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Diocesan Events

A Sacred Milestone in Priestly Ministry



Dear Bishop,

We, the faithful and priests of Kuzhithurai Diocese, extend our warmest greetings to you on the occasion of your priestly ordination anniversary on April 26. May the Risen Lord shower you with abundant blessings during this Jubilee year, and grant you special gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide our Diocese with renewed vision and wisdom.

With prayerful best wishes



The Bishop, along with the Diocesan Curia, met the Nuncio at Muttom Medical College



College Day at Nanjil Catholic College of Arts and Science, Kaliakkavilai



VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD

Dear Fathers,

Easter is the season of hope, a hope that does not waver, a hope that triumphs over darkness. As we celebrate the Resurrection, we are reminded that we are an Easter people, called to carry the light of Christ into a world that so often seems lost in shadows.

The stone at the tomb, the guards standing watch; these were the best efforts of human power to silence Jesus. Yet they failed. The Resurrection is God's way of showing that His plan cannot be stopped. No force; neither death nor despair, neither sin nor suffering can stand in the way of His love. And yet, how often do we feel trapped in our own tombs? The weight of our weaknesses, the burden of our failures, the struggles of ministry. These can make us feel enclosed in darkness. But Easter reminds us that the tomb is not the end. The Risen Christ does not leave us in despair; He calls us out into the light.

We often speak of placing our hope in God, but the deeper truth of Scripture is that God has placed His hope in us. Like the father who never lost faith in his prodigal son, God trusts that we, too, can rise from our failures. He knows that we can move from sin to holiness, from sorrow to joy, from fear to courage. "He is risen!", these words were not just news to the disciples; they were a lifeline. Those who had abandoned Jesus in fear now found a new reason to trust. The Resurrection did not just restore their faith, it restored their identity. They were no longer mere followers; they were now bearers of the greatest mission on earth.

Before ascending to the Father, Jesus left them with this command: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

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teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20) This is not just their mission, it is ours. We are sent to go to the people, to think for them, to live for them, to stand with them, to speak for them. And we do this with the greatest assurance of all: He is risen, and He is with us, always.

In this Jubilee Year, I have invited all our priests to undertake various meaningful charitable works for the hopeless people in their parishes. These initiatives must receive special focus this year. It is my sincere desire that each priest of our diocese visits every house in their parish, not merely as a formality but as a true pastoral encounter. These visits should touch lives, especially those of the needy, the bedridden, the sick, the elderly, and those who live alone. Their needs must be addressed.

During this Lenten season and Holy Week, I urge you to visit the sick, pray for them, and meet their needs. In this Jubilee Year, according to your parish plans, ensure that these people are cared for with the resources available to you. If necessary, create a volunteer team or entrust pious associations to visit and care for them. For instance, for those who are bedridden and lack proper care, initiatives like providing a weekly bath, buying their medicines, or supplying them with essential provisions can make a huge difference. These acts of concrete hope will remind them that they are not alone—the Catholic Church is with them.

I trust that most of our parish priests are already drafting a Jubilee Year plan for their parishes. I look forward to witnessing your action plans soon. Please discuss these plans in your vicariate priests’ meetings so that others may also be inspired and encouraged to implement similar initiatives in their parishes.

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We must actively share our charitable works to inspire others. Use your youth wisely and motivate them to create short videos or reels showcasing the new activities of your Jubilee plan in your parish. If you submit them to our diocesan media house, “Thenaruvi,” they will telecast them on their channel. You can also share your touching stories of hope which you witness in your parish with “Catholic Connect”(A platform run by the CCBI to help Catholics across India stay connected with the Church in meaningful ways).

Let this Easter be a time of renewed commitment to our mission. Let us rise with Christ and bring His light to every place still shrouded in darkness.

A blessed Easter to you all!

**- Most Rev. Albert G.A. Anasthas D.D., S.T.D.,
Bishop of Kuzhithurai.**

Happy Easter
To You All.

**May this joyful season of Easter
fill your heart with renewed hope,
love, and peace.**



Engagements of the Bishop: April 2025

Date	Event	Place	Time
02	College Day, Annai Velankanni College	Tholayavattam	10.00 am
05	Convocation, Nanjil College	Kaliakkavilai	11.00 am
	Holy Mass	Vellarada	04.30 pm
06	Contact Visit & Holy Mass	Manjakonam	09.00 am
07	Paulist Meeting	Vettuvenni	10.00 am
10	Holy Mass for the Auxiliaries of Apostolate	Puliyoorkurichy	07.00 am
11	Finance Committee	Bishop's House	04.00 pm
12	Teaching a class for the LGPDC at Holy Cross College	Kurusadi	09.00 am
13	Palm Sunday Service at cathedral	Thirithuvapuram	07.30 am
	Mass at Ponmalai	Chunkankadaï	04.30 pm
14	Recollection at Cathedral	Thirithuvapuram	02.30 pm
	Chrism Mass at Cathedral	Thirithuvapuram	05.30 pm
17	Maundy Thursday Mass at Cathedral	Thirithuvapuram	06.30 pm
18	Good Friday Service at Cathedral	Thirithuvapuram	03.00 pm
19	Easter Vigil Mass at Cathedral	Thirithuvapuram	10.30 pm
22	Consult	Bishop's House	09.30 am
	Holy Mass & Centenary Celebration	Eathavilai	06.00 pm
23	Marriage Mass	Kappukadu	10.00 am
25	Flag Hoisting & Feast Mass	Kalkurichy	06.30 pm
26	Nirmala Sister's Final Profession	Thundathuvilai	10.30 am
	Catechism Annual Day Function of Puthenkadaï Vicariate	Kulasekharam	03.00 pm
30	Marriage Mass	Vizhunthayampalam	10.00 am
	Flag Hoisting & Confirmation Mass	Valanoor	06.00 pm



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February 22, 2025

அகில உலக பெண்கள் தினம், மார்ச் 08, 2025

அன்பான அருள்பணியாளர்களே, அருள்சகோதரிகளே, இறைமக்களே!

நம் ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் அருளும், கடவுளின் அன்பும், தூய ஆவியாரின் நட்புறவும் உங்களுக்கு உரித்தாகுக!

பெண்கள் படைப்பின் கடவுளோடு இணைந்து குடும்பத்தைக் கட்டிக்காப்பவர்கள், அறவாழ்வை வடிவமைப்பவர்கள், பொதுநலனுக்காக உழைப்பவர்கள், சமூகத்திற்கும் திருஅவைக்கும் புது உரு கொடுக்கும் சிற்பிகளாக திகழ்பவர்கள் என்று நம் திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் அவர்கள் பெண்களைப்பற்றி கூறுகின்றார். பெண்களை புறக்கணித்து ஒரு வீடோ, ஒரு நாடோ முன்னேற முடியாது. பெண்களின் வாழ்வு முன்னேறினால் மட்டும் தான் குடும்பங்கள் மட்டுமல்ல, சமுதாயமே முன்னேறும். பெண்களை சமூக மற்றும் அரசியல் துறைகளில் ஆற்றல் மிக்கவர்களாக மாற்றுவதும், பெண்களின் தலைமைப் பண்புகளை மதித்து, திருஅவையிலும், சமூகத்திலும், சமத்துவத்தை உருவாக்குவதும் தான் நம் தற்போதைய தலையாய கடமையாக இருக்கின்றது.

ஒவ்வொரு வருடமும் மார்ச் 08 ஆம் நாளை அகில உலக பெண்கள் தினமாக நாம் கொண்டாடி வருகின்றோம். இந்த ஆண்டும் “பெண்கள், குழந்தைகள் மீதான வன்முறையை வேரறுப்போம்” என்னும் மையச் சிந்தனையில் “மார்ச் 08” சர்வதேச பெண்கள் தினத்தை சிறப்பிக்க தமிழக பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு அறைகூவல் விடுக்கின்றது.

