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"FAITH IS A PROCLAMATION NOT A POSSESSION"

The title leads us to refresh the definitions of faith in covid crisis as well as in the moments of faith crisis. Faith needs to be shared, and not to be kept as a possession because the wisdom and knowledge increase by sharing not by saving. The skeptic and reasonable Thomas the apostle sharpens our evangelization plans in new directions according to the spirit of the times. The echo of faith experience 'My Lord.. My God'and the image of holy wounds may awaken the mission adventures in Punjab and Rajasthan mission. Touching the wounds of Jesus teaches us to proclaim faith our emotions and sentiments. Emotions are true experiences and experiences are truths. The wounds of Jesus are visible today in the hungry, thirsty, naked, etc... We can adore God alive in our midst by touching and caressing these wounds." Embracing lepers, Francis of Assisi, Fr. Damien and Mother Theresa touched the wounds of Jesus. Beyond the commercial priorities and primacy of profits, let us ascend to share and shower mercy and dignity in our surroundings of our institutions.

"Faith is a response to the revelation" is the classical definition.



Faith is a response to covid 19 crisis today. Our faith and proclamation need to tread on unexpected and less travelled paths through emotions and reasons with extra altruism. The Lutheren quote, "reason is the handmaid of the devil" challenges our doctrinal faith. Faith without the ingredients of reason and emotions cannot make Christ visible and proclaim faith genuinely. Because they exist essentially together for the search for the Truth. "Let us talk about love, Let us talk about mercy." (Pope Francis). Let us not forget this concern of the Holy Church. The recurring snarky question of the crucified Christ and the suffering humanity is same when our faith is inactive and missionaries are lethargic. "Quo Vadis"?

Fr. Dony Mullakkariyil CST





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One of the distinguishing characteristics of human beings is that we have guest for knowledge. When we are puzzled and challenged, we ask questions. The inability to find the expected answers, we become frustrated and seek to satisfy our curiosity with more queries. Thomas, the apostle of our faith, is often misjudged for his apparent disbelief, but he is worthy of our admiration. He was fearful, doubtful, and depressed that had overwhelmed himself and his fellow disciples in the wake of Jesus crucifixion and burial. He took the daring step of clearing his doubt with a miraculous touch.

Today, touch has a significant role to play during the time of the

pandemic that has a devastating repercussion on the whole of humanity. Touch has a therapeutic dimension which leads to the gesture of healing culminating in the expression of love and care. When someone is in deep sorrow or when we want to congratulate someone, we express it with a touch or with a stroke. However, the pandemic has deprived us of our need and urge to touch the other; and being touched by the other.

The touch carries a positive meaning of sharing and nurturing. Touch always shares and encourages to spread of the givers' emotions. The apostle Thomas earned the trust of the Lord by asking permission to touch the Lord and to be touched. For Thomas,

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Jesus appears to him as a hero who challenges his weakness and powerlessness. Jesus welcomes Thomas to touch, feel, and see that He is the Lord. The miracle happens in a blink of an eye, and he is being enlightened, enthused, and strengthened in his faith.

An introspection would lead us to the self-realisation that we need to touch, feel, and see the wound of the Risen to be re-awakened in our faith and mission. The Feast of Dukharana poses before us a reawakening invitation to touch the wounds of the afflicted and COVID affected. In this pandemic, let the example of our apostle inspire us to reach out to the poor and the needy and to touch them with our lives, leading to the selfrealisation that we are touching the wounds of Christ the wounded and the Risen. Each instance of distancing ourselves from the occasion to touch the wounded, we are detaching ourselves from the possible redemptive works. Let us continue our mission as our Valliachen envisioned during this season of COVID. By touching Jesus, Thomas was able to imbibe strength, faith and hope from the Lord. Let him be our role model to spread the fragrance of Love, Care, Hope and Faith.



Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST Provincial Superior



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Death anniversary of Rev. Fr. Pius Edasseriparambil CST
Death anniversary of Rev. Fr. Abraham Kunnakkattu CST
Death anniversary of Bro. Justin Poonely CST

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KHRIST JYOTI PROVINCE

Stone by stone

Fr. Provincial laid the foundation stone for the new Ashram in Sadiq on 21st April 2021. Fr. Varghese Chittinappilly CST Superior of Ashram, Fr. Bibin Narippara CST and many of the CST fathers were present for the programme. It was a pride moment for the entire Province as the new ashram will be a sign for many more to come.

Duty Calls

Fr. Provincial went to Kerala for partaking in the liturgical ceremonies of Minor Orders, Perpetual Profession, Vestition, Renewal of Vows and First Profession of our brothers of the province. Twenty Four of our brothers renewed their vows on 12th May 2021 at Little Flower Seminary, Aluva. Seven of our brothers received Minor Orders on 27th May 2021 at Little Flower Generalate, Thrikkakara.

With Young Missionaries of the **Province**

The Major Seminary Gathering of our Khrist Jyoti Province was held on 28th May 2021 at Khrist Jyoti Mission Seminary, Mudickal. Fr. Provincial met all the Theologians and Regents personally at Mudickal. Due to the pandemic brothers who are doing philosophy could not partake in the Major seminary meet. So the Provincial met them personally at Little Flower Seminary, Aluva It was a great platform for them to know the Mission works of Province as well as to express and share their feelings and concerns about them and their seminaries.

Here I am Lord

The first profession of the little buds of Little Flower Novitiate Abohar was held at Khrist Jyoti Minor Seminary, Mudickal. Holy ceremony was begun with a solemn procession followed by Holy Eucharist and a ceremonial profession of the Holy vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Rev. Fr. George Aranchery, the Vicar General of CST congregation, Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil the Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti province, and Novice Master Fr. Varghese Poovathumootil were the main celebrants of the ceremony.

Bro. Ashbin Nellickal from Khrist Jyothi province, Bros. Aron Kolamkuzhailyil, Jerin Paradiyil, Nirnnay Pulickal and Joyal Vattukunnel from Little Flower province were professed and promised their life for Christ our master on 17thMay 2021.

Death anniversary of Fr. Varghese Koikara CST

We commemorated the 13th death anniversary of Fr. Varghese Koikara CST on 3rd June 2021 at Khrist Jyoti Provincial House, Hanumangarh. On this occasion, the requiem mass was held at the Provincial house. Many Fathers and sisters from nearby convent joined for the requiem Mass.

It's time for Google Meet

As we are in an unpredictable situation of the pandemic we had our Monthly recollections on the virtual platform. The monthly recollection was held on 27th April 2021. Rev. Fr. Justin Vettikeeruparambil was the preacher.

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After the orientation talk, we had the Priests' gathering in which Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST the Superior General of our Congregation addressed the meeting.

To rejuvenate our lives another monthly recollection in the online platform was held on 10th June 2021. Rev. Fr. Ajay Narippara CST was the preacher. The recollection was refreshing and shed lights in the hearts of the Fathers in finding the divine imprints of Jesus amidst the pandemic. We had different meetings in the online of Social work department, Jyoti Media (Media wing), Arts wing, Singers of the province, Minor Seminary formators and vocation promoters and Parish Priest. Asst. Parish Priests and station in- charges of Khrist Jyoti Province working in Punjab and Rajasthan .Fr. Provincial addressed them all and discussed the new possibilities of Ministry.

Memoir on Fr. George Kulampally CST

Good memories never fade away if someone is so special to us. On 27th April a memoir is published in Punjabi on our dear Fr. George Kulampally CST. Thank you so much to the editorial team Fr. Shan Alackaprambil CST, Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly CST, Fr. George Alukka CST and Fr. Jidhin Kurisinkal CST for the untiring effort they put into the completion of the memoir.

Diakonia: Service among Others

Bro Sagil Nadakunnel CST received the order of diaconate on 27th May 2021 at Little Flower Generalate, Thrikkakara.MarSebastianVasniyapurackal the Curia Bishop conferred diaconate upon him.

