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குழித்துறையின் குரல்



"Ash Wednesday is full of Joy...
The source of all Sorrow is the illusion that
of ourselves we are anything but dust"
- Fr. Thomas Merton.

Diocesan Events



First Anniversary Celebration of Episcopal Ordination



The First Year of our Bishop's Episcopal Service and The Presidency of Friends of Kottar



Monthly Recollection



VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD

Dear Fathers Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we step into the holy season of Lent on March 5, the Church invites us to embark on a profound journey of interior renewal and conversion. This sacred time is an opportunity to turn back to the Lord with an undivided heart, allowing His grace to penetrate every dimension of our lives. Lent is not merely a tradition; it is a spiritual pilgrimage, echoing the call of Christ: “*Repent, and believe in the Gospel*” (Mark 1:15). The Church, in her wisdom, provides us with three essential spiritual disciplines to aid us on this journey: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are not mere obligations but means by which we participate in the mystery of Christ’s Paschal sacrifice and open ourselves more fully to the transformative power of His grace.

Prayer is the gateway to communion with God and a journey into the depths of our own soul. In the noise and distractions of daily life, it is easy to drift away from God’s presence. Lent calls us to pause, reflect, and return to the Father, much like the prodigal son who, realizing his need for mercy, arose and went back to his father (Luke 15:18-20). True prayer is not only an act of speaking to God but also of listening, allowing His voice to reshape our hearts and align our will with His divine plan. Through prayer, we enter into the divine intimacy Christ Himself enjoyed with the Father, enabling us to be reconciled with God and with ourselves. Only when we are at peace within can we extend that peace to the world around us.

Fasting is not simply about abstaining from food or comforts; it is a spiritual discipline of detachment, a conscious renunciation of all that distances us from God. It is an act of emptying ourselves so that Christ may fill us with His presence. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, fasting is meant to purify the heart, free us from excessive attachments, and strengthen our resolve in

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spiritual warfare (CCC 1434). It is not an end in itself but a means to deepen our reliance on God's grace. Whether it be fasting from sin, from unhealthy habits, or from anything that enslaves the soul, it is only through such renunciation that we can draw nearer to the One who is our true sustenance (John 6:35).

Almsgiving, in its deepest sense, is an expression of divine charity. It is not merely an act of generosity but a participation in the very love of Christ, who emptied Himself for our salvation (Philippians 2:7). True almsgiving goes beyond material assistance; it is a testament to our belief that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Through acts of mercy, we recognize Christ in the poor, the marginalized, and the suffering. Jesus reminds us, *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"* (Matthew 25:40). When we extend our hands to the needy, we are not simply helping them—we are encountering Christ Himself.

In this Jubilee Year, our focus is especially on bringing hope to the hopeless and fostering reconciliation. Lent is a privileged time to practice these virtues in concrete ways, making visible the mercy and compassion of Christ in our communities. More than external observances, this season is a call to authentic transformation, leading us to a true conversion of heart. As St. Paul reminds us, *"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come"* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

May this Lenten season be a time of grace and renewal, drawing us deeper into the mystery of Christ's love and preparing us to celebrate His glorious resurrection with hearts purified and renewed in faith.

Wishing you a holy and fruitful Lent.

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

Engagements of the Bishop: March 2025

Date	Event	Place	Time
01	Feast Mass	Chemparuthivilai	06.30 pm
02	Contact Visit & confirmation Mass	Vettuvenni	04.00 pm
04	Feast Mass	Vettuvenni	11.00 am
05	Ash Wednesday Mass	Mulagumoodu	06.15 am
08-13	Retreat Preaching	Changanassery	
15	Celebration at Medical College	Muttom	09.30 am
	Finance Committee Meeting	Bishop's House	03.00 pm
	Vespers	Aralvaimozhi	06.00 pm
19	Feast Mass – Cluny Convent	Unnamalaikadai	07.00 am
	Contact Visit & Confirmation Mass	Manchady	05.00 pm
20	College Day, Nanjil Catholic College Arts & Science	Kaliakkavilai	10.00 am
22	College Day, Morning Star Polytechnic College	Chunkankadai	10.00 am
23	Jubilee Function, Vincent De Paul	Elanthavilai	03.00 pm
25	Mass for CLC Commission	Nattalam	11.30 am
	Episcopal Ordination	Neyyatinkara	03.30 pm
29	Mass for CRI – Infant Jesus College	Mulagumoodu	10.00 am
31	Meeting	Tindivanam	

PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



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பாலர்சபை தினம் - பிப்ரவரி 09, 2025

கிறிஸ்துவில் அன்புமிக்க இறைமக்களே, அருட்பணியாளர்களே, துறவற சகோதர ககோதரிகளே, குழந்தைகளை அரவணைத்து அசீர்வதித்த நம் ஆண்டவர் இயேசுவின் அன்பும், அருளும், உடனிருப்பும் உங்கள் அனைவரோடும் என்றும் இருப்பதாக.

ஒவ்வொரு ஆண்டும் பிப்ரவரி மாதம் இரண்டாம் ஞாயிறை தாய்த்திருச்சபை அகில உலக பாலர்சபை தினமாக சிறப்பிக்கின்றது. அதன் வழியில் இவ்வாண்டு பிப்ரவரி திங்கள் 09-ம் நாள் ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை பாலர்சபை தினமாகச் சிறப்பிக்க அழைப்பு விடுக்கிறது. இவ்வாண்டிற்கென தரப்பட்டிருக்கும் மையச்சிந்தனை “இயேசுவின் இலட்சியப் பாதையில் பயணித்து நிறைவாழ்வு அடையும் சிறார்களாக” என்பதாகும். இந்த யூபிலி ஆண்டில் சிறார்கள் இயேசுவின் இலட்சியப் பாதையை புரிந்துகொள்ளவும், அதில் பயணித்து நிறைவாழ்வை பெற்றுக்கொள்ளவும் பயிற்சிகள், குழு ஆய்வுகள் மற்றும் சிறப்பு செயல்பாடுகள் வழியாக வழிகாட்டிட உங்களை அழைக்கின்றேன்.