எனவே இப்பெண்கள் தினத்தை சிறப்பிக்கும் பொருட்டு பெண்கள் தினப் பேரணி ஒன்று ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது. இப்பேரணி வருகின்ற மார்ச் 08, 2025, சனிக்கிழமை மாலை 03.00 மணிக்கு வெட்டுர்ணிமடம், கிறிஸ்து

அரசர் ஆலய வளாகத்திலிருந்து தொடங்கி அறிஞர் அண்ணா விளையாட்டு மைதானத்தில் நிறைவுபெறும். இப்பேரணியில் கலந்துகொண்டு சிறப்பிக்க பங்குகளிலிருந்து வாகனம் ஏற்பாடு செய்து மகளிரை அனுப்புமாறு கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன். மேலும் மார்ச் 09, 2025 அன்று ஞாயிறு திருப்பலியை பெண்கள் தினத் திருப்பலியாக சிறப்பிக்கவும் கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்.

அன்னை மரியாவை பெண்களுள் பேறுபெற்றவராக தந்த இறைவன் நம் சமூகத்தில் சமத்துவம் மலர அருள்புரிவாராக!

கிறிஸ்துவில் உங்கள் அன்புள்ள,

+ *J. A. Ananthas*



மேதகு ஆயர் ஆல்பர்ட் G. A. அனஸ்தாஸ்,
குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்டம்.

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PRIESTLY SUSPENSION NOTIFICATION

Dear Fathers,

I hereby instruct that Fr. Maria Francis, a member of the Congregation of the Rosarians, who was dismissed for unlawful long absence from the congregation according to Canon 694 of the Latin Rite Code of Canon Law, is not allowed to exercise any priestly ministry. The Decree of his dismissal was confirmed by the Vatican on September 27, 2024, and he was suspended from exercising priestly ministry, both in public and private.

**- Fr. Justin Raj, CR,
Prior General.**



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சமகாலத்தில் அகில உலக திருஅவையை வழிநடத்த நமக்கு இறைவன் கொடுத்த மாபெரும் கொடை நமது திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் அவர்கள். சமீபத்தில் உடல்நலக்குறைவு காரணமாக தீவிர சிகிச்சைப் பிரிவில் திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் அவர்கள் மருத்துவமனையில் அனுமதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார் என்பது நாம் அனைவரும் அறிந்ததே.

இந்நேரத்தில் குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்ட திருநிலையினரும் பொதுநிலையினரும் திருத்தந்தை அவர்கள் இறையருளால் முழு உடல்நலம் பெற்றிட இறைவனை வேண்டுவோம். வருகின்ற நாட்களில், நமது ஆலயத்தில் அன்பியங்களில் அமைப்புகளில் பக்த சபைகளில் குடும்ப இறைவேண்டலில் திருத்தந்தையின் முழு உடல் நலனுக்காக இறைவேண்டல் புரிவோம். செபமாலை செபித்து அன்னையின் உடனிருப்புக்காக மன்றாடுவோம்.

கிறிஸ்துவில் உங்கள் அன்புள்ள,

+ G. A. Ananthas



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அருள்பணியாளர் பராமரிப்புத் தொகை

அன்பான அருள்பணியாளர்களே, இறைமக்களே, பங்கு அருள்பணிப் பேரவை உறுப்பினர்களே!

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நமது மறைமாவட்டம் உதயமாகி பத்து ஆண்டுகள் நிறைவு பெற்று பதினோராவது ஆண்டினை தொடங்கியுள்ளோம். மறைமாவட்ட முழு வளர்ச்சிக்கான இப்பயணத்தில் அர்ப்பணத்தோடும் ஆர்வத்துடனும் பங்கேற்கும் உங்களை மனதாரப் பாராட்டுகிறேன்!

நமது மறைமாவட்டம் உதயமானபின் 2020 ஆம் ஆண்டு அருள்பணியாளர்களுக்கானப் பராமரிப்புத் தொகை மறுபரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டு மாதம் ரூ. 15000/- என உயர்த்தப்பட்டது. அப்போதைய மறைமாவட்ட அருள்பணிப் பேரவைக் கூட்டத்தில் முன்று வருடங்களுக்கு ஒருமுறை இப்பராமரிப்புத் தொகையினை மறுபரிசீலனை செய்யலாம் எனவும் தீர்மானிக்கப்பட்டது. தற்பொழுது ஐந்து ஆண்டுகள் கடந்துவிட்ட நிலையில், குழித் துறை மறைமாவட்டத்தில் அருள்பணியாற்றும் நமது அருள்பணியாளர்களின் நலனையும் தேவைகளையும் கருத்தில் கொண்டு மாத பராமரிப்புத் தொகையை ரூ. 20,000/- ஆக உயர்த்தி வழங்க குருக்கள் மன்றமும் ஆயரின் ஆலோசனைக் குழுவும் பரிந்துரைத்துள்ளது. இப்பரிந்துரை மறைமாவட்ட அருள்பணிப் பேரவை கூட்டத்தில் விவாதிக்கப்பட்டு இறைமக்கள் பிரதிநிதி உறுப்பினர்களாலும் சம்மதம் தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இப்பரிந்துரையை மறைமாவட்ட நிதிக்குழுவும் ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு ஒப்புதல் வழங்கியுள்ளது.

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ஆகவே, வருகின்ற ஏப்ரல் மாதத்திலிருந்து அருள்பணியாளர்களின் மாத பராமரிப்புத் தொகையை ரூ. 20,000/- ஆக உயர்த்தி வழங்குமாறு இறைமக்களை அன்புடன் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன். இனிவரும் நாட்களில் ஒவ்வொரு மூன்று ஆண்டுகளுக்கு ஒருமுறை மட்டுமே பராமரிப்புத் தொகை மறுபரிசீலனைச் செய்யப்படும் என்பதையும் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

அருள்பணியாளர்களின் நலனில் அக்கறையும் அவர்களின் பணியில் முழு ஒத்துழைப்பும் வழங்கிட வேண்டுமென்று இறைமக்களாகிய உங்களை அன்புடன் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

தூய ஆவியாரின் வழிநடத்துதலும் அன்னை மரியாவின் பரிந்து பேசுதலும் உங்கள் வாழ்வை வளம்பெற செய்வதாக!

கிறிஸ்துவில் உங்கள் அன்புள்ள,

+ *G. A. Anasthas*



மேதகு ஆயர் ஆல்பர்ட் **G. A.** அனஸ்தாஸ்,
குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்டம்.

குறிப்பு: இத்தகவலை குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்டத்தின் அனைத்துப் பங்குகளிலும், கிளைப் பங்குகளிலும் திருப்பலியில் அறிவிக்கவும்.

OFFICIAL DECLARATION

By decree of the Dicastary for Evangelization, Father David Wilson has been laicized, effective 22 March 2025. As a result, he is no longer a priest of Kuzhithurai and is relieved of all priestly duties and responsibilities. We offer our gratitude for his ministry and our prayers for his future.

- **Most Rev. Albert G.A. Anasthas D.D., S.T.D.,**
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March 17, 2025

Dear Fathers,

I am pleased to invite you for recollection in preparation for the renewal of our priestly commitment and the strengthening of our priestly solidarity. This will take place on the day of the Chrism Mass, Monday, 14th April 2025, at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Thirithuvapuram.

As we gather on this special day of priestly sanctification, we are offered a unique opportunity to come together in prayer and reflection, rededicating ourselves to the service of God and His people. I will be privileged to animate the recollection, guiding us through this time of renewal.

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| 02.30 pm | - Arrival – Refreshments |
| 03.00 pm | - Recollection talk |
| 04.00 pm | - Eucharistic Adoration and Confession |
| 05.00 pm | - Tea and Preparation for Mass |
| 05.30 pm | - Chrism Mass |
| 07.00 pm | - Supper |

Kindly notify your parishioners about the venue, date, and time of the Chrism Mass and encourage them to attend the mass. It is an opportunity for our faithful to be spiritually enriched as we come together in prayer and devotion.