Bro. Stephen Swaranjeet CST received the order Diaconate on 3rd June 2021at Little Flower Novitiate House, Abohar. Bishop Agnello Gracias the Apostolic Administrator of Jalandhar Diocese conferred the order of Diaconate upon him. Many of our CST Priests were present for the liturgical ceremony.

Happy... Happy...Jubilee....Silver Jubilee...

We celebrated the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Antony Anmura CST on 17th June 2021 in the virtual platform. As we cannot connect physically the virtual meet helped us to shorten the distance. Rev. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil CST the Superior General of our Congregation, Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST our Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. John Kapiyarumalayil CST the General Councillor, selected fathers from the congregation and relatives of Fr. Antony Anumara wished him the greeting of the day and thanked him for being a good member of community, formator, friend, brother etc... A special jubilee song was sung by Jyoti Media. It was an hour of great blessing and joy to thank the Lord for all the blessings we had received through him. Special hats off to all who worked behind the programme successful, especially to Fr. Roji Narithookkil CST, Fr. Sinoj Ambalathotty CST and Fr. Jinesh Plathottathil CST.

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Fables from Social Department during COVID 19

Envisaged by the motto "Be little and Serve the Little" under the capable leadership Fr. Salj Puravalappil CST the Secretary of Social Work Department of Khrist Jyoti Province and in collaboration with the state government of Punjabwe are in the field reaching our hands to the needy ones by helping them during this COVID 19 with PPE Kits, N95 Masks. sanitizers and food kits. So far we could reach out 1200 families and it continues. The sparkling joy in the eyes of the people gives a boost to our social work department to render more help to the needy.

Passed the Baton

Three of the oldest mission stations in Punjab, Abohar, Bhagsar and Mamdot stations, were handed over to the Jalandhar dioceses definitively in the month of June 2021. We are really indebted to Fr. Jidhin Kurisinkal CST, Fr. Augustine Varakil CST, Fr. Bijo Kalayakattil CST and former parish priests for the commendable service in developing the parishes of Abohar, Bhagsar and Mamdot Mission Stations. Intimations

Monthly recollection will be held at

Khrist Jyoti Provincial House on 14^{th} and 15^{th} July 2021.

- The second session of The VIIIth Provincial Synaxis will be held at Khrist Jyoti Provincial house from 26th to 30th July 2021.
- Bro. Sanal Thotamatatm CST and Bro. Ashibin Madan CST of our province who completed Firstyear philosophy at Little Flower Seminary, Aluva left the Congregation on self-accord.

Two golden feathers of CST Congregation Rev. Fr. Ebin Kuzhimullil CST of St. Joseph Province and Rev. Fr. Benny Koonoran CST of Little Flower Province have passed away on 11th May and 21st May 2021. They were young and vibrant missionary priests, who were in the short span of their priestly ministry. They made a great impact on the people they met and in the place they served. Rev. Fr. Saju kuthodiputhenpurayil CST the Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti Province has participated in the funeral services of Rev. Fr. Ebin Kuzhimullil CST conducted at Basil Bhavan Mooknoor, on 14th May 2021. We express our heartfelt condolence and praying for the repose of the souls.

Fr. Augustin Varakil CST	Superior of Little Flower Ashram, Guruharsahai
Fr. Bijo Kalayakattil CST	Superior of Little Flower Ashram, Ramamandi
Fr.Tom Padinjareyil CST	Procurator of Little Flower Ashram,Bursar of Sacred Heart Convent School,Fazilka
Fr. Jidhin Kurisinkal CST	Relieved for Faridabad Diocese, Priest in charge of Sacred Heart Mission
	Station Gangasar Jaitu, Punjab. Residence at Jaitu.
Fr. Dijo Urulel CST	Relived for Pastoral Ministry in Scotland, Member of Khrist Jyoti Mission Bhavan, Mudickal
Fr. Ajeesh Pareeckal CST	Relived for German Language studies, Member of Little Flower Ashram, Bikaner

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Bon voyage

A farewell party was organised for Fr. George Alukka CST, Fr. Deepak Thoomkuzhy CST, Fr. Mathew Neeriankal CST and Fr. Sandeep Thekkel CST on 9th April 2021. It was a moment of joy and sadness. Fr. Provincial remembered their contributions towards the Province. He thanked each one of them for their wholehearted service to the Hanumangarh community and wished them all the best for their new endeavours.

Hearty Welcome

April was so special for Jyoti Niwas that the Ashram welcomed new members. Fr. Shan Alackaparambil CST took charge as the Director of the Missiological Centre and the Manager of the Little Flower Convent School, Hanumangarh, Fr. Benny Pulimkalayil CST as the Principle, Little Flower Convent School and Fr. Brijeesh Urumbil CST as the Secretary to Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil the Provincial Superior and Procurator of Jyoti Niwas Ashram, Hanumangarh.

Let's Celebrate

We celebrated the Ordination days of Fr. Shijo Palakuzha CST and Fr. Shan Alackaparambil CST in the community on 6th and 8thMay 2021 respectively. On 13th May we celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Shijo Palakuzha CST with much joy and happiness. Wish you all the returns of the day dear celebrants.

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Memories never die...

We commemorated the 13th death anniversary of Fr. Varghese Koikara CST on 3rd June 2021 at Khrist Jyoti Provincial House, Hanumangarh. On this occasion, the requiem mass was held at the Provincial house. Fr. Shijo Palakuzha CST was the Main Celebrant and Fr. Benny Pulimkalayil shared his memories on late Rev. Fr. Varghese Koikara CST. After the Holy Mass, Office for the dead was held at his tomb. Fr. Abraham Poonolil CST and sisters from nearby convent joined for the requiem Mass.





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Annual Vacation

Philosophers from Little Flower Seminary, Aluva, reached their own province on 13th of March for the annual vacation. Third year philosophers completed their course on 17th March. After two weeks of vacation at Mudickal mission house brothers left for their homes before the Holy Week and returned to the province after three weeks of home vacation. The Garden arrangements, cultivation in Anikkad, and fishing at Periyar river were the vacation entertainments. The vocation promotion endeavours were enthusiastically carried out under the guidance of Fr. Shibin Thachoor and Fr. Shibin Kocheelath. Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil the Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyothi Province met all the brothers and considered their opinions and suggestions and motivated

them for vocation promotion. Brothers reached at the Major Seminary for the Annual Retreat on 3rd May. Due to Lockdown brothers stayed at the seminary for the rest of their vacation. Annual vacation got over by 28th May. Thanks to Dear Fr. Alvin Elavumkal and team for the support, guidance and care throughout our vacation.

I Am Ready for You

We, the philosophy students of Little Flower Major Seminary, had our annual retreat from 6th to 11th of May. The retreat was preached by Rev. Fr. Boby Jose Kattikad. It was an eye opening as well as an inspiring retreat. We were all led to the glory of the transfigured Lord Jesus in the mount of Tabore. The retreat helped all of us to prepare well for the renewal of our vows. On 11th May all brothers renewed their vows. Rev. Fr.

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Saji Nellikunnel, the Rector of Little Flower Major Seminary was delegated by Very Rev. Fr. Superior General to receive our vows. Days of retreat was really a graceful occasion for all of us.

Schola Brevis

On 5^{th} June, 2021 we had our Schola Brevis, the official inauguration of the academic year. In the absence of Very Rev. Fr. Superior General, Rev. Fr. Tomy Alumkalkarot CST the President of LIPAR celebrated Holy Qurbana. We had our ceremony in the Emmanuel Arackathottam Auditorium at 11.00 clock. Very Rev. Fr. Superior General and all the Provincial Superiors attended the function through online. Very Rev. Dr. Fr. JojoVarakukalayil the Superior General of CST Congregation inaugurated the academic year. And he welcomed all the new staff members to LFS community. The *Lectio brevis* was given by Rev. Fr. Rogi Narithookil CST on the topic "Charity takes Precedence over Truth: Re-engaging religion in Post-modernity". Rev. Fr. Provincials enriched all of us through their valuable words through online. We started regular classes in the institution

from 7th of may onwards.