குழந்தைகளை நேசித்தவர் இயேசு. குழந்தையாகப் பிறந்தவர். குழந்தைகளின் குணநலன்களோடு வளர்ந்தவர். தான் வாழ்ந்த சமூகத்தில் குழந்தைகளின் நிலையை உணர்ந்தவர்; குழந்தைகளின் மனித மாண்பை மதித்தவர்; பாதுகாத்தவர். தனது இலட்சியக் கனவான இறையாட்சியை அறிவிப்பதிலே, செயல்படுத்துவதிலே இயேசு குழந்தைகளை முன்னிறுத்துவது குழந்தைகள் இயேசுவின் நெஞ்சத்திற்கு நெருக்கமானவர்கள் என்பதைக் காட்டுகின்றது.

“நீங்கள் மனந்திரும்பி சிறுபிள்ளைகள்போல் ஆகாவிட்டால் விண்ணுலகில் நுழைய மாட்டீர்கள் என உறுதியாக உங்களுக்குச் சொல்கிறேன். இச்சிறுபிள்ளையைப்போலத் தம்மைத் தாழ்த்திக் கொள்பவரே விண்ணுலகில் மிகப் பெரியவர். சிறு பிள்ளைகளை என்னிடம் வரவிடுங்கள். அவர்களை தடுக்காதீர்கள். ஏனெனில் இறையாட்சி இத்தகையோர்க்கே உரியது. இறையாட்சியை சிறுபிள்ளையைப்போல் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளாதோர் அதற்கு உட்படமாட்டார் என உறுதியாக உங்களுக்குச் சொல்கிறேன்” என்று கூறிக் குழந்தைகளைப் போன்றோருக்கே இறையாட்சி உரியது என்று இறையாட்சியை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ள முன்வருவோருக்கு குழந்தைகளை உவமையாக முன்வைக்கிறார் இயேசு.

கடந்த ஆண்டு அகில உலக குழந்தைகள் தினத்தை முன்னிட்டு திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் இறைமக்களுக்கு விடுத்த செய்தியில் “குழந்தைகள் பெற்றோருக்கும், குடும்பத்திற்கும், திரு அவைக்கும், இந்த உலகிற்கும் மகிழ்ச்சியின் ஊற்றாய் இருக்கின்றார்கள். கடந்த காலத்தையும், எதிர்காலத்தையும் இணைக்கும் சங்கிலிகளாக வளர்கின்றார்கள்” என்று குறிப்பிடுகின்றார்.

எருசலேம் ஆலயத்தில் காணாமல் போன சிறுவன் இயேசு மீண்டும் கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டப் பிறகு அவரது பெற்றோருடன் நாசரேத்திற்குத் திரும்புகின்றார். அங்கு அவர் தன் பெற்றோருக்குப் பணிந்து நடந்தார்; அவர் ஞானத்திலும், உடல் வளர்ச்சியிலும் மிகுந்து கடவுளுக்கும், மனிதருக்கும் உகந்தவராக வாழ்ந்து வந்தார் என்று லூக்கா நற்செய்தியிலே வாசிக்கின்றோம் (லூக். 2: 51-52). அன்னை மரியாவும், புனித சூசையப்பரும் இணைந்து அமைத்த குடும்பம் இயேசு ஞானத்தில் வளர, உடல் ஆரோக்கியத்தில் சிறந்திருக்க, கடவுளுக்கும், மனிதருக்கும் உகந்த பண்பாளராக உருவாக ஏற்ற சூழலைக் கொண்டிருந்தது என்பதை நாம் அறிய முடிகின்றது.

இயேசுவின் குழந்தைப்பருவம் அவர்தம் குடும்பத்தோடும், மக்களின் வாழ்வோடும் தன்னை இணைத்துக்கொண்டு வளரும் காலமாகவே அமைந்திருந்தது. அவர் தனது தந்தையின் தச்சுத் தொழிலைக் கற்றுக்கொண்டார். தந்தையாம்

இறைவனால் ஈர்க்கப்பட்டவராக அவர்தம் அலுவல்களில் அக்கறை கொண்டவராக இருந்தார். “நான் என் தந்தையின் அலுவலில் ஈடுபட்டிருக்க வேண்டும் என்பது உங்களுக்குத் தெரியாதா? (லூக். 2: 49)” என்று கேட்பது தன் குடும்பத்தோடு மட்டுமல்ல, தந்தையாம் இறைவனோடும், இந்த சமூகத்தோடும் இணைந்து செயலாற்றினார் என்பதை உணர்த்துகின்றது.

மகிழ்ச்சியின் ஊற்றாக, காலங்களை இணைப்பவர்களாக, இறையாட்சியின் அடையாளங்களாக விளங்கும் நம் குழந்தைகள் நிறைவாழ்வை நோக்கி வளர இன்றைய சமூகம் எப்படிப்பட்டச் சூழலை உருவாக்கியிருக்கின்றது என்பதை ஆய்வு செய்ய நாம் கடமைப்பட்டிருக்கின்றோம்.

நம் சமூகத்தில் குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பாக உள்ளனர் என்று உறுதியாகக் கூற இயலவில்லை, குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிராக வன்முறைகள் அதிகரித்துள்ளது. பல காரணங்களுக்காக குழந்தைகள் கடத்தப்படுவது அவர்களுக்கு எதிராக இழைக்கப்படும் மிகப்பெரும் அநீதி. குழந்தைத் தொழிலாளர்கள், பெண் குழந்தைகள் கொலை ஆகிய இழிச்செயல்கள் இன்னும் முற்றிலுமாக அகற்றப்படவில்லை. இந்நிலையில், நம் சமூகத்தில் குழந்தைகளுக்குப் பாதுகாப்பும், சம வாய்ப்பும் கிடைக்கப்பெறும் நல்ல சூழலை அனைவரும் இணைந்து உருவாக்கிட முயற்சிக்க வேண்டும்.

நம் மறைமாவட்டம் சிறார் குறித்து எப்போதும் அதிகமான அக்கறை கொண்டுள்ளது. சிறாருக்கென மறைக்கல்வி, சிறார் அன்பியம், பாலர் சபை, சிறுவழி இயக்கம், இளந்தளிர் இயக்கம், சிறுவர் பாராளுமன்றம், விடுமுறை விவிலியப் பள்ளி, சிறாருக்கான நற்கருணைக் கொண்டாட்டம் எனப்பட வழிகளில் சிறுவர்களை சிறந்தவர்களாக உருவாக்கிடத் திட்டங்களை வகுத்துள்ளோம். இவற்றைத் திட்டமிட்டு செயல்படுத்த அன்புடன் கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்.