Looking forward to our time together in the Lord's service.

Sincerely yours in the Good Shepherd,

+ J. Ansthas

Most Rev. Albert G.A. Anasthas,

Bishop of Kuzhithurai.



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Contributions to the Diocese

February 16 to March 15, 2025

1. Annual Contribution from Churches

No	Parish	Amount
1	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai)	12,200
	Total	12,200

2. Mission Sunday

No	Parish	Amount
1	Kamplar (2024)	3,200
2	Karenkadu (2024)	5,000
3	Pillavilai (Kallukoottam)	400
	Total	8,600

3. Holy Land

No	Parish	Amount
1	Karenkadu (2016)	2,500
2	Karenkadu (2017)	2,500
3	Karenkadu (2019)	4,000
4	Karenkadu (2021)	5,000
5	Karenkadu (2022)	6,000
6	Karenkadu (2024)	6,500
	Total	26,500

4. Social Communication

No	Parish	Amount
1	Kamplar (2023)	600
2	Kamplar (2024)	600
3	Karenkadu (2023)	1,000
4	Karenkadu (2024)	1,000
5	Palayam Annainagar (Murasancode) (2023)	660
6	Pillavilai (Kallukoottam) (2023)	400
7	Pillavilai (Kallukoottam) (2024)	400
	Total	4,660

5. Holy Childhood

No	Parish	Amount
1	Ambankalai (Kolvel)	2,104
2	Annainagar	4,290
3	Anthonyarpuram (Themanoor)	700
4	Appattuvilai (St. Antony)	2,050
5	Chemparuthivilai	3,200
6	Chirayankuzhy (Kanjiracode)	1,620
7	Chithenthope (Kandanvilai)	3,000
8	Elavuvilai	7,883
9	Irenipuram (Annainagar)	520
10	Iruthayapuram (M)	2,500
11	Ittahaveli (Nagacode)	1,400
12	Kadayal	2,321
13	Kallankuzhy (Manalikarai)	320
14	Kallaravilai	1,201
15	Kamplar	1,930
16	Kannode (Murasancode)	1,000
17	Karenkadu (2023)	1,000
18	Karenkadu (2024)	1,000
19	Kilathoor (Kadayal)	350
20	Kolvel	10,700
21	Komanvilai (Murasancode)	500
22	Koottamavu	5,125
23	Kottavilai (Murasancode)	985
24	Kuzhivilai	10,542
25	Kuzhivilai (Karenkadu)	1,500
26	Maavilai (Mukkalampadu)	750
27	Manali	3,620
28	Manalikarai	10,652
29	Mananvilai (Mathiravilai)	1,300
30	Maruthancode (Panavilai)	790
31	Maruthoorkurichy (Iruthayapuram)	1,500
32	Mathapuram (Vizhunthayambalam)	2,410

5. Holy Childhood

No	Parish	Amount
33	Mathoorkonam (Ambalakkadai)	730
34	Melpuram	1,470
35	Moolachel (Manali)	3,883
36	Muhilankarai (Manalिकarai)	590
37	Mukkalampadu	1,030
38	Mulavilai	6,128
39	Murasancode	3,000
40	Nattalam (Mullanganavilai)	4,000
41	Nullivilai	1,650
42	Packiapuram	7,116
43	Padmanabhapuram (Thuckalay)	1,320
44	Palavilai	5,052
45	Parakonam (Melpuram)	2,500
46	Ponkinkalai (Kadaya)	520
47	Puthenkadai	5,040
48	Puthucode (Vavarai)	1,025
49	Puthukkadai	1,050
50	Sahayanagar	1,830
51	Saicode (Kuttaikadu)	2,680
52	Soosaipuram (Vellicode)	2,280
53	Thingal Nagar (Arockiapuram)	430
54	Thirithuvapuram	14,227
55	Thuckalay	13,252
56	Thumpali	1,699
57	Udavilai (Thumpali)	1,600
58	Valvachagostam	660
59	Vattavilai (Melpuram)	1,960
60	Veppuvilai (Vellayambalam)	1,831
61	Vettuvenni (Shrine)	13,080
62	Villukury (Madathattuvilai)	1,465
63	Vizhunthayambalam	5,600
Total		1,97,461

6. New Bishop's House Building

No	Parish	Amount
1	Aramannam (Nagacode)	10,000
2	Chentharai	53,940
3	Elanthavilai	10,000
4	Elanthavilai (Collection)	20,020
5	Fathima Nagar (Amsi) (Collection)	25,390
6	Ittahaveli (Nagacode)	11,000
7	Kaliakkavilai (Collection)	50,000
8	Kallukoottam (Collection)	25,000
9	Kamplar	11,000
10	Kannode (Murasancode) (Collection)	4,000
11	Kolvel	10,000
12	Komanvilai (Murasancode) (Collection)	1,000
13	Konnakuzhivilai	18,670
14	Kuzhivilai (Collection)	37,700
15	Kuzhivilai (Karenkadu) (Collection)	15,000
16	Mannanvilai (Iruthayapuram) (Collection)	1,700
17	Marthandam	10,000
18	Mathiravilai (2 nd Collection)	13,300
19	Mekkamandapam (Chemparuthivilai) (Collection)	7,200
20	Melpalai (Collection) (2 nd Payment)	5,500
21	Mr. James (Chemmankalai, Parakunnu)	1,000
22	Mr. Nadarajan (Chemmankalai, Parakunnu)	500
23	Mrs. Glory (Chemmankalai, Parakunnu)	500
24	Mrs. Maria Thankam (Chemmankalai, Parakunnu)	500
25	Mukkalampadu (Collection)	2,910
26	Murasancode (Collection)	46,151
27	Padarnilam	13,140
28	Palayam (Murasancode) (Collection)	11,900
29	Palayam Annainagar (Murasancode)	2,340
30	Pallavilai (Pattarivilai) (Collection)	5,950
31	Panavilai (Collection)	10,010
32	Pattarivilai (Collection)	18,200

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6. New Bishop's House Building

No	Parish	Amount
33	Pillavilai (Kallukoottam)	13,000
34	Pillavilai (Kallukoottam) (Collection)	5,000
35	Saicode (Kuttaikadu) (Collection)	1,300
36	Siluvaipuram	30,000
37	Siluvaipuram (Anbiyam 14)	1,300
38	Thalakulam (Pattarivilai) (Collection)	500
39	Thundathuvilai (Collection)	71,200
40	Vadivilai (Mankuzhy) (Collection)	10,740
41	Xavierpuram (Mylacode)	11,370
Total		5,97,931

7. Bible Sunday

No	Parish	Amount
1	Kamplar (2018)	1,000
2	Kamplar (2024)	700
3	Karenkadu (2022)	3,000
4	Karenkadu (2023)	3,000
5	Karenkadu (2024)	3,000
6	Maruthoorkurichy (Iruthayapuram) (2024)	1,000
7	Panavilai (2 nd Payment)	1,075
8	Pillavilai (Kallukoottam) (2022)	400
9	Pillavilai (Kallukoottam) (2024)	400
Total		13,575

8. Prison Ministry

No	Parish	Amount
1	Chithenthope (Kandanvilai) (2024)	2,000
2	Karenkadu (2022)	1,000
3	Karenkadu (2023)	1,000
4	Karenkadu (2024)	1,000
5	Maruthoorkurichy (Irudayapuram) (2024)	1,000
Total		6,000