Beniamino 2k21

 10^{th} of June was the day of Benjamin's. This year 25 brothers have entered seminary for their philosophy course.18 brothers from CST Congregation, 2 brothers from Trivandrum Malankara Arch diocese, 2 brothers from Idukki diocese. 2 brothers from Faridabad diocese and one from CSSR congregation. Bro. Ashbin Nellickal from Khristu Jyothi province has started seeking wisdom in philosophy. On this day which was named as **BENIAMINO** 2k21the whole LFS community wholeheartedly welcomed all the new comers along with the new staff members of the seminary. It was a day of delight. Solemn Holy Mass was celebrated in the morning by the newly appointed staff members of the seminary. The rest of the day was spent in playing funny games and other activities. In the evening common gathering was organized in which all newcomers, including staff members, introduced themselves. The entire day was organized by the 2^{nd} year philosophers.

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NEW SOURCES OF POWER STATION

The new batch of 4 brothers from K.J Province arrived here on 9th May 2021. They are in the first steps of God experience. Retreat and classes are being started. Welcome dear brothers.

JOURNEY TO THE LIFE OF PRAYER

On 16th May 4 of our brothers officially entered into novitiate. Fr. Ass. Novice Master and other Fathers welcomed them. All prayers and wishes to you dear brothers.

I SURRENDER ALL

5 of our Novices from K.J and L.F batch got professed on 17th May 2021 at Mudikkal seminary. By the grace of the Almighty everything went well. Welcome dear brothers to our Congregation and remember us in your prayers.

FINAL STEP TOWRDS THE ALTER

Bro. Stephen's diaconate was

the first celebration of the new batch. Very Rev. Ret. Bp. AgneloRufino gracias' presence doubled the joy and grace of the ceremony. Fathers and Sisters from nearby stations were present here. Congratulations dear Dn. Stephen.

WE ARE LATE, BUT THE LATEST

The 9 brothers from L.F province arrived here on 11th June, Frs. Tomcy and Aneesh accompanied them. Fr. Master and Binu welcomed them into our community. So we became fully pledged novitiate house with 13 novices.

A JOYWITH TWO FACES

We celebrated the birth day of Fr. Binu and gave farewell to Fr. Jidhin. The solemn Holy Mass offered by Fr. Jidhin. Fathers and Sisters from nearby stations were present here for the celebration. Brothers conducted few programs to add the beauty of the day. By noon Fr. Jidhin said good by to us.

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Neonates of Little Flower

The first profession of the little buds of Little Flower Novitiate Abohar was held at Khrist Jyoti Minor Seminary, Mudickal. Holy ceremony was begun with a solemn procession followed by Holy Eucharist and a ceremonial profession of the Holy vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Rev. Fr George Aranchery, the Vicar General of CST congregation, Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil the Provincial Superior of Khrist Jyoti province, and Novice Master Fr. Varghese Poovathummootil were the main celebrants of the ceremony.

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Towards the Altar of God...

Psalm 73:28 says "for me it is good to be near God' Twelve brothers received their Minor Orders and vestitions as a sign of closing near to the altar of God. Br. Sagil Nadakunnel received Diaconate, Brothers Tinto Kollamparambil, Sajan Naragathottil, Juslin Padinjaremattom, Rince Kalapurackal and Nikhil Valeputhenpurayil received the order of Karoyusa and Heupadioknusa and Br. Alex Mannor received Karoya from His Excellecy

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Mar. Sebastian Vaniyapurackal (Curia Bishop) on 28th May2021. Brothers Joice Muthanattu, Justin Panthalanickal, Arun Chemmanampadat and Tom Alencheril obtained their cassocks and renewed their vows at Little Flower Generalate for the glory of God. Regents and all philosophers renewed their vows at Little Flower Major Seminary Aluva. Congratulations to you dear brothers...

Feast of ST. Anthony of Padua

It was a great joy for our community to celebrate the feast of Fr. Shibin Kochelath CST which was on 13th June. The solemn Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Shibin Kochelath and the community wished him wholeheartedly the blessings and greetings of the day.

Caring hands during Pandemic...

The new covid pandemic caused great damages to our lives and our belief systems. Human beings are trying to keep themselves alive by social distancing, quarantine and lockdown. The infection rates and the death rates are increasing day by day. Fear has wrapped everyone. At this situation our bold regents have taken up the challenge to serve in the covid ward at Sanjo Hospital Perumbavoor. Kudos to their initiative and dedicated work for the people.

<u>A Day for our Major Seminarians...</u>

The Major Seminary Gathering was held on 28th May 2021. Unlike other years we had shortened our programme into a day due to the pandemic. We began the day with a solemn Holy Mass celebrated by Frs. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil the Provincial Superior along with Fr. Varghese Poovathummootil, and Fr. Tiyo Kochukavunpurath. The gathering was officially inaugurated by the Provincial Superior by lighting the lamp along with Frs. John Kapiyarumalayil, the General councillor, Fr. Alwin Elavunkal, the Vice Recor, Sunny Charakunnathu, the member of Mission House, Mudickal and Bro. Jobin Parappally. We had an open section to share our views, thoughts and suggestions. The theologians from different seminaries expressed their CST identity in their seminary and the contributions which they gave to the respective seminaries. Fathers also

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expressed their opinion concerning different matters. In the afternoon we had a friendly volleyball match between regents and the rest of the community. We had a solemn Ramsha in the evening Conducted by Dn. Sagil Nadakunnel, Bros. Tinto Kollamparambil and Sajan Narangathottil. The major seminary gathering for the year 2021-22 came to an end with a film.

Fourteen to Twelve...

New twelve flowers of Christ were uprooted from different parts of Kerala and planted in the Mudickal minor seminary to give more fruits to God and His people. They arrived in our seminary along with their parents with a joyful heart. Fr. Alwin Elavunkal, the Vice Rector welcomed everyone in the chapel by praying for them and offering them and their vocation in to the hands of God. We shall wish and pray together that they may become a blessings in our province in the name of God.

Farewell Dear Fathers

Dear Fr. Shibin Thachoor who served the Mudickal community for the

last four years is now bidding farewell to it. He served here as the vocation promoter, staff of the seminary and priest in charge of Mission Bhavan. We admire and thank the great service he has done to the community, very specially in the field of vocation promotion. We also thank Fr. Sunny Charakkunnathu who was here for the last six months as the member of the house during his sabbatical year. He was very helpful to us in taking classes for seminarians and for the agriculture works at Anikkad.

On 30th of June a great farewell party was arranged to bid farewell to both these beloved fathers. Rev. Fr. Provincial, fathers from Generalate, Aluva Seminary and neighborhood also were present. First year minor seminarians with the help of major seminarians have done a wonderful farewell programme which expressed our love and gratitude to these fathers. We wish and pray that both these fathers may shine again in their priestly ministry with the grace of God.

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Time to come in.....Time to say bye.....

We gave farewell to our former Rector Rev. Fr. Sunny Kurishumottil and our Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Bino on 22nd April 2021. A farewell party was arranged in honour of them. Rev. Fr. Provincial and other fathers attended the farewell gathering. We all had a good time with them. Both the fathers helped us in all aspects of our life. We miss you dear fathers. Thanks for corrections, instructions, love and care. We also gave a heartfelt welcome to our new Rector Rev. Fr. Shibu Varghese and new Vice Rector Fr. Ani Kollamparambil. We hope that we would have fruitful time with them.

Hearty welcome to Little Flower Family.....

ਅਲਵਿਦਾ.....Good Bye.....

Life is full of goodbyes. People move, switch jobs, end relationships, retire, and ultimately leave this world. It's no wonder, then, that people have found many ways to say farewell over the years.

That's why, when it's time to say goodbye in the *present*, it's often helpful to draw on the vast eloquence of the *past*. In times of great change, it can be hard to find the words to express the strong emotions we feel and/or sum up a period of our life that's coming to a close.