நம் பங்குகளிலும், கிளைப்பங்குகளிலும் வருகின்ற ஞாயிறை பாலர்சபை ஞாயிறாக சிறப்பிப்போம். அன்றைய வழிபாட்டில் நமது சிறாருக்கு முக்கிய இடத்தைக் கொடுப்போம். எல்லாரும் இணைந்து உலகெங்கும் வாழும் ஏழை சிறாருக்கு உதவும் பொருட்டு வருகின்ற பிப்ரவரி 09, 2025 அன்று சிறப்பு

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காணிக்கை எடுத்து அதனை மறைமாவட்டப் பொருளரிடம் ஒப்படைக்கக் கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறேன்.

உங்கள் அனைவரையும் சிறப்பாக உங்கள் பங்கு சமூகத்திலுள்ள அனைத்து சிறாரையும் நல்லாயன் இயேசு நிறைவாக ஆசீர்வதிப்பாராக.

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



குறிப்பு: இச்சுற்றுமடல் குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்டத்தின் அனைத்துப் பங்குகளிலும், கிளைப் பங்குகளிலும் 02.02.2025 அன்று ஞாயிறுத் திருப்பலியில் மறையுரையின்போது வாசிக்கப்பட வேண்டும்.





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February 05, 2025

Dear Reverend Father,

I am pleased to invite you to a Day of Recollection for our priests on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at Annai Ada Centre, Azhagiamandapam. Rev. Fr. Ubald, Parish Priest of Kanyakumari, will share his pastoral insights as we focus on two key areas in this Jubilee year: "Giving Hope to the Hopeless" and "Reconciliation".

The tentative time-table for the day will be as follows:

09.30 am	Arrival – Refreshments
10.00 am	Recollection Talk
11.00 am	Break
11.30 am	Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
12.30 pm	Bishop's Announcements
01.00 pm	Lunch

Your presence is expected. If you are unable to attend, please inform either me or the Vicar General.

Let us join our brother priests to deepen our priestly fraternity and support one another as we journey together in this year of jubilee.

Sincerely yours in the Good Shepherd,

+ A. Anasthas

Most Rev. Albert G.A. Anasthas,
Bishop of Kuzhithurai.



Contributions to the Diocese

January 16 to February 15, 2025

1. Annual Contribution from Churches

No	Parish	Amount
1	Alancholai	20,000
2	Alanvilai	62,000
3	Chemparuthivilai	85,000
4	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam)	6,500
5	Kesavapuram (Puthenkadai)	10,000
6	Kottoorkonam	10,000
7	Lourdugiri	42,600
8	Manchakonam	28,000
9	Maruthancode	59,210
10	Nullivilai (Karenkadu)	17,500
11	Poottetty	69,800
12	Sebasthiyarpuram (Munchirai)	13,000
13	Thalakulam (Pattarivilai)	2,500
14	Thickanamcode (Mathiravilai)	14,000
15	Valiyayela (Pechipparai)	1,800
16	Varthanvilai	42,000
17	Vattam	50,000
18	Vettuvanni (Shrine)	70,000
19	Vilathurai (Kappukadu)	5,000
Total		6,08,910

2. Youth Year

No	Parish	Amount
1	Alanvilai	3,907
2	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekhram)	250
3	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai)	400
4	Vettuvanni (Shrine)	12,390
5	Vilathurai (Kappukadu)	250
Total		17,197

Contribution

3. Mission Sunday

No	Parish	Amount
1	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2023)	250
2	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2024)	250
3	Lourdugiri	6,085
4	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2017)	295
5	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2022)	350
6	Nullivilai (Karenkadu)	2,500
7	Poottetty	7,000
8	Thickanamcode	2,223
9	Thiruvithancode	10,555
10	Varthanvilai	5,000
11	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2021)	250
12	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2022)	250
13	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2023)	250
14	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2024)	250
Total		35,508

4. Cancer Patient Fund

No	Parish	Amount
1	Mananvilai (Iruthayapuram)	5,000
2	Mathapuram (Vizhunthayambalam)	12,000
3	Perunchilampu (Manalikai)	5,275
4	R. F. Ferjesh Raneef	5,000
5	St. Anne’s Convent, Vizhunthayambalam	3,000
6	St. Vincent De Paul Society, Chentharai	1,500
7	Varthanvilai	21,500
8	Vizhunthayambalam	23,500
Total		76,775

5. Shrine (Special Mass)

No	Parish	Amount
1	Vettuvenni	22,000
Total		22,000

6. Holy Childhood

No	Parish	Amount
1	Alanvilai (2023)	3,702
2	Aloor (Konnankuzhivilai)	1,450
3	Amsi	2,500
4	Appattuvilai (St. Joseph)	8,105
5	Cherikadai (Palliyady)	4,200
6	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2023)	250
7	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2024)	250
8	Christurajapuram (Nallayanpuram)	1,000
9	Chunkankadai (Shrine)	4,134
10	Eraniel (Kandanzvilai)	1,360
11	Fathimapuram	9,300
12	Irudayapuram (T)	6,665
13	Ithayapuram (Viricode)	5,175
14	Kakkavilai (Fathimapuram)	1,900
15	Kaliakkavilai	4,068
16	Kallupalam (Thickurichy)	1,020
17	Kappiarai	4,265
18	Kesavapuram (Puthenkadai)	6,430
19	Konacherry (Vavarai)	1,022
20	Konnakuzhivilai	6,916
21	Kottoorkonam (2024)	500
22	Kuttaikadu	1,750
23	Kuzhichal (Packiapuram)	2,315
24	Kuzhithurai	2,050
25	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai)	300
26	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2018)	300
27	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2022)	380
28	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2023)	325
29	Manali (Choozhal)	2,300
30	Manalikuzhivilai	2,320
31	Manchakonam	3,200
32	Marthandam	3,100
33	Maruthancode	5,300
34	Mulagumoodu	15,000
35	Nallayanpuram	3,451
36	Nullivilai (Karenkadu) (2023)	1,220