9. Cumulated Mass

No	Parish	Amount
1	Chemparuthivilai	1,800
2	Choozhal	5,600
3	Elavuvilai (Feast Mass)	16,500
4	Fathimapuram	2,700
5	Ithayapuram (Viricode)	700
6	Kadayal	14,000
7	Kandanvilai	2,900
8	Kanjiracode	1,400
9	Konamkadu	1,900
10	Konamkadu	2,500
11	Konamkadu	2,000
12	Madathattuvilai	12,200
13	Manali	6,100
14	Marthandam	1,400
15	Mulagumoodu	5,100
16	Mullanganavilai	4,100
17	Nattalam (Shrine)	38,300
18	Palliyady	4,100
19	Parakunnu	2,000
20	Puliyookurichy	1,000
21	Thiruvithancode	40,000
22	Vattam	1,700
23	Vencode	5,600
24	Vettuvenni (Shrine)	3,60,600
25	Vettuvenni (Shrine) (Feast Mass)	51,000
26	Vettuvilai (Vencode)	1,600
27	Vizhunthayambalam (Feast Mass)	20,000
	Total	6,06,800

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10. Seminary Fund

No	Parish	Amount
1	Auxilaries of the Lay Apostolate	5,000
2	Fr. Innocent J.	500
3	Kuttaikadu (Confirmation)	8,280
4	Mathiravilai (Confirmation)	1,01,550
5	Mulagumoodu	5,000
6	Palliyady	3,000
7	Ved. Baby Kamala	1,000
8	Vettuvenni (Shrine) (Confirmation)	50,000
	Total	1,74,330

11. Youth Year

No	Parish	Amount
1	Kamplar (2023)	500
2	Karenkadu (2023)	1,000
3	Palayam Annainagar (Murasancode) (2023)	600
4	Pillavilai (Kallukoottam) (2023)	400
	Total	2,500

12. Cancer Patient Fund

No	Parish	Amount
1	Chemparuthivilai	8,940
	Total	8,940

Activities of the Pastoral Commissions in the Month of February 2025

Commission for Catechism

Vicariate Level Executive Meetings

On 08.02.2025 Mulagumoodu vicariate general body and on 22.02.2025 Puthenkadai vicariate general body were held in their respective centres. There were 77 participants. As a special event, one catechism is meeting with another catechism in the vicinity.

Annual Day Celebration

The Vencode vicariate annual day was celebrated on 16.02.2025 at St. Aloysius Hall, Ilavuvilai. Folk art events were held on a one-event-per-parish basis. Msgr. S.Xavier Benadict, the Vicar General, Rev. Fr. V. Benito, the secretary of Commission for Christian Life, Rev. Fr. Manochim Xavier, the Vicar Forane, Rev. Fr. Shine the Vicariate Director, Rev.Fr. Altas, the parish priest felicitated the gathering. Based on the grade prizes were given for all. A total of 710 members participated in the event.

Training Programmes at Parish Level

Catechism Student-Teacher training was held in Melpalai, Moolachal and Siluvaipuram. A total of 198 members participated.

Themes: *Padaipaattaludan paadam nadathum murai* (Creative Teaching Methods), *Maraikalviyin Mukiyathuvam* (Importance of Catechism)

BTCT – Programme:

The Basic Theological Training (*BTCT-Basic Training for Catechism Teachers*) for the 23rd group was held at the Christian Life Commission Training Hall, Unnamalaikadai for 4 weeks in February. The training was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. V. Benito, the

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Secretary of the Christian Life Commission. Rev. Fr. Edwin Raj C, Rev. Fr. Godwin Selva Justus, Ms. V. Preetha, Rev. Fr. Godwin Sounther Raj, Rev. Fr. Shebin Iniyan, Rev. Fr. C. Stephen, and Rev. Fr. Sunil were the resource persons given training under different subjects like ***Introduction to Bible, Basic Prayers, Christology, Students Psychology, Discipleship, Liturgy, Sacraments, Good Habits, Effective use of Media and Model Class***. 132 Catechism teachers participated in this training. Rev. Fr. Andrews, the Director of the Mathrivilai vicariate, delivered a congratulatory speech and presented certificates to the trainees.

Diocesan Level General Body:

On 16.02.25 the Diocesan Level General Body meeting for the Commission for Catechism was held at Bishop's House Campus, Unnamalaikadai which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Benito, the Secretary of Christian Life Commission. Ongoing tasks were planned. Vicariate Directors and Executives participated in this meeting.

School Moral Catechism

Special Test for Schools

On 01.02.2025 Special test for School Moral Catechism was conducted at two different centres, St. Joseph's H.S.S., Thiruvapuram and St. Joseph's H.S.S., Mulagumoodu respectively. 987 students participated. Rev. Fr. Benito, the Secretary of Christian Life Commission encouraged the students with his valuable presence.

School Moral Catechism Annual Day

On 21.02.2025 the School Moral Catechism Annual Day was held at Annai Ada Hall, Azhagamandabam which was presided over

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by Most. Rev. Dr. Albert G.A. Anasthas, the Local Ordinary. Ms. K. Marcelin Rejila, the Psychologist delivered the special guest address. Rev. Fr. Dominic Kadatcha Dhas M, the Corporate Manager felicitated the gathering. Rev. Fr. Benito, the Secretary of Christian Life Commission encouraged the students with his precious words. The bishop delivered the presidential address and honored the students distributing the prizes especially to those who scored more than 70% marks in the test. 486 participants ensured their presence. Cultural Programmes were staged by the students.

Liturgical Commission

1. Every week Responsorial Psalm is composed and sent to the parishes via Whats App.
2. On the eve of Lenten session daily responsibilities based on bible reading are sent via Whats App.

Commission for Bible

1. On 13.02.2025 province (Tamil Nadu) level special meeting was held in the diocese of Thoothukudi which was presided over by the bishop of Thoothukudi. Rev. Fr. Benito, the Secretary of Christian Life Commission and Ms. M. Vijila, the Catechist participated.
2. On 15th and 16th, the workshop for VBS trainers was conducted in the diocese of Sivagangai in which 6 participated from our diocese.

BCC (Anbiyam) Commission

On 15.02.2025 the members of diocesan executive team of BCC Commission together with the full-timers met the bishop and shared with him the annual plan of the Commission for the Jubilee Year.

Fr. Alwin Vijay, The Director, Commission's Coordinator, Diocesan executives and the Full-Timers were part of this meeting.

On 15.02.2025 the executives meeting of BCC commission for Mulagumoodu Vicariate was held at Uthayadharagai, in the presence of the Director. Planning was done for the vicariate general body meeting.

On 15.02.2025 the general body meeting of BCC commission for Karancadu Vicariate was held and it was presided over by Mr. Jude Benziger, the vicariate president in the presence of Rev. Fr. Bright Singh, the vicariate director. Sixty members participated from 20 different parishes.

On 20.02.2025 field work was held at Vasanthapuram parish. Six Full-Timers visited 83 houses prayed for the families and insisted the families to actively participate in the BCC meetings (Anbiyams).

On 23.02.2025 the general body meeting of BCC commission for Thiruvapuram Vicariate was held at Thiruvapuram Training Hall which was presided over by Mr. Christuraj, the vicariate president. Farewell was bidden to Mr. David, the former Full-Timer. The recollection at ponmalai and the election of the new executives were discussed. Social games were conducted. 44 members participated the meeting.

On 23.02.2025 the executives meeting of BCC commission for Puthenkadai Vicariate was held and it was presided over by the vicariate director. Six members participated. The recollection at ponmalai was discussed. Executives were asked to encourage general body members to participate in the competitions conducted in the diocesan level.

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On 23.02.2025 the general body meeting of BCC commission for Puthenkadai Vicariate was held and it was presided over by Mr. George, the vicariate president in the presence of Rev. Fr. Maria Martin, the Vicar Forane. 49 members participated the meeting. Participating in the recollection at ponmalai, the election of the new executives, diocesan training programme for the elocutionist were discussed. Members were asked to encourage their parish BCC units to participate in the competitions conducted in the diocesan level.

On 23.02.2025 the executives meeting of BCC commission for Vencode Vicariate was held in the presence of vicariate director at Punitha Arockiya Matha Matric School, Munjirai. 18 members participated in the meeting.