So with a sorrowful heart we gave sent off to our senior brothers on 06th may 2021. We had a special prayer session for them followed by the farewell gathering.

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Fr. Rector, Fr. Vice Rector and Fr. Mathew were present for the gatherings. And our senior brothers shared their experiences.

Dear brothers, we wish you all the best as you enter into the novitiate house. We pray that you may experience Love and Mercy of God as you enter into the Novitiate.

Gift of Life

We celebrated the birthday of Fr. Ani Thomas on 12th may 2021. We started the celebration with the Holy Eucharist. We had the b'day celebration in the afternoon.

Wish you a very special birthday and a wonderful year ahead!

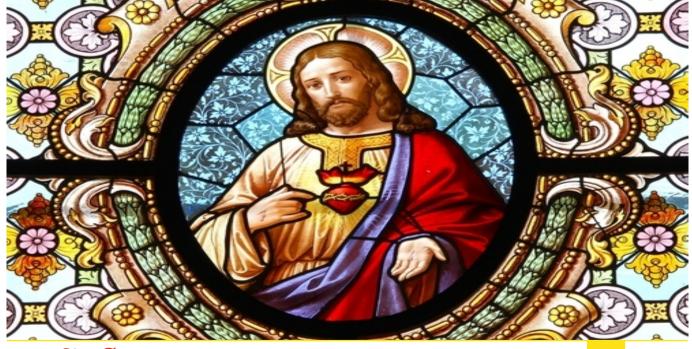
The Feast of SACRED HEART of JESUS

We celebrated the feast of the

most Sacred Heart of JESUS on 11th May 2021. We had the solemn Holy Eucharist in the parish church which is celebrated by Fr. Mathew and concelebrated by Fr. Shibu, Fr. Mobin and Fr. Ani. We had conducted a special Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in preparation to the feast.

PERFECT OK.....

Many of the states and countries are having lockdown due to Covid 19. All schools are closed for a long time ago. And all are having online classes. But the campus of Little Flower Seminary is perfectly ok. We have started our normal 'offline' classes. Fr. Mathew, Fr. Mobin, Fr. Shibu, Fr. Ani and Mr. Jinu are taking classes for us.....We are perfectly ok.....



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Bidding Farwell

The Sacred Heart community with a painful heart bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Sunny Kurissummoottil, the Rector, Manager and Superior of Sacred Heart Ashram, Rev. Benny Pulinkalayil the Principal of Sacred Heart Convent School, Rev. Fr. Anoop Moolan the Parish priest of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Rev Fr. Bino Pariyadan, the Vice Rector. They were transferred to Gidderbaha, Hanumangarh, Sikar and Jalalabad respectively. Fr. Shibu Menacheriy, Fr. Mathew Neeriankal, Fr. Mobin Thazhathedath and Fr. Ani Kollamparambil joined the fellowship of Sacred Heart Community respectively.

Feast of Sacred Heart

Ashram celebrated the feast of Sacred Heart with a Solemn High Mass celebrated in the parish Church by Rev. Fr. Mathew Neeriankal. The fellow priests from close by ashrams were invited for the agape in the following day evening.

Food for Life

The lockdown has paved a way for many families to meet their daily needs with much difficulty. Our province heard the cry of their hunger and fed thousands and one among them was Sacred Heart Catholic Church Malout. Under the able guidance of the social work department the bread winners of our parish were given food kits.

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News

Tidings from Little Flower Ashram, Sikhwala

Showers of Blessings

It was a dream come true for the C.S.C sisters community and for the fathers here as the newly built convent was blessed on 7th April 2021. His Grace, Bishop Agnello Rufino Gracias consecrated the newly built chapel in the presence of Rev. Fr. Saju Koothodiputhenpurayil CST, the Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. George Alukka, former provincial, Fr. Augustine Varakil, the parish priest, Fr. Sunny Kurisummottil, Fr. Shibin Kocheelath and all the fathers and sisters from far and near by stations. Rev. Sr. Wilfy, Vice Provincial of CSC, Gaziabad and many sisters also were present on the occasion. Thanks to formal Provincial and counsellors for this great initiative and to Rev. Sunny Kurisummoottil and Fathers in charge of the station here for successfully actualizing a beautiful convent.





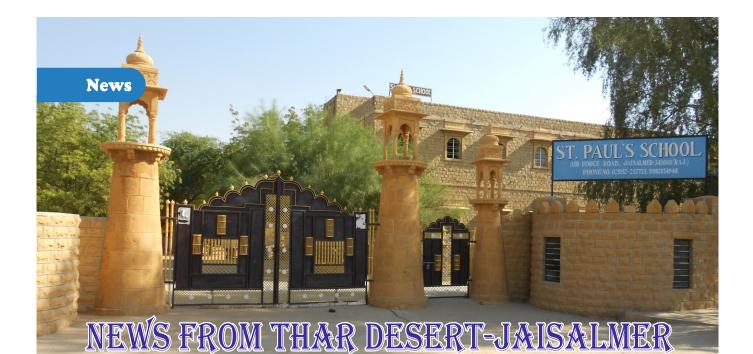
Bye and BestWishes with heartfelt Gratitude

Just even before the mood of celebration over, Fathers who worked strenuously for actualizing the new convent and pillars of Sikhwala Ashram, Rev. Fr. Augustine Varakil and Fr. Shibin Kocheelath started moving to their new abode of service. Rev. Fr. Shibin Kocheelath left to Kerala on8th April and Rev. Fr. Augustine went to Mamdot on 11 April, his new Parish. Thanks a lot for all that you were to Sikhwala Parish and Ashram. May God shower His choicest blessings on you for the selfless service.

Welcome to New Parish Priest

Rev.Fr. Rijo Menachery, New Parish Priest and in charge of the Little Flower Ashram was given a warm welcome by Rev. Fr. Augustine and sisters here. Important documents concerning the Ashram was handed over by Rev. Fr. Augustine and Fr. Shibin Kocheelath in the presence of Rev. Fr. Shijo Palakuzha, the Provincial Econome. Best Wishes.

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CONGRAGULATIONS.....

The Silver jubilee of Sr. Saroj, the principal was celebrated on 14th February 2021. Keeping in mind the Covid-19 pandemic situation, the celebration was more of a spiritual one rather than external pomp and show. Triduum had been arranged for the intentions of Sr. Saroj in thanksgiving to God from 11th February to 13th February. The Silver jubilee Mass had been solemnized by Rev. Fr. Jobins, the parish priest in the presence of community sisters. The day ended on a joyful note with a fraternal outing in the Sam desert.

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR WITH A NEW FACE

St. Pauls School, Jaisalmer commenced the academic year on 5th April, 2021-22 on an advanced note by introducing Microsoft Teams app instead of Google meet for the Online classes. A new App for school has also been introduced for uploading videos, notes and many new features. These have brought access to parents of having teaching data keep safe at their hands. Cyber safety has been the most commendable feature for the staff, parents and students as well.

SAD DEMISE.....

Mr.V. A. Bosco, the one who supported and cooperated to start the new station in Jaisalmer has lost his beloved wife Mrs. Anugrah Rekha Bosco on 23rd April 2021 & the son Mr. Prakash Bosco on 23rd May 2021. This is an irreparable loss for the Church of Jaisalmer as they supported the CST fathers to spread Christianity here, and equal loss for St. Pauls School in the person of Mr. Prakash Bosco who had always had been the pillar of strength to the school management and known for his commitment and dedication. May God grant them eternal reward.

A memorial Holy Mass was offered for the departed souls by Rev. Fr. Joseph Padinjarekutt CST and Rev. Fr. Varghese Poovathumootil CST.

HEARTY WELCOME

St. Pauls station, Jaisalmer welcomed Bro. Dijo for his regency after completing his studies in Philosophy. Best wishes dear brother!