Contribution

6. Holy Childhood

No	Parish	Amount
37	Nullivilai (Karenkadu) (2024)	1,310
38	Nullivilai (Karenkadu) (2025)	1,140
39	Palapally (Manali)	2,200
40	Panavilai	3,500
41	Paramanvilai	4,361
42	Puliyoorurichy	5,010
43	Pullani	4,342
44	Sebasthiyarpuram (Munchirai)	1,050
45	Thottachani (Soosaipuram)	1,170
46	Varthanvilai	7,993
47	Vattam	1,890
48	Velliavilai	7,624
49	Vellicode	16,127
50	Verkilambi (Chetticharvilai)	500
51	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2021)	250
52	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2022)	250
53	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2023)	250
54	Vilavoor (Mulagumoodu)	300
Total		1,76,790

7. Social Communication

No	Parish	Amount
1	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2023)	250
2	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2024)	250
3	Kottoorkonam (2024)	500
4	Lourdugiri	5,205
5	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2023)	350
6	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2024)	300
7	Nullivilai (Karenkadu) (2023)	1,589
8	Nullivilai (Karenkadu) (2024)	2,177
9	Padarnilam (2024)	750
10	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2023)	250
11	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2024)	250
Total		11,871

Contribution

8. New Bishop's House Building

No	Parish	Amount
1	Alancholai	27,360
2	Amalapuram (Maruthancode)	8,300
3	Ambankalai (Kolvel)	2,921
4	Arockia Annainagar (Nallayanpuram)	4,050
5	Arulanandapuram (Mathiravilai)	20,410
6	Chanthanapuram (Siluvaipuram)	15,400
7	Chellamkonam (Panavilai)	9,250
8	Chemparuthivilai	40,100
9	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam)	11,441
10	Choozhal	22,425
11	Dr. Samuvel George	1,00,000
12	Elanthavilai	10,000
13	Fathimapuram	40,000
14	Ikkiyanagar (Melpalai)	11,780
15	Irudayapuram (T)	24,370
16	Kakkavilai (Fathimapuram)	8,090
17	Kallupalam (Thickurichy)	9,400
18	Karungal (Thundathuvilai)	15,180
19	Kesavapuram (Puthenkadai)	20,000
20	Kolvel	10,000
21	Kottarakonam (Cheruvallor)	1,200
22	Lourdugiri	35,000
23	Manali (Choozhal)	18,050
24	Manali (Choozhal)	2,200
25	Manalikuzhivilai	20,860
26	Mananvilai (Irudayapuram)	10,700
27	Mananvilai (Mathiravilai)	16,000
28	Mancode (Cheruvallor)	4,560
29	Mankalai (Melpalai)	8,800
30	Mankarai (Mullanganavilai)	29,400
31	Marthandam	10,000
32	Maruthancode	34,165

Contribution

8. New Bishop's House Building

No	Parish	Amount
33	Maruthancode (Panavilai)	4,250
34	Mathiravilai	1,22,000
35	Melpalai	37,930
36	Mullanganavilai	1,55,600
37	Munchirai	60,000
38	Nattalam (Mullanganavilai)	35,310
39	Oottukuzhy (Amsi)	4,231
40	Padarnilam	23,000
41	Palloor (Poottetty)	20,050
42	Panavilai	15,270
43	Paramanvilai	23,050
44	Poottetty	5,000
45	Poottetty	57,000
46	Sahayanagar	76,310
47	Sebasthiyarpuram (Munchirai)	14,000
48	Siluvaipuram	21,850
49	Siluvaipuram	11,475
50	Soosaipuram (Vanniyoor)	41,210
51	Tharathattu (Mullanganavilai)	28,430
52	Theruvukkadai (Poottetty)	20,270
53	Thickanamcode (Mathiravilai)	11,500
54	Thirithuvapuram	1,60,000
55	Thottachani (Soosaipuram)	10,570
56	Velliavilai	48,400
Total		16,08,118

9. St. Devasahayam Thanksgiving Mass

No	Parish	Amount
1	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam)	259
2	Poottetty	3,000
3	Vilathurai (Kappukadu)	250
Total		3,509

10. Cumulated Mass

No	Parish	Amount
1	Chemparuthivilai (December, January)	2,500
2	Chithenthope (Kandanvilai)	10,000
3	Choozhal	4,500
4	Chunkankadaï (Shrine) (November - January)	4,800
5	Fathimapuram	7,700
6	Irudayapuram (T) (December, January)	2,400
7	Ithayapuram (Viricode)	900
8	Kadayal	31,500
9	Kamplar	1,100
10	Konamkadu	9,300
11	Konnakuzhivilai	1,500
12	Madathattuivilai	9,200
13	Manali	5,100
14	Manchakonam	1,300
15	Mulagumoodu	5,900
16	Mulavilai (Feast Mass)	10,000
17	Mullanganavilai	4,200
18	Mylacode	4,300
19	Nattalam (Shrine)	22,400
20	Palliady	800
21	Pattarivilai	12,000
22	Puliyookurichy	4,400
23	Sebasthiyarpuram (Munchirai) (Feast Mass)	6,900
24	Thickurichy	1,600
25	Thirithuvapuram	3,200
26	Thiruvithancode	90,000
27	Vattam	4,600
28	Vencode	6,400
29	Vettuvenni (Shrine)	3,34,400
30	Vettuvilai (Vencode)	1,400
	Total	6,04,300

Contribution

11. Bible Sunday

No	Parish	Amount
1	Alanvilai (2023)	1,448
2	Alanvilai (2024)	5,164
3	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2021)	250
4	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2023)	250
5	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2024)	250
6	Kottoorkonam (2021)	500
7	Kottoorkonam (2024)	500
8	Lourdugiri	4,763
9	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2017)	315
10	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2018)	300
11	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2022)	300
12	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2023)	420
13	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2024)	300
14	Padarnilam	1,250
15	Poottetty	2,000
16	Puliyoorurichy	2,910
17	Varthanvilai	5,000
18	Vettuvanni (Shrine)	9,691
19	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2016)	250
20	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2019)	250
21	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2022)	250
22	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2023)	250
23	Vilathurai (Kappukadu) (2024)	250
Total		36,861

12. Prison Ministry

No	Parish	Amount
1	Alancholai (2016)	1,000
2	Alanvilai (2023)	5,144
3	Alanvilai (2024)	4,644

Contribution

12. Prison Ministry

No	Parish	Amount
4	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2021)	250
5	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2023)	250
6	Cheruthikonam (Kulasekharam) (2024)	250
7	Kottoorkonam (2021)	500
8	Kottoorkonam (2024)	500
9	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2016)	310
10	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2017)	300
11	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2022)	360
12	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2023)	400
13	Machuvilai (Kallaravilai) (2024)	300
14	Nullivilai (Karenkadu) (2023)	1,064
15	Nullivilai (Karenkadu) (2024)	1,132
16	Padarnilam	700
Total		17,104

