOSES**

As per our plan and time table we were preparing for Theresian retreat. But it was not the will of God was something different. Because of the bad health of Fr. George Alukka CST. We started our second retreat led by Rev.Fr. Varghese Kachapalli from the diocese of Jalander. 26th we concluded our retreat.

### **FESTAL GREETINGS TO ALL**

With so much of enthusiasm and joy we celebrated the Feast day of our Heavenly PATRONESS ST. LILEFLOWER on st October. It was a new experience for us to recall the little way of our Patroness. The presence of Rev Bp. Jose Puthnvettill and sisters and Fathers from our nearby ashrams added more joy and beauty to our day. Bishop inspired each one of us through his wonderful message. We consider it as a God given opportunity to thank the Almighty for the choosiest blessings he is showering upon each on of us.

### **THE LITTLE WAY**

Retreats are quite normal especially in Novitiate but when it is done on our own heavenly patroness, it is something special. Fr. George Alukka gave us Theresian Retreat from November 16th to 21st. it was a great opportunity for us to know more about form our own Patroness and mediate upon he Little way.





### **We are 17 Petals.....**

Little Flower Seminary bloomed again with the presence of twelve brothers from Mudickal. They spend their initial stages of this academic year at Mudickal with the benjamins. Biding adieu to Mudickal Seminary, they reached here in Little Flower Seminary by the end of October. We are now altogether twelve brothers. After completing 21 days of quarantine, the regular classes began. We also welcomed our new regent Br. Tom Alencheril CST to our Seminary with lots of happiness.

### **A Special Born-day.....**

Birthdays are special days. It reminds us of the miracle of Heaven. Our first birthday Celebration in Malout of this year was of Fr. Benny Pulimkalayail CST. We celebrated his birthday on 28<sup>th</sup> October with all happiness and joy. In the morning, he cut the cake, and we wished him greetings and offered him prayers.

### **Thank You, Fr. George!**

Fr. George Kulampilly CST, our spiritual father and the pioneer missionary of our province, left for Kerala for continuing his treatments at the beginning of November. The one year of his presence in Malout was indeed a blessing and boost for our spiritual life. His missionary zeal and enthusiasm took us up. We pray for the success of his treatments and a speedy recovery from the pain and illness. Get well soon Fatherji!

### **A Good Harvesting @ Koliamvali.....**

Harvesting is a time to come together and work together for success. Even though we were a few, we toiled hard in our cotton field at Koliamvali. In Fr. Rector's leadership, we twelve brothers, Fr Bino, and senior brothers went to the field in the morning every day with more enthusiasm. These weeks were indeed the weeks of joy and happiness for us. It gave us a new experience of love and fraternity among us.

## Diwali 2k 20!

Diwali is the day of light, spirit, and hope. The day will fill us with happiness and joy and direct us to good fortune. We also celebrated Diwali 2k 20, the festival of lights, in our Seminary on 14<sup>th</sup> November with all pomp and glory. In the evening, we lited diyas and decorated the Seminary beautifully. We also burst Diwali firecrackers and enjoyed Diwali special sweets after dinner.

## A day @ Kotshamir...

We had a one-day outing on 15<sup>th</sup> November to our near by ashrams. We visited our mission stations at Kotshamir and Gidderbaha, lead by Fr Rector and Fr Bino. Fathers Mathews Moozhayil, Robin Areeparambil and Jinesh Plathottam welcomed us to their ashrams, and we felt the joy of mission life there. We had solemn Holy Mass in the morning at Kotsamir concelebrated by Fr. Mathews, Fr. Rector, and Fr. Bino. In the evening we played football at Giderbha with the Fathers. The day filled us with mission spirit, and the sharing of experiences by fathers really deepened our dreams to become zealous missionaries in the future.

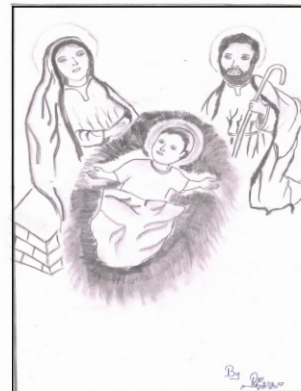
## Winter Days began...

Winter is the time for comfort, warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand, and a talk beside the fire. Fr Bino and Br. Tom distributed the warm clothes and quilts for us for the prevention of these cold days. It is going to be the first experience of winter in north India for second-year brothers. We also prepared our garden well and sowed various flower seeds for beautifying our garden.

Garden masters are working faithfully to make our garden with lots of winter flowers.

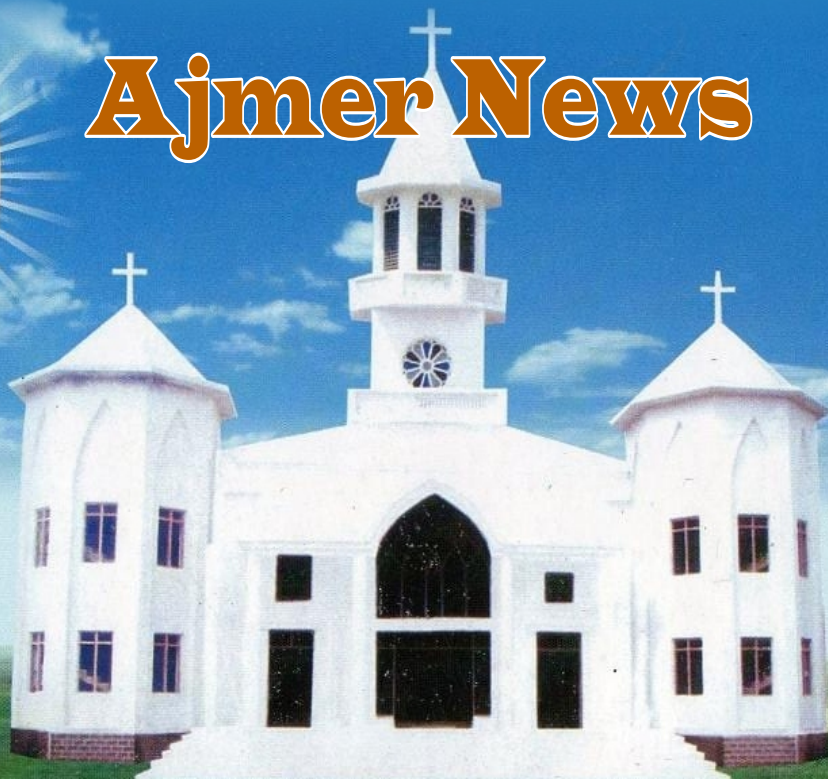
## Christmas is near!

Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day to spend in the warm circle of the holy family of Child Jesus. In preparation for Christmas, Fr Augustine Varakil prepared our hearts and mind spiritually to welcome child Jesus to our hearts through one day recollection. He also told us the significance of making spiritual cribs for Jesus in these 25 days. The one day recollection by Fr Augustine boosted and inspired us to do various things solely for Jesus. We are also preparing for the birth of our Lord spiritually through prayers and sacrifices.





# Ajmer News



## **New Principal for the ITI**

At the retirement of Mr. G.D. Sajnani in the month of October, Mr. Mahender Rawat from Bhawanikhera Parish of the diocese of Ajmer was appointed as the new Principal of Igmenz Industrial Training Centre.

## **Parish Feast**

Due to the covid 19 restrictions we had a simple celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary at Madar Parish. Due to the lockdown of the religious places the feast was postponed to 01 November. The celebrations began with flag hoisting and Novena from 23 October.

On 31 we had chain Rosary and Adoration from morning to evening. On the Feast day Rt. Rev. Dr. Pius Thomas D'Souza celebrated the Holy Mass. The Festal liturgy was telecasted live through Snehsangham YouTube channel.

## **All Souls Day**

The All Souls day was commemorated with the Holy Mass at the grave yard and the blessing.

**KHRISTU JYOTI MISSION BHAVAN**  
**C.S.T FATHERS**  
 MUDICKAL - (PUNJAB - RAJASTHAN PROVINCE)

# Mudickal News

## FROM THE SHORE OF PERIYAR...

### The Feast of our beloved Saint

October 1<sup>st</sup> was a special day for us, on that day we commemorated the great feast of our patroness St. Therese of Lisieux. Evening by 7 o'clock we had our feast day celebration. Fr. Simon OFMCap offered the Holy Mass and gave the homily that how a young girl of 24 years old could inspire the hearts of the millions. Fr. Thomas Anjiluvelli, Fr. Rocky, Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil and Fr. Ouseppachan were also present in our celebration. After the Holy Mass we had small possession flowingly we had sumptuous supper.

### Faster, higher, sharper

We had our annual competition on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a neck to neck fight between Enlighten Warriors and Real Challengers and the Real Challengers became the winner in the competition. The competition taught us what the real spirit of the community life and it helped us to understand the calibre and the capacity each members of the community.

### Bye to the seminary

We went for our semester vacation on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and we met with our near and dear ones and returned back by 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

### Adieu.....Adieu.....

October 18 was a day of tears. Our senior brothers said good bye to the seminary with a thankful mind and crying eyes. We led them to the shore of Punjab.

With a mind full of love and gratitude we said a bye to Fr. Bino and Bro. Tom for their service, love and support.

### The Tabor experience

Every beginning of the month becomes an occasion of God experience. Our monthly recollections were guided by Fr. Alwin Elavumkal and Dn. Justin Vettikeriparambil. They led us to the lap of God. They showed us the real love of God through their experiential words.

### Being with the Mother

The ten days we were at the foot of our mother. We prayed and experienced the love of Mary, we made intercession for the whole world and for the Church. On October 30<sup>th</sup> we had a Solemn Rosary devotion with possession around our seminary. Fr. Alwin Padinjarakuttoffered the Holy Mass and gave the homily about the love and the concern of Mother Mary in our life.

# ***Congratulations & Prayerful Wishes***



**Dn. Ajay Mathew CST (Thomas)**

**Ordination Date : 26th Dec., 2020**

**Motto : Be blessed to be a blessing.**

**Vision : Give without measure.**



**Dn. Justin Vettikkeeruparambil**

**Ordination Date : 27th Dec., 2020**

**Motto : Be who God wants you to be,  
not what others want to see.**

**Vision : Alone with God alone.**



**Dn. Ani (John) Kollamparambil**

**Ordination Date : 28th Dec., 2020**

**Motto : ABIDE IN ME, O LORD. Jn. 15:4.**

**Vision : To follow Jesus Who Went  
About Doing Good.**



**Dn. Brijeesh (Joseph) Urumbil**

**Ordination Date : 30th Dec., 2020**

**Motto : To be with him and to be  
broken.**

**Vision: To be possible amidst  
the disposable.**

# Birthday Greetings

H A P P Y  
B I R T H D A Y

## JANUARY



3rd



7th



12th



13th



13th



18th



19th



21th



22th



22th



31st

## FEBRUARY



2nd



10th



22nd



27th



28th

## MARCH



11th



13th



20th



22th



24th



26th



31st

# Feast Day

3RD JANUARY



20TH JANUARY



19TH MARCH







Blessing of Little Flower Station, Bathinda



Blessing of Little Flower Station, Sadiq



Jubilee of Fr. John Kudilil





# *Congratulation* *Golden Jubilee*



**Fr. George Kulampally CST**