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Appointments and Transfers

Rev. Fr. Sunny Kurisummootil CST officially took charge as the Superior of the Ashram and Manager of the School on 09^{th} April 2021. Rev. Srs. Bretil CSC and Nivedita CSC were transferred to the new mission station on 09^{th} and 12^{th} June 2021. The new community members, Sr. Roswin CSC and Sr. Somi CSC joined the station on 7^{th} and 11th April 2021 respectively.

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was given to seven adults on 04th April 2021, on the day of Easter celebration in Syro-Malabar Rite.

Church Feasts

The feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated in the Parish church on 13th June 2021. Rev. Fr. Shan Alackaparambil CST offered the Holy Mass and Rev. Fr. Sunny K CST concelebrated the Eucharistic Celebration.

Birthdays

The birth days of Frs. Sunny K. CST and Jinesh CST were celebrated on 26^{th} May and 6^{th} June 2021 respectively. The Fathers from nearby stations reached the house to join the celebrations.

Visits of high profiles

Rev. Fr. Saju Kuthodiputhenpurayil CST, the Provincial visited the station on 18^{th} June 2021and Rev. Sr. Philomine CSC, the Provincial Superior of CSC Congregation, Santhome Province too visited the station on 4^{th} June 2021.

Summer Holidays

The school was closed for summer vacation from 29^{th} May to June 30th 2021. The students were given the revision work and date sheets for the first terminal exam which will begin on 1^{st} July2021.

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KOT SHAMIR Recollection

First monthly recollection of syromalabar diocese in our ashram was led by Bishop Jose Puthenveetil and it was held on 13/03/2021. Around 25 fathers and 15 sisters were present.

ZIRA

05 April - Transfer of Fr.Bibin to Danewala. 02 May - Fr. Cyriacjoined Zira Ashram for Sabatical Year.

04 June - Feast of Fr. Antony is being celebrated with all Ashram members and Frs. Alukka, Silvinose, Noble, and Akhil and Sisters from Kot Ise Khan joined in celebration.

17June - Birthday of Fr. Cyriac is being celebrated in Kot Ise Khan and Frs. Alukka, Silvinose, Noble and Akhil participated in the function.

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HolyWeek

This year the good lord had blessed us to participate in the paschal mysteries of the Lord during the Holy Week. This time the faithful availed themselves in all the programs with active participation. On Good Friday with the permission of the civil authorities we organized the way of the cross procession from Bagdadi Gate to Achewala Church. On Easter Sunday we gave First Holy Communion to 17 faithful.

Welcome Fr. Akhil

On 13th April Rev.Fr. Akhil Thattaparambil came here as the member of the community to look after the Hasthiwala Parish of Faridabad Diocese. He came all the way from Jhunjhunu with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Pandemic time and Pastrol activities

Keeping the protocols of the pandemic time we could finish the easter blessing.We did not completely close down the church, but we had daily mass and Sunday mass at 6.am for the faithfuls. The people found time to come to the church at any time.

We thank the provincial team and social work department specially to Rev.Fr.Salj Puravalappil for giving food kits to the needy people of the parish.

Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

It was celebrated on 13th June at Tankanwala Basti church, the substation of St. Thomas Church Firozpur city with great devotion and piety to this great saint.

Farewell to Fr. Shan from Lourd MathachurchHasthiwala

The parish of Lourd Matha, Hastiwala gave a heartfelt farewell for Rev. Fr. Shan Alackaparambil to Hanumangarh as the new Director of Missiological Centre. So prayerful wishes dear Rev. Fr.Shan.

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Jhunjhunu Tidings

Little Flower Ashram



Farewells and welcomes

News

Fr. Thomas Njanackal and Fr. Akhil were given send off on 7th April from the School and 11th April from the Parish. Fr. Sinoj Ambalathottiyil was introduced to the School on 7th April and officially welcomed to the parish on 11th April and on the same day in the presence of Rev. Fr. Provincial the official transfer was done. 28th March Sunday, Fr. Sinoj was introduced to Khetri Nagar and Pilani and Fr. Thomas and Fr. Akhil were given send off.



Holy week

Holy week programs were done normally keeping all the covid protocols. Almost all the faithful of Jhunjhunu parish have attended the Holy week ceremonies.

The Important Day

11th April was an important day for the parish. 5 children and youth received Holy communion; the Silver Jubilee of Rev. Sr. Merin FCC was celebrated; Fr. Thomas and Fr. Akhil were given Send off and Fr. Sinoj was welcomed. Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior presided over the Holy mass and other programs thereafter.







Young Photographers

The students staying inside the Campus of Little flower school were given classes on photography.

Vacation program

During the holidays the members of the Jhunjhunu community, came together and made the sandy play ground into a grassy playground.







- Fr. Bibin Edappllymadathil joined the Holy Cross Ashram, as the Assistant Parish Priest, Principal of Holy Cross Sen. Sec. School of Dhanewala.
- Fr. Rijo Transferred to Sikhwala as a Parish Priest and Manager of the School.
- Fr. Thomas Anjilvely our new Superior came to Holy Cross Ashram.
- Our New Superior took the Charge of Parish Priest, Manager of the Holy Cross Sen. Sec. School, Dhanewala in the presence of Provincial councilor Fr. Salj Puravalappul.
- Ashram members gathered here to celebrate the birthday of Fr. Bibin Edappllymadathil.
- Rev. Fr. Provincial made a short visit in our Ashram.
- Fr. Ajeesh transferred to Bikaner after the 6 yeras of his service in our Ashram. We
 wish him all the blessings in his future ministry.



Fr. Bijo came to Bhagsar and took charge as parish priest on 14th April 2021. Fr Agustin and a good number of faithful came to Bhagsar to drop Fr. Bijo.

18th April Sunday we officially welcomed Fr. Bijo and gave send off to Fr. Noble before the faithful. And on 19th April we went to drop Fr. Noble together with Bhagsar Parish Community.

On the feast day of mother Mary new grotto was blessed by Fr. Michel Ani Episcopal Vicar of Malwa Region. As we are completely giving up the station we beautified and made necessary maintenance work in the station. 13th May Fr. Bijo got sent off from the parish.

And on 18th June new parish priest came here and in the presence of Fr. Micheal Ani (Episcopal Vicar of Malwa Region) and Fr. Vincent Chittinapilly CST (Vicar Provincial of Khrist Jyoti Province) handed over the station to new Parish Priest Fr. Agnes Polisety CMF. Fr. Michael appreciated the hard work and toil CST priests done in the station during last 40 years.

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IMMACULATE MISSION HOSPITAL SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB

Farewell to Fr. Sandeep Thomas CST

News

Fr. Sandeep, who was the director of the hospital for last four years, stepped down as the director of the hospital since he got another appointment as the principal of Bikaner Boys School, Bikaner. On 6th April 2021, a small farewell party was arranged in hospital by keeping all protocol and lockdown rules of the government due to Covid 19 pandemic. A big thanks to Fr. Sandeep for all your hard work and development that you have brought for the wellbeing and progress of the hospital.



New Director for the Hospital

Fr. Deepak Thoomkuzhy CST is appointed as the new Director of Immaculate Mission Hospital. On 6th April 2021, Fr. Deepak took charge as new Director of Hospital. The former Director of the Hospital, Fr. Sandeep welcomed the New Director. There was a small welcome party and an interactive session with the doctors and other staffs of the Hospital in the presence of former Director. The gathering was conducted by respecting all Covid protocol and lockdown rules.

Covid vaccination for all our staff in hospital

As we know vaccination is one of the preventive methods which help us to be away from the risk of getting corona virus. Health workers are always at risk since they mingle with the patients. So all our medical and

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non-medical staffs got vaccinated. All our medical and non-medical staffs were registered in the respective authority in civil hospital Muktsar and they got vaccination in time. Many of our fathers from nearby houses also got vaccination from Civil Hospital Muktsar.