13. Seminary Fund

No	Parish	Amount
1	Auxilaries of the Lay Apostolate	5,000
2	Chentharai (Confirmation)	8,662
3	Fr. Innocent J.	500
4	Irudayapuram (T) (Confirmation)	23,180
5	Kottoorkonam (Confirmation)	7,000
6	Marriage Mass, Kappukadu	25,000
7	Mr. Joseph (December, January)	2,000
8	Mrs. Carmel Mary, Karenkadu	3,000
9	Mrs. Sicily Augustine, Thundathuvilai	50,000
10	Mulagumoodu	5,000
11	Palliyady	3,000
12	Thumpali (Confirmation)	25,620
13	Varthanvilai (Confirmation)	44,076
14	Ved. Baby Kamala	1,000
Total		2,03,038

Activities of the Pastoral Commissions in the Month of January 2025

BCC (Anbiyam) Commission

On 04.01.2025, the general body meeting of the BCC Commission for Mulagumoodu Vicariate was held at Uthaya Tharagai, which was presided over by the vicariate president in the presence of Rev. Fr. David Michael, the Vicar Forane, and Rev. Fr. Alwin Vijay, the Diocesan BCC Director. Including the full-timer, vicariate executives, and BCC members, a total of 45 members participated in the meeting. The Diocesan Director gave an orientation on Jubilee 2025.

On 25.01.2025, the general body meeting of the BCC Commission for Karancadu Vicariate was held as an Exhibition of Traditional Items at Holy Family Church, Ilanthavilai, which was presided over by Mr. Devasahayam, a farmer from Mankuzhi, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Bright Singh, the Vicariate Director, and Rev. Fr. Alwin Vijay, the Diocesan BCC Director. The parishes Kandanvilai, Arockiapuram, Karancadu, Ilanthavilai, Mankuzhi, Pattarivilai, and Muransancode participated in the special exhibition conducted on this day. Including the full-timer, vicariate executives, and BCC members, a total of 75 members participated in the meeting. At the end of the meeting, Pongal sweet was served. On the occasion of the Pongal celebration, gifts were given to 12 different people, each costing Rs. 1,000 (total amount Rs. 12,000).

On 26.01.2025, the general body meeting of the BCC Commission for Puthenkadai Vicariate was held at Kulasekaram Fine Arts Hall, which was presided over by the vicariate president in the presence of Rev. Fr. Maria Martin, the Vicar Forane. Including the full-timer, vicariate executives, and BCC members, a total of 44 members participated in the meeting.

Report: Activities of the Pastoral Commissions

On 26.01.2025, the executive meeting of the BCC Commission for Thirithuvapuram Vicariate was held at Thirithuvapuram Training Hall. Including the full-timer and vicariate executives, 5 members participated in the meeting.

On 26.01.2025, the general body meeting of the BCC Commission for Thirithuvapuram Vicariate was held at Thirithuvapuram Training Hall. Including the full-timer, vicariate executives, and BCC members, a total of 51 members participated in the meeting. The evaluation was done on the Fundraising Programme for the Bishop's House Building, coordinating and celebrating the feast Mass at Nattalam Shrine, and the Diocesan Summit for the BCC Commission.

On 26.01.2025, the general body meeting of the BCC Commission for Vencode Vicariate was held at Munchirai. Including the Vicar Forane, full-timer, vicariate executives, and BCC members, a total of 73 members participated in the meeting. The Annual Plan for the year 2025 was prepared.

The parishes that celebrated the BCC Union Festival (Sangamam) during BCC Month were: Kolvel, Maruthancode, Thottachanni, Pilavilai, Thumpali, and Ambangalai.

Diocesan Summit - BCC Commission

The Diocesan Summit for the BCC Commission of Kuzhithurai Diocese was held on the theme "Anbiyathil Iraiatchi" (Kingdom of God in BCC) at Nattalam on 18.01.2025. The Summit was presided over by Most Rev. Dr. Albert Anasthas. The inaugural address was delivered by Rev. Fr. Alwin Vijay, the Diocesan Director. Msgr. Xavier Benedict, the Vicar General, graced the event with his presence. Rev. Fr. Jeniber Edison, the Secretary of the Tamil Nadu Youth Commission, gave the special guest address. Most Rev. Dr. Albert Anasthas delivered his presidential address.

Report: Activities of the Pastoral Commissions

The video carrying the felicitation message from Most Rev. Amal Raj, the President of the Tamil Nadu Youth Commission, was played. The Diocesan Bishop released the Summit Souvenir, and copies were received by the Diocesan BCC Director, Coordinator, Executives, and the Souvenir Committee members. Mulagumoodu Vicariate welfare scheme aids were given to beneficiaries by the Bishop.

Rev. Fr. John Bosco, the Secretary of the Tamil Nadu BCC Commission, Rev. Fr. Martin, the Diocesan Commissions' Coordinator, Mr. Varheese, the Vice-President of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, Rev. Fr. Antony Muthu, the Diocesan Chancellor, and Rev. Fr. Jeyakumar, the Diocesan Procurator, felicitated the gathering.

Rev. Fr. John Bosco released the Diocesan BCC Data, and it was received by Rev. Fr. Martin.

Rev. Fr. Charles Viju, the Director of St. Xavier's Multi-Specialty Hospital, explained the plan to form a medical unit in each parish and the mobile nursing program for sick persons in need. Including priests, religious, vicars forane, vicariate directors, lay apostles, full-timers, and executives, a total of 7,200 members participated in the Summit.

Ms. Baby Kamala, a catechist and the Diocesan BCC Coordinator, expressed gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the event by delivering the vote of thanks.

At the end of the Summit, a delicious lunch was served to all.

On behalf of the Parish BCCs Coordination, Rs. 11,32,432/- was given for various needs of the people, such as education help, marriage support, medical aid, and elder care.

Report: Activities of the Pastoral Commissions

The full-timers carried out various pastoral activities, including 129 house visits, 55 Anbiyam (BCC) visits, 21 BCC coordination visits, and 19 visits to the sick. They organized five full-timers' meetings and met 275 executive members.