On 23.02.2025 the general body meeting of BCC commission for Vencode Vicariate was held in the presence of vicariate director. 49 members participated the meeting. Mr. Amalanathan, the president of Vavarai BCC Coordination, gave a talk on the theme "*Leadership in BCCs*"

Celebrated *BCCs-Union Festivals (Sangamam)*: Chunkankadai (09.02.2025), Amalapuram (23.02.2025), Vasanthapuram (23.02.2025).

The YouTube telecast and Whatsapp messages that carry the Steps to be Successful in Public Exam, the Prayer for Public Exam Session and the Poetry Competition for the Month of March were sent to the faithful.

Works of Full-Timers:

In February 2025, the full-timers were actively engaged in a variety of tasks. They conducted 23 house visits and visited 43 Anbiyam

(BCC) units. Additionally, they coordinated with 19 BCC units to ensure smooth operations. Full-timers also visited 13 sick individuals, providing support and care. They held 5 full-timers' meetings to discuss ongoing initiatives and plans. Furthermore, they met with 57 executives, fostering collaboration and strategic planning across various activities and events.

On behalf of parish BCCs Coordination Rs.3,85,421/- had been given for different needs of the people like Education Help, Marriage Support, Medical Aid, and Elders Care.

YOUTH COMMISSION

Training Programmes

Eye Donation Awareness training, held on February 16, with esteemed speaker, Mr. Reshmic. He has shared his expertise and passion with 14 enthusiastic participants. Training was conducted for the youth units of Moolchal, Palavalai, Varthanvilai, and Packiapuram. This comprehensive training covered crucial topics such as aim and objectives, Jubilee year, media awareness, and the vision and mission of the youth movement.

Executive Meetings

The Diocesan Executive Committee met on February 23, with 8 members in attendance. Discussions centered on the Women's Day program, and Arts day.

The vicariate executive meetings took place throughout February 2025, with multiple vicariates holding meetings. Mulagumoodu vicariate met on February 2, 2025, with Mr. Ajith gave a talk on relationships and their importance, attended by 9 members.

Mathiravilai, Trithuvapuram, and Vencode vicariate executives met on February 9, 2025, with 5, 9, and 5 members attending, respectively. Karenkadu and Puthenkadai vicariates met on February 16, 2025, with 5 members attending each meeting, and Rev. Fr. Vaneesh spoke about the activities of the youth movement at the Puthenkadai meeting.

General Body Meetings

Five vicariates, namely Trithuvapuram, Vencode, Karenkadu, Puthenkadai, and Mulagumoodu, held general body meetings in February 2025. The meetings covered a range of topics, including “One Nation One Election” by Benedict Bensigar in Trithuvapuram, “Challenges Faced by Youth” by Arul Mano in Vencode, “Identity of Youth in Society” by Rev. Sr. Deiva Malar in Puthenkadai, and “Cancer Awareness” by Sheeba in Mulagumoodu.

Youth Outreach and Training Initiatives

10 youth units were visited during the month of February. Additionally, Miss. Lawanya represented state level social analysis training in Madurai, held from January 30 to February 4, 2025.

YCS

Trainings

We have conducted training programs, for the ycs units of Moolachel, Palavilai, and Varthanvilai units. The topics for the trainings were movement's aim and objectives, the significance of the Jubilee year, and the challenges faced by students. By exploring these critical areas, participants gained valuable insights and enhanced their understanding of the movement's mission and goals.

Meetings

A series of executive meetings took place, fostering collaboration and strategic planning among leaders. Notably, the Diocesan Executive Meeting, held on February 23, 2025, brought together key stakeholders to discuss and plan for upcoming events, including Arts Day, Retreat, and Women's Day Celebration.

Furthermore, vicariate executive meetings were convened in multiple Vicariates, including Mulagumoodu, Mathiravilai, Trithuvapuram, Puthenkadai, and Karenkadu. A series of general body meetings were held across various vicariates, focusing on topics pertinent to the members' interests and well-being. Notably, the theme of "How to Write Exams" was explored in multiple vicariates, including Mulagumoodu, where Mr. Robert's presentation drew 33 members, Karenkadu, where Mr. Rose Robin spoke to 10 members, Trithuvapuram, where Mr. Sam Vinodh's talk attracted 18 members, and Mathiravilai, where Mr. Renjith's discussion was attended by 11 members. Additionally, Puthenkadai vicariate hosted Bro. Jesuthasan's presentation on "Our Health in Our Hands," which attracted 18 members in attendance, while Vencode Vicariate's meeting, Mrs. Jiji, emphasized the "Importance of Saving" and it was attended by 15 members.

Youth and YCS jointly organized a training program for new writers. It was conducted on the theme "How to Write a Short Story" by esteemed trainer

Mr. Antony Joseph. The event drew a significant turnout, with 46 enthusiastic members in attendance. In addition to the writer's training, a meeting for Directors and Joint Directors took place on February 23, 2025, with 15 members participating in the discussion. Furthermore, three field staff meetings were held throughout the month of February.

Dalit commission

The puthenkadaiviciariate meeting was held on 15th saturday at Kukasekaram. There were 8 participants from two units koturkonam and kulasekaram. The main talk was on the ten-point program published by the Tamilnadu Bishops conference. Planned to visit the kulasekaram unit and to visit Mararavilai unit on 18-3-2025.

Prison Ministry

Our Diocesan prison ministry general body meeting was held on 28.02.2025 at V.S.C.S meeting hall, Marthandam presided over by Fr. Berdin Anas, the secretary, in the presence of Fr. Suresh Kumar OCD with the participation of nineteen members. The Secretary, Mr. Vincent presented the report. Then the experience of visiting inmates and the families of the inmates were shared by the previously elected three panels of members. They visited their families and convinced them to meet their family members in the prison and secure bail.

A team of members headed by Sr. Margaret Mary has been assigned to meet the family of a female inmate and as her request make possible arrangements to show her only child who is separated for quite a long period.

A Lenten recollection to the members in March 15th, 2025 at Spiritual center, Kanyakumari is planned and the “Crimeless Kumari” a campaign scheduled in the month of April 2025 postponed to June 2025 since members are involved in holy week activities in their parishes. Catechist Br. Yesudhasan was greeted for having completed 50th year of his catechist ministry.

Children Commission

On 01-02-2024, the diocesan resource person's training program was held in the Thiruthuvapuram office. The topic was ,NaR t|d ,y l r|ag gh i j a y ga z | j J e | i w t h o T m i l A k r | w h f s h f. Rev. Fr. Mary John conducted the training session. The participants included the Commission Coordinator, 4 Vicariate Directors, 6 Field Staff members, and 41 Vicariate Resource Persons.

On February 2, Mathiravilai held their Animators' Meeting, and on February 23, Karenkadu also hosted an Animators' Meeting. Additionally, Executive Meetings were conducted on February 13 at Puthenkadai, February 15 at Vencode, and February 23 at Mathiravilai. The meetings were attended by Vicar Foranes, Vicariate Directors, Executive Members, and Animators. In the month of February, 11 parishes conducted training programs. Field staff visited 32 groups, 40 animators, and 12 parish priests.