Farewell to Mr. Tigi Thomas

Mr Tigi Thomas served our hospital as the administrator of the hospital for last three years. Now he is stepping down as the administrator of the hospital for his further career development. On 20th May 2021, a farewell program was arranged in the hospital with respect to all the Covid protocol and lockdown rules. Thank you very much Mr Tigi Thomas for all your efforts and contributions that you have done for our hospital.



Ayushman Bharat Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana

Ayushman Bharat Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana is a Punjab government health insurance scheme that aims to provide free access to healthcare for low income earners in the state. Eligible people can register their names under the scheme and can claim the service during their treatment. The scheme will ensure cashless medical treatment benefit of upto 5 lakhs for 1396 different ailments. Our hospital also applied for the same and and it was implemented in our hospital by March 2021. Now the hospital can register people under this scheme and provide service under the same. It's a benefit for the poor who need better and cash less treatment and service. Those who do not have the Ayushman Bharat card can approach hospital office and we can apply for the card for those who hold Below Poverty Level ration cards. Now around 25 Ayushman Bharat cards were newly provided to the beneficiaries and some are getting treatment under this scheme in our Hospital.



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Bid Farewel

Muktsar Ashram is renewed with its new members and said farewell to old ones on 16th April 2021. Fr. Mathew Kumpackal has got transfer to Jaitho as Vicar general of the Faridabad Diocese after completing Four years of Service to Little Flower Parish and Little Flower Convent Sen. Sec. School at Sri Muktsar Sahib. there by Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly took Manager ship of Little Flower Convent School and Partish Priest of the church. Fr. Siril Pothen is joined the community by taking the new responsibilities as Assistant parish Priest and Assistant Manager of Little Flower Convent School.

Feast Day Celebration

We celebrated the feast of Frs. Deepak and Melbin who all bear the name of St.George on 24^{th} April 2021. St.George

was one of the greatest saints who bear the patronage of agricultural workers, Farmers, Archers, Cavalry etc.



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We were also blessed to have such personalities in the form of Frs. Deepak and Melbin. So, on this Occasion we gathered together For Holy mass and followed by Agape.

Super Singer Season 2

The long wait was over when the gifts for the winners of Super Singer Season 2 was given away at Little Flower Catholic Church, Sri Muktsar Sahib on 13th June 2021. Mr. Deepak from Guruharsahai, Ms. Liza John from Fazilka and Ms. Delna Mathew from Sri Muktsar Sahib respectively won first, second and third positions in the competition where hundreds of singers participated from different parts of the world under the banner of Jyoti Media. Fr. Bruno Pazhooparambil the pioneer missionary of our Mission gave away the Prizes and the cheques in the presence of Fr. Vincent Chittinappilly the Vicar Provincial. Congratulations to the Winners and the Jyoti Media Team for the great success of the Competition.



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The Little Flower Community, Churu, accompanied Fr Jijo to Sikar on his way to assume responsibility as the Manager of St Marys School on 11th April 2021. A warm welcome was given to him by the Sikar Community.

Rev Fr. John Kudilil arrived in the Little Flower Station on 6^{th} of May. A cordial welcome was given to Fr John by the LFS Campus.

We celebrated environment day in our campus in an evocative manner. All the inmates of the campus planted a tree each on that day. Rev Fr John inaugurated the ceremony with an inspiring message. It was a beautiful experience for all of us which urges us to keep our campus green and fresh.

The distribution of the Jeevan Jyoti food kit organized by our social work department was also another treasured event for the LF station.

The academic year was resumed on 21 of June in our school. We also thank all our dear Fathers who found time to visit our Little Flower Station Churu. In a special way we thank Rev Fr Provincial, Fr. Vincent, Fr. Shijo, Fr. Thomas, Fr. Sebastian, Fr Sandeep, Fr. Jijo Fr. Mathew and Fr. Siril.



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News from St. Joseph Ashram Moga

Reception to the New Shepherds

News

The St. Joseph family witnessed the great coming and going of eminent models as a memorable experience for everyone. It was gathered together on 10th April to welcome the new Manager Fr. George Alukka and the Bursar Fr. Noble Vattakkunnel. The whole teaching and non-teaching staff of the school were present for witnessing this juncture. The fathers in their meaningful opening address conveyed their support and visions regarding the school and their dream to see it with flying colours as the result of unity and great efforts. On 4th May the St. Joseph Family accorded a warm welcome to the new principal Sr. Jenzy SD. She assured the august gathering that she would carry forward all the unfinished tasks of the former principal with the same vigour and zest displayed in abundance by her predecessor.

Bidding Farewell to the Great Missionaries

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL MOGA

The day was mellow but the air rich as an emotional farewell was also organized on to give send off to Fr. Sunny Cheruthanickal the former Manager and Fr. Ajay Narippara on 10th April followed by tea party. The renowned endeavours of Fr. Sunny Cheruthnickal and Fr. Ajay were remembered and appreciated. The St. Joseph family recounted the myriad contributions made during their stay and how they touched the many lives they intended to mould. The ensemble group of teachers created a perfect ambiance with a befitting musical tribute to their revered patrons. The St. Joseph Family thanked the fathers for their graciousness and re-lived the many significant moments that spoke highly of their well-intended works which always aimed at inspiring the

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students they mentored. Frs. Sunny and Ajay are transferred to Faridkot and Ajmeer respectively. The send-off programme for Sr. Reema SD the former Principal was arranged on 4th May. The heartfelt gratitude for her strenuous efforts was expressed by the Management and the staff. They all wished her a blissful journey ahead with plentiful accomplishments and unparalleled success.

From the Vineyard of the Lord

A warm welcome was arranged for Fr. George as the new Parish Priest and Fr. Noble as the Assistant Parish Priest of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Moga on 11th April. The occasion was also used for giving a befitting send off to its former shepherd Fr. Sunny Chruthanickal who served the House of God and his people for the past years and also Fr. Ajay who was there for a few months in the Parish. The Parishioners expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the fathers for being a tremendous blessing to the People of God.

Food for Life – A Moga Version

With contributions pouring in to help the poor in the crisis during Covid – 19 lockdowns a humble attempt was also done by St. Joseph family to provide food kits to the needy and affected families. The school and the staff came together to care and provide for the poor by contributing for the cause with necessary things. The Management take this opportunity to thank the school staff for their kind gesture and big support for this noble cause which is being continued as per the demand of the time.



Fr. Bijo Kalayakkattil CST took charge as new Ashram Superior from Fr. Tom CST in the presence of Fr. Vincent Chittinapilly CST (Vicar Provincial) on 19th June 2021.Muktsar Ashram members came to drop Fr. Bijo.

Fr. Robin, Mobin and Bijo went to drop Fr. Tom to Fazilka Ashram on 20th june 2021. Fr. Sebastian Areeparambil CST together with faithful gave a Warm welcome to Fr. Tom.

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We wholeheartedly thank Fr Tiyo for his wonderful service in Ajmer Station. Congratulations and prayerful wishes for your new endeavour as the General Auditor.

We also thank Fr Justin for being here as a deacon and after ordination till 24th of April doing the ministry so well. Fr Justin took charge in Sri Ganganagar Station as assistant parish priest. ✤ We also celebrated the silver jubilee of Fr Saju's religious profession in a simple way.

 We are actively in touch with the parishioners for their spiritual nourishments though regular Holy Mass has not yet started.

 Holy Mass is offered in the church for the religious communities everyday.

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'It is not a bye..., It's a see you later'

5/4/2021: With nine years of acheivements and rich moments, Rev. Fr. Shibu the most revered principal in the history of BBS Bikaner shifted his mission from Rajasthan to Punjab Malout as Rector and Manger. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kalappurackal the Manager and all-rounder at Bikaner mission also got transfer to our new mission venture at Sujangarh. All the best dear fathers.

10/6/2021: Rev. Sisters from three of our religious communities got transfers to different states for new mission. We very specially thank Rev. sisters, Greety CSC, Neha CSC, Siji CSC, the primary, KG & Nal mission incharges for their relentless services extended to BBS. we also appreciate and are grateful to Srs. Seema & Sunita MSA, Srs. Santi, Salesia & Norbina SD for their prayers and support to the Bikaner mission.