Dalit Commission

The activities of the Dalit Commission were highlighted through the general body meeting held on 21.01.2025 at Annai Ada Centre, Azhagiyamandapam. Our Vicar General presided over the meeting. State Secretary Rev. Fr. Nithya Sahayam delivered a talk on various aspects of the Dalit people, focusing on the urgency of action for development in our families and society at large. The meeting started with a prayer song by the Shanthi Group, followed by a welcome address from Surendran, the President of the movement. The Secretary, Mrs. Carmel Mary, then presented the report.

The general body was organized under the guidance of Mr. George, South Zone Organizer. Moreover, the Secretary met groups like Nallayanpuram (19 attended). On 08.02.2025, the Puthenkadai Vicariate meeting was conducted (8 people attended). On 10 February, the Theruvukadai group was visited (10 people attended). The Kotturkonam executive meeting was conducted on 17.02.2025 (20 people attended).

Prison Ministry

The Diocesan Prison Ministry general body meeting was held on 31.01.2025 in the presence of Fr. Berdin Anas, the Secretary. As per the annual plan, a training program was conducted by Sr. Ancy on the theme, "Not a successful ministry, but a faithful ministry." In the meeting, three panels of members were selected to visit the families of prisoners who were unwilling to take them on bail, in order to help three inmates secure bail.

Report: Activities of the Pastoral Commissions

As the former Treasurer was out of station due to work, Mrs. Reena was unanimously elected as the new Treasurer. Every Saturday, the Kuzhithurai male sub-jail, the Thuckalay female sub-jail, and the houses of prisoners were visited, and the necessary support and counseling were provided to the inmates.

Children

On 05.01.2025 & 17.01.2025, the Mathiravilai Vicariate held executive meetings in Karungal, attended by the Vicariate Director, field staff, and executive members—4 and 6, respectively.

On 11.01.2025, the Thirithuvapuram Vicariate hosted an executive meeting in Marthandam, attended by the Vicariate Director, Parish Priest, field staff, and 8 executive members. Additionally, a Vicariate animators' meeting was held with 24 attendees.

On 13.01.2025, the Mulagumoodu Vicariate office-bearers' meeting took place with the Vicariate Director, field staff, and executive members.

On 26.01.2025, the Karancadu Vicariate conducted a Zonal animators' meeting at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Thachanprambu, including the Vicariate Director, field staff, and 39 participants.

On 26.01.2025, Vallanoor Parish held training sessions conducted by Miss Ajitha Rubi and Sahaya Monisha (field staff), with 68 children and 8 parents participating.

This month, the field staff collectively visited 40 groups, 110 animators, and 40 parish priests.

Commission for Christian Life

Commission for Catechism

On 15.01.2025 Thirithuvapuram Vicariate Annual Day was held at St. Joseph Hr. Sec. School, Thirithuvapuram on the theme “*Manitha Neyathai Valarkum Jubilee Aandu*” (Jubilee Year for Humanity). Based on the grade prizes were given for all. Total 967 members participated in the event.

On 15.01.2025 Karancadu Vicariate Annual Day was held at St. Aloysius Church Karancadu, on the theme “*Ethirnokina Thirupayanigalai*” (Pilgrims of Hope). Most. Rev. Dr. Albert G.A. Anasthas, Bishop of the Diocese presided over the event. Based on the grade prizes were given for all. Total 2000 members participated in the event.

On 16.01.2025 Mulagumoodu Vicariate Annual Day was held at St. Joseph Mtr. School Mulagumoodu, on the theme “*Marai Oliyil Malarum Mathipeedugal*” (Blooming Values in the Light of Creed). Most. Rev. Dr. Albert G.A. Anasthas, Bishop of the Diocese presided over the event. Based on the grade prizes were given for all. Total 1500 members participated in the event.

On 26.01.2025 Mathiravilai Vicariate Annual Day was held at St. Devasahayam Shrine Mathiravilai, on the theme “*Nambikaiyin Paathaiyil Viviliya Vizhumiyangal*” (Biblical Values on the Path of Faith). Total 1200 members participated in the event.

Vicariate Level General Body Meetings

On 11.01.2025 Mulagumoodu Vicariate General Body meeting was held at Udayadharagai, Thuckalay. Rev. Fr. Michael Aloysius, the Vicariate Director felicitated the gathering. Comprehensive planning about the annual day was done in the meeting. Totally 62 members participated in the meeting.

Report: Activities of the Pastoral Commissions

On 25.01.2025 Puthenkadai Vicariate General Body meeting was held at St. James Hall, Puthenkadai, which was presided over by Mr. Jelwin. Rev. Fr. Godwin Sounder Raj, the vicariate director gave a talk on “*Marai Asiriyarin Kadamaigal*” (Duties of a Catechism Teacher). Totally 49 Catechism Teachers participated in the meeting.

Commission for Liturgy

Every week Responsorial Psalm is composed and sent to the parishes via Whats App.

On 18.01.2025 Puthenkadai Vicariate General Body meeting was held at St. James Church, Puthenkadai. Rev. Fr. Godwin Sounder Raj gave a talk on “*Arthamulla Vzhibadu*” (Meaningful Liturgy). Totally 29 Liturgical Committee members participated in the meeting.

Commission for Bible

The National Summit for Bible was held from January 21 to 23 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Vellankanni. Mrs. Vijila, The Catechist participated in the National Summit.

Bible Quiz was conducted in the vicariates of Vencode and Mathiravilai.

Social Communication

The Holy Mass was recorded and telecast on Madha TV on January 13 from Our Lady of Fatima Church, Kallukottam; on January 14 from St. Devasahayam Pillai Shrine, Puliyoorkurichy; on January 21 from St. Michael’s Church, Chirayankuzhi; on January 22 from Child Jesus Matric Higher Secondary School, Unnamalaikadai; and on January 31 from Our Lady of Assumption Church, Mathiravilai.

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Special programs were presented by students for Madha TV. On January 1st, from Trinity CBSE School, Chithiramkode, on the theme “புத் தாண்டில் புதுமை”, and on January 14 from Chunkankadai St. Xavier’s Engineering College on the theme “பொங்கலோ பொங்கல்”.

The ordination Mass of Fr. Absalin, KMI, the funeral services of Fr. Felix Wilfred, and the Vicariates Catechism Annual Day were recorded and telecast on the Thenaruvi YouTube channel.