**- Fr. N. Martin,
Coordinator of the Pastoral Commissions.**

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN APRIL 2025

REMEMBER THE DEAD

- 06 : Fr. Paul Sebastian Fernandez
- 06 : Fr. Antony D. C.
- 07 : Fr. Lawrence R. (2018)
- 10 : Fr. Xavier Rajamony L.
- 12 : Fr. Honorius E.
- 16 : Msgr. Vincent Fernandez
- 26 : Fr. George N. J.
- 30 : Fr. Augustine Fernando

Kuzhithurai Integral Development Social Services (KIDSS) Report for the Month of February 2025

Activities of KIDSS Units

KIDSS WSCP

1. **C**onsultation meeting with key persons was conducted on February 06, 2025 at KIDSS office for long term sustainable plan for WSCP.
2. WSCP formed resource person team with 18 members and its first meeting was conducted on February 08, at Thirithuvapuram.
3. District executive meeting was held on February 15, 2025 at Puliyoorkurichi
4. Exposure visit to Erachakulam 'Nammakku Naam' Trust was organised on February 15, 2025 with executive members. Fr. David, the director explained about various development schemes and livelihood programs for widows.
5. Vicariate level executive meetings were conducted during this month on February 17, 21, 22 24.26 and 28. An awareness seminar was given about Cancer disease and its prevention. Around 121 members gained better knowledge about it and took pledge against eradication of cancer.
6. Thuckalay Sangam helped a cancer patient with Rs.5000/-
7. World Cancer was observed in 38 Sangams and mobilized fund Rs. 19130/- and submitted to KIDSS.

KIDSS RMP

1. District executive committee meeting was held on February 15, 2025 with the guidance of Project Director. Input session was given about dowry system in Kanyakumari district.

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2. Self-Sangam Co-ordination meeting was organised on February 22, 2025 at RMP building. They had an input session on 'our participation for social involvement'.
3. 5 Sangam completed their Manadu during this month and 8 Sangams prepared agenda for the Manadu.
4. Staff visited 73 Sangams during this month. They gave input session on climate change and its response to 30 Sangams, about Cancer disease to 28 Sangams, on kitchen garden to 2 Sangams.
5. Zone level general body meetings were conducted as given below:

Zone	Date	Topic	Participants
Thuckalay	Feb 01	Cancer Disease	60
Thirithuvapuram	Feb 01		61
Karungal	Feb 08		50
Mulavilai	Feb 08		51

Velliyavilai, Parakkonam and Eaathavilai Sangams hosted the meeting with different awareness program such as drama on cancer prevention, history of the Sangam and quiz program. Before the general body meeting executive meetings were conducted in all 4 zones under the leadership of Project Director. .

KIDSS Kolping

1. Vicariate executive meetings were held on February 3,4 & 5, 2025 in all six vicariates. KIDS bank managers gave an input session on "the habit of savings for the future".
2. District executive committee meeting was conducted on February 17, 2025 at Pechiparai in which they prepared annual action plan for this year. Fr. John Michael Raj facilitated the session.

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Charity:

1. Five Kolping families (Mulagumoodu, Chaicode, Alencholai, Nagacode& Packiapuram) gave financial support of Rs 37,500 to 6 patients for the treatment.
2. One Kolping family provided food support to Annai Ashram at Thovalai value of Rs. 10,000/-

KIDSS BFDP

1. Zonal level meetings during this month are stated below:

Zone	Date	Topic	Participants
Karungal	Feb 02	Impact of mobile use in the life of the children	32
Melpuram	Feb 09	Conservation of Environment	20
Kulasekharan	Feb 13	Impact of mobile use in the life of the children	14
Manali	Feb 16	Impact of mobile use in the life of the children	24
Manalikai	Feb 18	Post-harvest techniques of banana	12
Vattam	Feb 22	Post-harvest techniques of banana	8

2. Executive meeting was held on February 29, 2025 KIDSS, Unnamalaikadai. Executive Director explained about the external evaluation committee to examine the unit activities and to plan for the improvement of the unit in the future.
3. 70 groups were visited during this month and created awareness on cancer disease.
4. Chemmankalai group helped two patients with Rs. 2000/- for treatment
5. Puthuvalvilai group supported a poor widow with a sewing machine value of Rs.12000/- to improve her livelihood.

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6. Mr. Thankaraj from Thattankonam, Mr. Tharissus and Mrs. Philominal from Vadivilai were deceased and their family members received Rs. 20,000/- each under BFDP death claim scheme.

KIDSS CHDP

1. Union level meetings were conducted in all 4 unions at Killiyur, Kurunthencode, Thuckalay and Melpuram during this month and gave input on Cancer Disease.
2. CHDP organised a special training for their group members on February 17, 2025 at RMP building, Azhiyamandapam in which Project Director gave opening speech. Professor Amalit Vimala, from St. Xavier's nursing college gave session on cancer disease and 47 participants benefited.
3. Staff capacity building training was conducted on February 06, 2025. An input session was given about Cancer disease by Dr. Angline Asha.
4. Special camp was organised at CHDP Naturopathy clinic on February 20, 2025 in which 35 members took consultation and medicines.
5. Staff visited 46 health groups and supported the members to observe world cancer day.
6. One new health group is formed at poovanchanthai during this month.
7. Fr. James Tombeur Naturopathy Clinic provided consultation facilities at Chunkankadai and Vettuvanni shrine for the devotees during this month and 156 people consulted the doctors for different diseases and took medicines.

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8. In February 2025, 100 patients received treatment from Fr. James Tombeur Naturopathy Clinic including 3 IP.

KIDSS IFO

1. Staffs visited ten Sangams during this month and created awareness on various topics such as Government welfare schemes, OAP, Cancer disease, protection of women, impact of drugs and health & hygiene.

KIDSS SHG

1. 31 groups were visited during this month and observed world cancer day with poster and took pledge and mobilized fund this cause. 12 groups submitted Rs. 11400/- to KIDSS
2. One new SHG group is formed at Arumanai with 13 members on February 08, 2025.
3. Kulasekharam Arani male SHG group got agriculture loan Rs.15,00,000/- from cooperative society.

Activity of VIDSeS

Karankadu (KVIDS)

KVIDS executive meeting was conducted on February 16, 2025 at VF office, Thingalnager. Resource person team was formed with 5 persons.

Mathiravilai (MaVIDS):

1. MaVIDS conducted their executive meeting on February 22, 2025 at Annai Auditorium, Thundathuvilai.
2. Training for BIDSes secretaries and vice secretaries was conducted on February 09, 2025 at Karungal by Mrs. Virgin Suja.

Mulagumoodu (MuVIDS)

1. MuVIDS conducted their executive meeting on February 08, 2025 at VF office, Thuckalay. Five members were selected as Resource person team and four members for welfare scheme.
2. BIDS visit planning meeting was conducted on February 11, 2025 at Mulagumoodu and prepared itinerary for the visit. They visited 4 BIDSes of Madathattuvilai zone and helped BIDS to make annual plan.

Puthenkadai (PVIDS)

PVIDS conducted their executive meeting on February 15, 2025 at VF office, Kulasekharam. Annual plan was finalised in the presence of VF and ED

Thirithuvapuram (TVIDS)

TVIDS executive meeting held on February 23, 2025 at Thirithuvapuram.

Vencode (VVIDS)

VVIDS conducted their executive meeting on February 02, 2025 at VF office, Puthukadai. Annual action plan was finalized with the guidance of VF and ED.

KIDSS Special projects

I. Community Disability Management and Rehabilitation Project

1. Twenty five new disabled persons were identified during this month and did the need assessment.
2. One new group was formed with disabled persons at Thumpaly on February 24, 2025 with the support of Parish priest Fr. Jones Cletus.

Referral and linkages for welfare schemes:

- * Seven persons received their monthly pension and 5 new applications submitted.
- * Four persons received bus and train passes for the travel.
- * Four persons received privilege cards and 5 more new persons applied for it.
- * Two individuals got UDID cards and three persons applied for the same.
- * Two persons received three-wheel bikes and one person applied for it.
- * One person received a smart phone and two persons received 35 kg rice under PDS.
- * One person applied for free housing scheme under PMAY

II. Counselling Services

Psychosocial support was provided to 13 clients during this month through counselling centres in all six vicariates.

III. Psychosocial Wellbeing of Adolescents

Two School health programs were conducted during this month. On February 24, 2025 at Elavuvilai St.Aloysious High school with 110 students and on February 28, 2025 at St.Joseph High School, Mathiravilai with 103 students. In both places Fr.N.Martin and Sr.Sarojam facilitated the sessions on the effects of drugs and social media in the lives of students.