Warm Reception

5/4/2021: Rev. Fr. Tomas Njanackal the New Manager and Rev. Fr. Sandeep Thekkel the new Principal joined the BBS family giving a new face and dynamism here in Bikaner during lockdown and covid 19 inconveniences. We also welcomed Fr. Ajeesh Pareeckal the new member in the BBS community to pursue his studies and mission.



The new members in our convents: Sr. Rose Mary SD, Sr. Lismy Therese SD, Sr. Bertil CSC, Sr. Anleena CSC, Sr. Jaicy CSC, Sr. Seema VMSA & Sr. Fleurette MSA.

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AFlyingVisit

13/6/2021: His Grace Pius, the Bishop of Ajmer along with four priests, Fr. Ashok Kumar, Fr. Jitin, Fr. Vicky, and Fr. Davidson made an informal short visit at our BBS religious communities. They returned very soon after a friendly talk and a cup of tea.

From the Visitors Diary

6/3/2021:

Rev. Fathes from POC,KCBC secretariat along with the new Provincial Fr. Saju Koothodiputhenpurayil CST

22/3/2021:

Four of our regents of our province along with Fr Deepak.

7/4/2021:

four SABS sisters from Sikar along with Rev.Fr.John Kudilil .

12/4/2021:

CSC sisters from Jalalabad and Sikwala. **17/6/2021:**

We the BBS community concelebrated a requiem Holy Mass for the departed souls of Mr. Bosco family at Jaiselmer.

21/6/2021:

The Danewala religious community came here to see off Fr. Ajeesh Pareeckal.



21/6/2021:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Padinjarekkoottu and Rev. Fr. Varghese Poovathumoottil the Novice master visited us on the way to Jaiselmer.

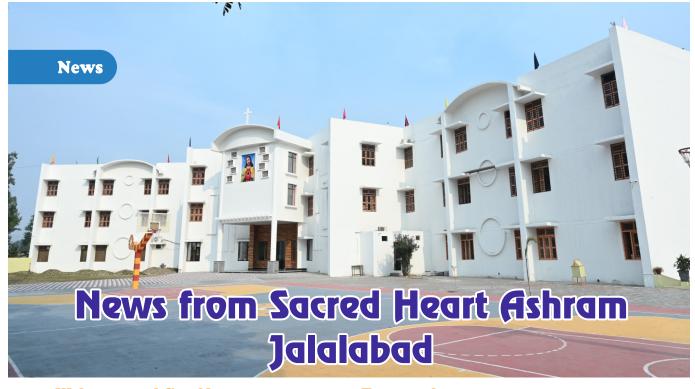
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts: 20; 35)

BBS provided 80 food kits so far as a relief for the needy caring for the poor during the lockdown due to covid 19. It was a realized by a voluntary charity and organized its distribution by the staff and the management with the support and guidance of the province.

We stay safe and blessed with online liturgy and activities in the pastoral and educational ministries.



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Welcome and Good bye

The Jalalabad community is being blessed with many new faces within last month. Fr Sabeenose Alilakuziyil and Fr Bino Pariyadan took their respective charges on 8th April from Fr Shijo Palakuzha and Fr Mobin in the presence of Provincial Superior. Srs Teslin and Seema have already gone to their new mission fields and we have welcomed Srs Ushas and Greta the new members to our community. Special thanks to dear fathers and sisters for all the great services they had been rendering in our community.

Feastmode

13th June was a memorale day for us because on that day we jointly celebrated our parish feast and the feast of Fr Bino. The faithful participated in the five day novena to Sacred Heart in preparation for the feast with utmost devotion. Fr Jinesh Plathottathil celebrated Holy Eucharist and insipred the flock with his homily on the day of celebration. We had a small gathering of priests and sisters from our neighboring communities at noon.

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15/4/21

Rev Fr. Sebastine Ariparambil cst took over the charge as the Manager of Sacred Heart Convent School, Fazilka and as the Parish Priest of Little Flower Catholic Church, Fazilka and as the Superior of the Ashram. Files and documents were signed and hundred over to Fr. Sebastine by Fr. Sabinose in the presence of Fr Salj, the Provincial Representative.

14/4/21

Farewell was given to Fr. Sabhinose by the parishioners.

11/6/21

The Feast of Sacred Heart was celebrated in the Church. 20/6/21

A warm welcome was given Fr. Tom Padinjarayil to the station by Fr. Sebastine Ariparambil, Sisters and Parishners. He took over charge of the station as the Barsar of Sacred Heart Convent School, Asst. Parish Priest and Procurator of the Ashram in the presence of Fr. Shijo Palakuzha the Provincial Econome.

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he Chosen Ones

Dear friends,

The vast spread most popular terminology of the time is-Covid-19. It took only less than one year that everyone around the globe at least once pronounced this pandemic called Covid-19. Great is the influence and after effects which this tiny invincible virus brought about. And of course we admit that it's not the creation of God. If the experimental errors of human beings could bring forth such an impact on the surface of the Earth, how much more glorious and beautiful this Earth would have been if God given talents were properly channelized? My question is, why even after 2000 years the incarnation of the son of God or the person of Jesus is not known to the world or the people around you though having many laborers in his vineyard?

It could be the reason that his chosen ones failed to produce the impacts of his teachings in the society wherever they are. The need for incarnation, the selection of the twelve and the final missionary discourse etc. remind of us the envisaged plan of God on the Earth. The only worshipping place of the Jews was the temple in Jerusalem. But, God the Father was not pleased with the then existing structure of their worship. It might be the reason why Jesus prophesied 'not even a stone would be left' of this marvel that you adorn today. And we saw the gradual decline of their traditional Jewish worship.

The main content and the only focus of Jesus' preaching was 'the Kingdom of God'. This is what he was doing- on the sea shore, in the synagogue, on the mountain, and on the road etc. And for this purpose he collected the twelve, taught them and at the end commanded them, 'to go and proclaim the Good News to the whole World'. And we witness the vibrant followers of Jesus in the first Christian community. They concentrated only on the Word of God.We read in Acts 6:1-4-

"In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their

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widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, **"It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God** in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

Though the members increased and the ministries multiplied, they could sort out the danger hidden in the initial stages itself. They didn't neglect the ministry of the word of God. There are different ministries in the church but the main concern shall not be exchanged with anything especially by the chosen ones. Recently Pope Francis instituted the ministry of Catechist in the Catholic Church realizing the need of the time. Sometimes I feel that the structures which Jesus abolished are being rebuilt by today's chosen ones in different formats in the form of institutions and managements where the ministry of the Word is sidelined. I think we need to have the attitude of Nicodemus who felt something attractive in the person of Jesus and willingly approached him. He was ready to come out of the structures that he was chained.

Dear friends, the work of Christ must be continued till the end of times. The places wherever the gospel was preached would become the part of the kingdom of God. But it's very sad that it has not reached everywhere. And we are called to follow where he stopped or what he showed us to do. The main and only concern of a chosen one is to have the living presence of God in his life and make it alive in the places wherever he is. And we know that the disciples also taught only about the kingdom of God. Do we have this affinity to preach the word of God wherever you go, wherever you are? What is our topic of discussion when a few people gather together?

Jesus lived a life of complete faith in the Father and imparted that faith to his followers. If Abraham is the father of faith, then Jesus is the corner stone of faith in the modern one. Faith in him has led his followers through the centuries to take care for the poor; to comfort the sick; share the Good News around the world etc.

Though the Church has not always properly applied the teachings of Christ, it is also true that no group of people have made a more positive impact on the history of the world than the Church of Christ. The Church transformed the Roman Empire, changed the Europe out of barbarism, and sent Christian civilization to the ends of the earth. History would be drastically different without the acts of God's people in every century. Even today, without compassion, evangelization, humanitarianism, and social works, the Church would be without hope.