Throughout January, “அறம் செய விரும்பு” was shared by Fr. Sahaya Dhas, the Word of God was shared by Fr. Pencer Xavier, and daily saintly life histories were provided by Fr. K. Bright Singh for WhatsApp status. Additionally, posters and Christian songs were shared through media.

Throughout the month, homilies were given by Fr. Arockia Jose, Fr. Robert, and Fr. Jerald Justin.

Youth Commission

The third-phase training program for youth was held from January 3 to 5, covering topics such as political analysis, political involvement in the view of the Second Vatican Council, and the transition from international to district-level politics. A total of 17 trainees and 10 executive members participated in the program.

Additionally, a training program for animators was conducted on January 5, focusing on their duties and responsibilities, with Mr. John Elango as the resource person. Twelve animators participated in this program. On the same day, a skill development training session for youth was held, led by Rev. Fr. Stephen, with 26 members in attendance.

The Diocesan Executive Committee met on January 26, with 13 members present. Discussions centered on the Women’s Day

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program, the Lenten season retreat, and Arts Day. Various vicariates, including Thirithuvapuram, Mathiravilai, and Mulagumoodu, held their executive committee meetings, focusing on topics such as the Pongal program and Women's Day celebration.

General body meetings were conducted in the Thirithuvapuram, Puthenkadai, and Mulagumoodu vicariates, addressing subjects such as dispossessed tribes, the Indian Constitution, and the Tamil festival. Resource persons Miss Femi, Mr. Renjith, and Mr. Akilan contributed to these discussions.

Vencode Vicariate celebrated Pongal with traditional games on January 12, with a total of 226 members from 12 units participating. Thirithuvapuram Vicariate marked Pongal with alumni executive members, with 18 members taking part. Mathiravilai Vicariate celebrated Pongal with team games, involving 139 participants from 8 units.

Fatima Nagar and Maruthencode units were also visited. A regional general body meeting was held on January 12, 2025, in Madurai, with four members participating. This meeting aimed to discuss and decide on key matters pertaining to the region.

YCS

The third-phase training program for YCS was conducted from January 10 to 12, 2025, covering a range of topics, including social analysis, social activities, value-based education, human rights, and student movements. A total of 30 trainees and 9 executive members participated in the training.

The Diocesan General Body Meeting was held on January 26, 2025, where Mr. Sam Vinod delivered a talk on the problems faced by students and ways to resolve them. Sixteen members attended the meeting. Additionally, the vicariates of Mulagumoodu,

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Puthenkadai, Karencadu, and Thirithuvapuram held their general body meetings, discussing topics such as education, drug addiction, and exam preparation. Mr. Inbaraj, Miss Anitha, and Mr. Robert served as resource persons for these meetings.

Other activities included unit visits to Fatima Nagar and Maruthencode, as well as an editorial meeting for *Yuga Sakthi* magazine on January 29, 2025, which was attended by six members. A meeting for directors and joint directors was also held on January 26, 2025, with nine members participating. Furthermore, three meetings were conducted for field staff.

Puthuvasantham

With the noble vision of developing a society without substance use disorder (addiction), Puthuvasantham is journeying forward with its committed ministry.

Our 116th camp for alcohol addiction treatment started on January 6th and ended on January 26th of this new year, with 17 patients participating in the camp. This month, Puthuvasantham conducted two awareness programs about alcoholism and drugs: On January 17th, for the students of Government High School, Anaikizhi. On January 24th, for the first-year B.Ed. students of Bethani College of Education, Vencode. On January 18th, a new AA group was started at Tholayavattam, which gathers every Saturday evening for their sharing, with about 20 sober persons attending regularly.

Administratively, the ministry team gathered and evaluated the activities carried out so far. A budget for the year 2025 has been prepared in the meeting, envisioning different activities enshrined in the plans that have already been drafted.

- Fr. N. Martin,

Coordinator of the Pastoral Commissions.

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

Activities of KIDSS Units

KIDSS SHG

1. Eighteen groups were visited during this and spoke about the purpose of Pongal festival.
2. One new group was formed at Naloorkonam on January 19, 2025.
3. Kulasekharam group helped a patient with Rs. 2500/- and for education Rs. 1000/-

KIDSS WSCP

1. District executive meeting was conducted on January 11, 2025 and planned for vocational training
2. Vicariate level meetings were conducted in all six vicariates during this month.
3. Chemparuthivilai Kaikal Sangam celebrated Pongal with inter religious people on January 16, 2025.
4. Neem plant saplings were distributed to 10 women in view of preserving the environment.
5. Detergent making training was given on January 26, 2025 in which 46 members participated. Among them 10 women are interested in doing it for their own use.
6. 65 widows registered under destitute welfare board with the initiative of the staff.
7. One of the Vettuvanni Sangam members agreed to support one +2 student for his education Rs. 1000/- monthly.

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KIDSS RMP

1. District executive meeting was conducted on January 18, 2025 under the leadership of project Director. An input session was given about change of food habits.
2. Muttram Magazine editorial team had meeting on January 17, 2025. Next magazine theme will be on Worker's Day.
3. 13 Sangam completed their Manadu during this month and 18 Sangams were guided to prepare the program for Manadu.
4. Staff visited 26 Sangams and created an awareness about climate change.
5. Zone level meetings were conducted with Christmas celebration as stated below.

Zone	Date	Topic	Participants
Thuckalay	Jan 04	Climate Change and its Response	49
Thirithuvapuram	Jan 04		58
Karungal	Jan 11		51
Mulavilai	Jan 11		52

KIDSS Kolping

1. District executive committee meeting was conducted on January 22, 2025 at Kolping building, Trithuvapuram.
2. Vicariate meetings were conducted during this month in all six vicariates and discussed on various topics such as health and hygiene, ill effects of mobile phone, blood donation, cancer, Thyroid symptoms and importance of Solanum trilobatum (குரதுவளை)

Treasurer

3. Two Kolping families helped 2 patients with Rs.10600/- for their treatment and another two Kolping families supported two poor people with Rs. 5000/-

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KIDSS BFDP

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

Zone	Date	Topic	Participants
Melpuram	Jan 12	Vermi Compost Preparation	28
Manali	Jan 11		29
Kulasekharan	Jan 16		12
Manalikai	Jan 21		21
Thingalnagar	Jan 26		14

2. Executive meeting was conducted on January 30, 2025 at Thedal building, Kuzhithurai.
3. Chemankalai group helped a cancer patient with Rs. 1000/-

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 constipation.
2. On January 19, 2025 organic food sale was organised at Vasanthapuram.
3. CHDP put up an exhibition stall about natural food items, herbal medicines with herbal plants and naturopathy health camp at Chunkankadai St. Xavier's Engineering College from January 23rd to 25th January 2025 organised by 'Raise Up Kumari' (kPz;nlOk; Fkhp ,af;fk;).
4. Special health camp was organised at CHDP naturopathy clinic on January 22, 2025 in view of Thyroid day.
5. Staff motivated the group members towards Naturopathy treatment during their group visit.
6. Fr. James Tombour Naturopathy Clinic provided consultation facilities at Chunkankadai and Vettuvanni shrine for the devotees during this month and 87 people consulted the doctors and took medicines for various diseases.