IV.Changing The Way We Care (CTWWC) - Family and Faith

1. Activities conducted during this month are given below:

S. No	Date	Type of program	Place	Participants
1	Feb 02	Training on Gate keeping Mechanism for Parish Council	Pullani	20
2	Feb 02	Awareness building on family based care for youth and YCS	Sebasthiyapuram	13
3	Feb 02	Session on CTWWC concept sharing and prevention of child separation for Catholic	Sebasthiyapuram	10
4	Feb 02	Seva Sangam	Kuttaikadu	10
5	Feb 02	CTWWC concept sharing and importance of family care to Legion of Mary	Sebasthiyapuram	16
6	Feb 02	Input session on Role of Parents for Catechism teachers	Kuttaikadu	12
7	Feb 09		Yettacode	18
8	Feb 09	Input session on CTWWC concept and Role of Parents to mothers	Yettacode	16
9	Feb 09	Handing over the children for further follow up of vulnerable children and taking resolution towards gate keeping mechanisms with BIDS	Pottetty	17
10	Feb 09		Chenthara	19
11	Feb 23		Kuttaikadu	16
12	Feb 10	CTWWC concept and fund mobilization towards family based care with SHG members	Sebasthiyapuram	15
13	Feb 16	Session on positive parents and CTWWC concept to the Widows	Chenthara	18
14	In February	Champion meetings	5 parishes	26

Referral and linkages to strengthen the family based care:

- * One child applied under Mission Vatsalya Scheme for education scholarship and Verification is over for 3 children.
- * Five children received educational scholarship under TN Unorganised Workers welfare board Rs. 1000/- each.

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- * One widow applied for welfare ID card, one person for subsidy IGP loan and one person for employment opportunities at collectorate.
- * Five girl children were supported by a local donor with Rs. 5000/- each for their education and it is deposited in the bank as FD.
- * Four persons received psychosocial support
- * One person was helped with Rs. Rs.5000/- under KIDSS ERF scheme.

I. KIDSS Ezhuvom Iyakkam (Cancer Care Campaign)

1. Vicariate level volunteer's meetings were conducted at Thiruthuvapuram on 2nd Feb, at Karankadu on 11th Feb, at Mulagumoodu on 15th Feb and Mathiravilai vicariate's first meeting on 24th Feb. Volunteers visited 23 patients during this month.
2. Two cancer awareness program cum health camps were conducted at Thiruthuvapuram on Feb 02, 2025 and at Mathoorkonam on Feb 23, 2025 with the support of St.Xavier's Multispecialty hospital, Chunkankadai. Totally 216 members (150, 66) got knowledge about cancer disease and the importance of early detection.
3. World Cancer Day was observed on February 04, 2025 with educational institutions, NGOs and Panchaths in collaboration with St. Xavier's Multi-Speciality Hospital, Chunkankadai with the theme 'United by Unique'. KIDSS Executive Director Fr. Martin.M gave the introductory note about the day. After the official inaugural speech by Mr. Senthilvel Kumar, the Sub-inspector of Eraniel police station, he flagged off an

awareness rally. There was a public programme presided over by Very Rev. Fr. Jayakumar, Diocesan Financial Administrator. The gathering was welcomed by Fr. Charles Viji, Director of the Hospital. Dr. Jeena gave an input session. Fr. Dominic Savio, Correspondent of St.Xavier's nursing college gave felicitation address. At the end of the public meeting, pledge was taken by all participants followed by that a medical camp was conducted by St. Xavier's Multi-Speciality Hospital, Chunkankadai. There were around 450 college students, professors, representatives from NGOs, Ezhuvom Iyakkam volunteers, members of KIDSS units, etc. participated the programme.

4. World Cancer day programme was organised by Puthenkadai vicariate Ezhuvom Iyakkam volunteers in collaboration with vicariate pastoral council, laity commission and Panchayaths on February 07, 2025 at Kulasekharam with rally cum public program with educational institutions. Dr. Gobi Krishnan and Dr.Kanmani gave session on life style diseases and food habits. There were different programs such inaugural speech, felicitation address by the guests Rev. Fr. Maria Martin, VF, ED and Panchayath presidents. Around 750 students, teachers, panchayath presidents, wards members and volunteers participated.
5. Thiruthuvapuram vicariate volunteers conducted cancer aware seminar in view of world cancer day on February 22, 2025 at Vettuvenni. Dr. Pradeep Kumar gave an input session on cancer diseases and importance cancer prevention and food habits. Fr.Sahayadhas, Rector of Vettuvenni St.Antony shrine gave felicitation address. 76 members of KIDSS target unit members participated in the program.

II. Children Parliament (CP)

1. Chemparuthivilai CP children along with catechism children organised world cancer day awareness rally with the initiative of Ezhuvom Iyakkam volunteer Mrs. Shoba Grace with the full support of Parish priest Fr. Aloysius on February 01, 2025 at Chemparuthivilai in which 100 children participated. At the end of the rally an input was given by Mrs. Selin Sheeba about food habits and cancer prevention.
2. Kandanvasilai, Nallayanpuram, Mulavilai, Kappukadu and Siluvaipuram CP meeting were conducted on February 02, 09, 16 & 23, 2025. They observed world cancer day with poster and took pledge. They also decided to mobilize fund for this cause. Mr. Britto spoke about causes of cancer disease in all this CPs.

KIDSS Activities:

1. KIDSS staff meeting was held on February 27, 2025 at Unnamalaikadai. After that team wise planning meetings were conducted for Children Parliament, Small Savings, Tour program and Ezhuvom Iyakkam.
2. Panchayath level trainings were conducted at Arockiapuram and Mullanginavilai on February 25th & 28th 2025. Mr. David gave training on the importance of Kitchen garden.

**- Fr. M. Martin,
Secretary cum Executive Director, KIDSS.**

DIOCESAN CHRONICLES: FEBRUARY 2025

- February 05 :** The Bishop celebrated the memorial mass of Fr. Sahaya Justus's mother at 4 p.m at Vedha Nager.
- February 07 :** The Bishop celebrated the mass at Alandhalai at 11.30 a.m.
- February 08 :** The Bishop attended the Parish Trust Meeting at 2 p.m.
- February 09 :** The Bishop made a contact visit and celebrated the Confirmation Mass at Thumbali Parish at 9 a.m. On the same day, the Bishop attended the Annai Ada Celebration at 2 p.m.
- February 10 :** The Bishop attended the KIDSS office opening at the Bishop's House at 9.30 a.m. On the same day, the Bishop attended the priest personal board meeting at the Bishop's House at 3 p.m.
- February 11 :** The Bishop attended the monthly recollection for the priests at 9.30 a.m. On the same day, the Bishop hoisted the flag and celebrated the feast mass at Periyakadu, Thiruthalam in the evening.
- February 12 :** The Bishop celebrated the mass at Chungankadai Sisters' Convent at 11.30 a.m.
- February 13 :** The Bishop celebrated the memorial mass of Fr. Libin's father at Sebasthiyarpuram at 4 p.m.
- February 14 :** The Bishop celebrated the funeral mass of Father Godwin Sounder Raj's mother at Mankuzhy at 8 a.m.
- February 15 :** The Bishop attended the Finance Committee meeting at the Bishop's House at 3 p.m.

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February 16 : The Bishop made a contact visit and celebrated the feast mass at Lourdhgiri Parish at 9 a.m.

February 18, 19, 20 :

The Bishop attended the year-end board meetings at St. Paul's Seminary, Trichy; Christ's Hall Seminary, Madurai; and St. Aloysius Seminary, Nagercoil.

February 21 : The Bishop honoured the school catechism toppers at Annai Ada Centre at 10 a.m. On the same day, the Bishop celebrated mass at Pattarivilai at 6.30 p.m.

February 22 : The Bishop celebrated his first episcopal ordination day with all the diocesan priests at the Bishop's House with a lunch. On the same day, the Bishop attended a program at Annai Vellankanni College at 2.30 p.m.