Jesus was not just a good man. He was the Son of God sent on a mission to transform the world changing individual lives. Darkness has never stopped the dawn. So we have every reason to fix our eyes on the far horizon. We have every reason to hope that God "will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and

establish" us. Let's not forget that the chosen ones have the responsibility which God has entrusted him with. Fr Shan Joseph CST



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Mission Fateh stands for the resolve of the people of Punjab to halt the spread of the Deadly Corona virus through discipline, cooperation, compassion, Discipline in observing all precautions, cooperation with the state government. At this pandemic time of covid-19, people are struggling hard to fight against the disease. A second wave beginning in March 2021 was much fatal than the first, with shortages of vaccines, hospital beds, oxygen cylinders and other medicines in parts of the country.

In this situation, Social Work Department of our Province under the able leadership of Fr. Salj was ever ready to help the people in collaboration with the state government of Punjab. The program which was first of its kind was the result of several meetings with various ministers, district collectors of Punjab and other government officials. As an initial step collaboration with government of Punjab, we initiated a health kit supply program. The program was to distribute health kits to the primary health centers of various villages of Muktsar district.



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Fr. Robin Areeparambil CST and Fr. Tibin Mannuseril CST voluntarily came forward to initiate the program. To support them, Malout and Giddarbaha schools gave away their vehicles for the transportation of kits to villages. Along with that. Muktsar and Malout schools financially supported the program. Fathers collected the kits from various centers and reached it for distribution among various villages. Also they conducted Covid RTPCR tests in various places with the help and support of doctors from various hospitals. As a first phase, the beneficiaries were from the various inner villages of Muktsar district. Many people are benefitted from these initiatives of fathers and they have done a great job in helping the needy people in this pandemic situation. The program is currently suspended due to lift of lockdown and other restrictions. Further consultations with government officials and other responsible authorities, the program will continue at the time of need.



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Jeevanjyoti : Food for Life

As you all are well aware of the fact that now-a-days situation is getting worst owing to covid-19 Global Pandemic. Government of India and various state governments are struggling to combat with the situation. In Punjab also conditions are not going well. PPE Kits, RT-PCR Testing Facilities, Vaccine, Ventilators, Oxygen, N 95 masks and sanitizers are in huge demand. Lockdown and curfew has forced people in a very awkward condition. In this tough time, we are extending every help from our congregation. This pandemic has not only just led the people to hospitals and graveyards but also many families to starvation. The deprived families who had been frequent visitors to our parishes requesting for necessary things for their daily living inspired us to get into action.

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The parish priests were asked to provide a list of the families who are in grave need of such a help.

The fund was raised with the help of our dear fathers who are working abroad and our fathers themselves packed the kits and reached it to the stations. We are very happy that 'Jeevanjyoti-Food for Life,' Free Food kit Distribution project among our parishnors and corona affected families of our Social work Department was a success. As on today we have distributed a total of 1200 food kits worth ₹ 1000 each among

All our mission stations in Punjab and Rajasthan. Each kit contained 10kg of flour, 2kg sugar, 1ltr mustard oil, chilly powder, daniya powder, tea powder, pickle, masks, sanitizer, etc., We sincerely thank all the fathers especially the fathers working abroad for all their encouragement and financial support, the parish priests who found out the deprived people and distributed the kits to them, Frs Melbin, Bino, Mobin and team for this initiative and their hard work and Mukstar and Gurharsahai community for all the arrangements they offered to execute this initiative.

'Share your food with the hungry.,'(Isaiah 58:7)

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Phase one – Reaching to the needy families @ Ferozpur City and Hastiwala. We could provide kits for **95** families in Ferozpur City and Hastiwala. Thanks to Rev. Fr Silvinose Alilakuzhiyil CST and Fr Akhil Tattaparambil CST, the parish priests and Jeevanjyoti team of Little Flower Charitable Society for such a humanitarian concern.

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Second day of distribution at Ichkamna-06. We could reach out to 85 most needy people of this village and they are extremely grateful to Dr. Ruth, Fathers Michael Chirayath, Roby kU, Gijo Panthackaal and Fr. Bibin Mattathil. We diatributed 2975 kgs of rice and Covid Preventive materials. The distribution programme is supported by Shanti Med Nepal and carried out by Nepal Little Flower Society.

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During this covid pandemic many words which were not familiar to us became more familiar like quarantine, lockdown, social distance, mask etc. Ultimately these are indicated to be alone and be safe. It is the time of self saving by distancing and quarantine, but there are many who work day and night whole heartedly for the goodness of others and we are very much grateful for being part of one among them. It was really a different and wonderful experience. Brothers Abhy, Jobin Sebastian, Jaimy, Albert and myself had the opportunity to to go to Sanjo Hospital to serve in the Covid Ward for twenty three days. Our primary job was to provide food, take vitals (B.P. Temperature, Pulse and Saturation) and RBS. We are also given other works according to the needs.

I had been to hospitals many times but it was my first time as a nurse in the hospital. On the day we reached there we were taught how to do donning and



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doffing by the incharge sister. She explained our task and all the dangers behind it. Wearing a P.P.E kit for six hours was unbearable at the beginning. Once we are in the kit we are restricted to our personal needs like drinking water, toilet purposes etc until we take it off. Hearing all these I felt that I was in a trouble and the six hours would be like six days. Later I took it in a positive



manner that serving the brethren is equal to serving God. Contrary to my thinking the hours went very quickly and it was not that much difficult.

We were also given more opportunities to speak with the patients. They were very much happy to speak with someone as they are alone in a different situation. Covid makes inner sufferings more than physical, many were distressed and afraid of it. Because of depression some have lost the awareness of time and space. They cry and speak loudly as they are alone in the wilderness. It teaches us the importance of 'other' in our lives and without him or her we are no more. There were also people who took it in a positive way as God's plan. I was really overwhelmed by the bystanders of covid patience. Even Though they have no covid they were ready to sacrifice their lives and time for their near and dear ones.

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We were allowed to enter the ICU and there were three patients admitted in that as their condition was critical. One-day morning a woman died. I was just standing near her, praying inside and staring at her. The nurses were trying all the possible ways to keep her alive. When she was taking her last breath I could not understand that she was dying. I believed that she would survive but her fate was different. Indeed, I was shocked when I was called to cover her body with a P.P.E kit. Few seconds I stood still looking at her. Many thoughts were passing through my mind about death and life. Death is not something that we all should fear. One

day I must also face this terrible reality like her. It also points out the fact that how grateful we are to each moment of our lives. The last moments of our lives are so painful but the goodness that we have done to our brethren really melts away it.

Crisis makes us more capable when we overcome it. God has reasons behind everything that takes place in the world and in our lives. Often we find it's negative sides with no time. In this present circumstances let us try and pray for understanding God's reasons. It is not for the destruction but for the goodness of all, remember that God can turn worse into good, dark into light and dead into life.

Bro. Abin Muthukulathil

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- 5. Bro. Juslin Padinjaremattam CST
- 6. Bro. Nikhil Valeputhenpurayil CST

<u>Karoya</u>

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- 8. Bro. Albert Kalloor CST

- 9. Bro. Bibin Moolan CST
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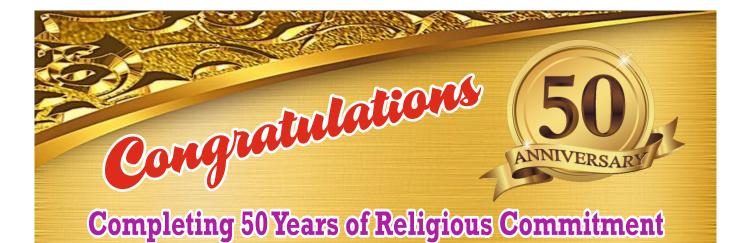
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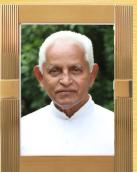
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for Successfully completing the Doctoral Studies









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