February 23 : The Bishop made a contact visit and celebrated the Confirmation Mass at Mathiravillai Parish. On the same day, the Bishop presided over the DPC meeting at Child Jesus Matriculation School, Unnamalaikadai at 3 p.m.

February 25 : The Bishop presided over the consult at 9.30 a.m. at the Bishop's House.

February 28 : The Bishop blessed the presbytery of Kuttaikadu Parish and made a contact visit and celebrated a Confirmation Mass at 5 p.m.

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN APRIL 2025

ORDINATION DAYS

- 03 : Fr. Chandra Sekhar C. P. (2005)
- 03 : Fr. Godwin Sounder Raj M. (2005)
- 03 : Fr. Jegan Bose U. (2005)
- 03 : Fr. John Francis M. (2005)
- 04 : Fr. Joseph Jeyaseelan S. (1988)
- 06 : Fr. Wenceslaus OCD (1983)
- 06 : Fr. Antony M. Muthu (1986)
- 06 : Fr. Gnanamuthu V. (1997)
- 07 : Fr. Jegath Gasper Raj M. (1991)
- 07 : Fr. Russel Raj B. (1991)
- 07 : Fr. Bright Simsa Raj A. (2002)
- 07 : Fr. Densingh M. (2002)
- 07 : Fr. Dominic Savio V. (2002)
- 07 : Fr. Jerald Justin D. (2002)
- 07 : Fr. Sujana Kumar D. M. (2002)
- 07 : Fr. Wiselin Xavier E. (2002)
- 07 : Fr. Dani John CMF (2024)
- 08 : Fr. Aloysius Babu OCD (1999)
- 09 : Fr. Vanathaiyan MSFS (2008)
- 10 : Fr. Francis S. (1983)
- 10 : Fr. Steeph C. (1994)
- 11 : Fr. Antony Jeya S. (1999)
- 11 : Fr. Jayakumar G. (1999)
- 11 : Fr. Maria Rajendran S. (1999)
- 11 : Fr. Paul Richard Joseph R. (1999)
- 11 : Fr. Robert Benni M. (1999)
- 14 : Fr. Arul Devadhasan M. (1977)
- 14 : Fr. Augustine P. (1985)
- 14 : Fr. Vincent S. (1985)
- 14 : Fr. Antony William F. (1996)
- 14 : Fr. Gelastin Gerald A. (1996)
- 14 : Fr. Jayaprakash S. (1996)

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN APRIL 2025

ORDINATION DAYS

- 14 : Fr. Jose Robinson S. K. (1996)
- 14 : Fr. Martin N. (1996)
- 14 : Fr. Sahaya Justus W. (1996)
- 14 : Fr. Anish B. (2024)
- 14 : Fr. Anish P. (2024)
- 14 : Fr. Arul Vineesh R. V. (2024)
- 14 : Fr. Biruthive Thomas (2024)
- 14 : Fr. Jackson C. (2024)
- 14 : Fr. Ranjeeth A. (2024)
- 15 : Fr. Maria Susai P. (1993)
- 15 : Fr. Arockia Shelly Rose A. M. (2007)
- 15 : Fr. Benny L. (2007)
- 15 : Fr. Godwin Selva Justus S. (2007)
- 15 : Fr. Jeya Sundar Singh (2018)
- 15 : Fr. Arul R. (2018)
- 17 : Fr. Jesu Retnam S. (1977)
- 18 : Fr. Dominic Kadatcha Dhas M. (1993)
- 18 : Fr. John Michael Raj M. (1993)
- 18 : Fr. George Eugin Raj A. (2004)
- 18 : Fr. Robert John Kennedy G. (2004)
- 18 : Fr. Suresh Kumar P. (2004)
- 18 : Fr. Xavier Sundar S. (2004)
- 18 : Fr. Andrews V. (2010)
- 18 : Fr. Jokens A. (2010)
- 18 : Fr. Amal Raj A. (2021)
- 18 : Fr. Ajin Jose (2021)
- 19 : Fr. Andrew D. (1998)
- 19 : Fr. Arockia Jose G. (2009)
- 19 : Fr. Geo Giltus G. (2009)
- 19 : Fr. Gilbert Lingson V. (2009)
- 21 : Fr. Vincent OCD (2006)
- 21 : Fr. Francis Xavier OCD (1997)
- 22 : Fr. George K. (1990)

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN APRIL 2025

ORDINATION DAYS

- 22 : Fr. Xavier Benedict S. (1990)
- 22 : Fr. Callistus M. (1996)
- 22 : Fr. Christopher S. (2001)
- 22 : Fr. Isaac Raj R. (2001)
- 22 : Fr. Maria Vincent A. (2001)
- 22 : Fr. Victor V. (2001)
- 23 : Fr. Benedict M. D. Anelin (1995)
- 23 : Fr. Benjamin D. (1995)
- 23 : Fr. David Michael M. (1995)
- 23 : Fr. Eckermens Michael M. (2006)
- 23 : Fr. Primas Singh M. (2006)
- 23 : Fr. Pushpa Raj A. (2006)
- 23 : Fr. John Baptist J. (2023)
- 23 : Fr. John Jijo J. (2023)
- 23 : Fr. John Vibin J. (2023)
- 23 : Fr. Libin Raj S. (2023)
- 23 : Fr. Shebin A. (2023)
- 23 : Fr. Starvin Cyril Shajan G. (2023)
- 26 : Fr. Elphinston Joseph J. (1987)
- 26 : Fr. Maria Arputham R. (1987)
- 26 : Fr. Maria Martin S. (1987)
- 26 : Most Rev. Albert G. A. Anasthas (1992)
- 26 : Fr. Sebastian F. (1992)
- 26 : Fr. Sekhar Michael S. (1992)
- 27 : Fr. Romeric Thadeus K. M. (2003)
- 27 : Fr. Thatheu Leon Jose A. S. (2003)
- 27 : Fr. Daniel A. CMF (2024)
- 27 : Fr. Gnana Sikamani SAC (2010)
- 28 : Fr. Eugene Gomes Pocr (2019)
- 28 : Fr. Christudhass OCD (1992)
- 29 : Fr. Mary John R. (1984)
- 29 : Fr. Maria David Y. OCD (1984)
- 29 : Fr. Siluvai Edwin SAC (2003)
- 30 : Fr. Manohiam Xavier F. (2000)

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN APRIL 2025

BIRTHDAYS

- 04 : Fr. Steephen C. (1966)
- 10 : Fr. Dominic Kadatcha Dhas M. (1967)
- 15 : Bro. Paul Savarimuthu (1969)
- 17 : Fr. Victor V. (1973)
- 17 : Fr. Arockia Shelly Rose A. M. (1978)
- 21 : Fr. Benedict M. D. Anelin (1968)
- 21 : Fr. Jegan Bose U. (1977)
- 24 : Fr. Gnana Sikamani SAC (1980)
- 27 : Fr. Ranjeeth A. (1994)
- 29 : Fr. Michael Alocious M. A. (1987)
- 30 : Fr. Libin Raj S. (1994)
- 30 : Fr. Jackson C. (1986)

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Offices of the Bishop's House, Vicariates and the Commissions will remain closed on the following day:

1. Tamil New Year - April 14, 2025
2. Good Friday - April 18, 2025

- Fr. G. Jayakumar, Financial Administrator.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2025

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Diocesan Events



Bishop celebrated Ash Wednesday mass at St. Mary's Basilica, Mulagumoodu



College Day at Morning Star Polytechnic College, Chunkankadai



Opening of the Maternity Ward at St. Xavier's Multi speciality Hospital, Chunkankadai



பீடச்சிறார் புத்தாக்கப் பயிற்சி, புனித தேவசகாயம் திருத்தலம், நட்டாலம்



World Autism Day

2nd April



Dr. Ambedkar Day

14th April



World Health Day

7th April

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