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7. In January 2025, 108 patients received treatment from Fr. James Tombeur Naturopathy Clinic.

KIDSS IFO

Field staff visited 13 Sangams during this month and gave an input on different topics such as bank loan for livelihood, ill effects of drug addiction and health & hygiene.

Activity of VIDSeS

1. On January 19, 2025 VIDSeS yearly action plan preparation meeting was organised at Padappachai. Six VIDSeS executive members participated and Fr. Martin. M, the Executive Director gave an input session about social work and its importance. Each VIDSeS prepared their action plan separately.
2. For VIDSeS and Mr. Subin was the resource person.

Mathiravilai (MaVIDS):

MaVIDS executive meeting was held on January 25, 2025 at Thundathuvilai. Resource team was selected with 4 members. Finalised the yearly action plan.

Mulagumoodu (MuVIDS)

MuVIDS executive meeting was conducted on January 11, 2025 at VF office, Thuckalay. Rs. 200,000/- was given for Kudil Thittam house.

Trithuvapuram (TVIDS)

1. TVIDS executive meeting conducted on January 26, 2025 at Thirithuvapuram.
2. Kudil Thittam house was inaugurated and blessed at Kuzhithurai on January 06, 2025 by our Bishop Most Rev. Albert G.A Anasthas and other guests were Vicar Frone, Executive Director, Project Director, Executive members, parish priest and BIDS members.

Vencode (VVIDS)

1. VVIDs executive meeting was conducted on January 04, 2025 at VF office, Puthukadai.
2. Kudil Thittam house warming was on December 20, 2025 in which VF, PD and executive members attended the function at Kanjampuram.

KIDSS Special projects

I. Community Disability Management and Rehabilitation Project

1. Twenty six new disabled persons registered under KIDSS during this month.
2. One new group is formed at Kandanvilai on January 25, 2025 with 15 disabled persons with the support of Parish priest Fr. Maria Vincent and Co-pastor Fr. Preetive Raj.

Referral and linkages for welfare schemes:

- * One person received IGP loan and one person applied for it.
- * 3 persons received Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) and another three persons applied for the same.
- * One person received a wheel chair and one person applied for three-wheeler bike.
- * One person received disability privilege card and two more applied for it.
- * Two persons applied for disability pension and four persons applied for higher pension.
- * Three students with learning disability currently in 12th std received scribes' assistance for writing their public exam.

II. Counselling Services

Twenty clients received Psychosocial support during this month through counselling centres.

III. Psychosocial Wellbeing of Adolescents

School health programme was organised on January 22, 2025 at St. Antony's High school, Thundathuvilai in which 81 children benefited from the session. The resource persons Fr. Martin. N and Sr. Sarojam gave session on effects of social media in the life of the adolescents.

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	05.01.2025	Gate keeping Mechanism for Parish Council	Pilavilai	29
2			Melpuram	18
3			Pottety	26
4	05.01.2025	Gate keeping Mechanism to BCC coordination	Melpuram	21
5	26.01.2025		Alenvilai	25
6	12.01.2025	Follow up meeting with BIDS	Vellaiyambalam	9
7	12.01.2025		Karankadu	18
8	19.01.2025	Gate keeping Mechanism for BIDS	Yettacode	13
9	18.01.2025	Value Education for girl children	Yettacode	25
10	26.01.2025	CTWWC concept sharing to mothers at catechism class	Pilavilai	16
11	In January	Champion meetings	11 parishes	49

2. Karankadu parish Priest Fr. Sujin, one of CTWWC champion motivated his parishioners towards family-based care and mobilized dress materials for children and hygiene kit for the vulnerable family's worth of Rs. 51000/-

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Referral and linkages:

- * One family was guided and got the death certificate and applied for financial assistance for funeral expenses for the legal heir.
- * One person received the succession certificate.
- * One family received Rs. 10000/- from an NGO for livelihood
- * Two families applied under free housing scheme. one family got Rs. 3,10,000/-
- * Five individuals received psychosocial support
- * Lorudhugiri parish mobilized dress materials for 60 vulnerable children by the initiative of the Mr. Stephanson, Vice president.

I. KIDSS Ezhuvom Iyakkam (Cancer Care Campaign)

1. Trithuvapuram Vicariate volunteer's monthly meeting was held on January 05, 2025 at Vettuvanni. Two new volunteers were introduced and three new patients were identified. They visited 10 patients.
2. Mulagumoodu Vicariate volunteers conducted their meeting on January 18, 2025 at VF office, Thuckalay. They visited 14 patients during this month. Discussed about world cancer day program.
3. Karankadu volunteer's meeting was held on January 21, 2025 at VF office, Thingalnager and they visited 6 patients.
4. Puthenkadai volunteers meeting was conducted on January 24, 2025 at Kulasekharam. They discussed about observation of world cancer day in their vicariate with the collaboration of vicariate pastoral council.
5. Diocesan level volunteers meeting was conducted on January 11, 2025 at RMP building Azhiyamandapam under the leadership of Executive Director. Decided to observe World Cancer Day on 4th Feb 2025.

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6. World Cancer Day planning meeting was held at Chunkankadai with the Director of St. Xavier's hospital on January 21, 2025.
7. Puthenkadai and Mathiravilai Vicariate volunteers visited 27 cancer patients with the support of KIDSS palliative care in January 2025. Nutritious food kit was provided to all patients.
8. Referral services was provided to two patients

II. Children Parliament (CP)

1. Sahayanager CP meeting was conducted on January 19, 2025 with 24 children. Staff gave a session on present food habits and its impacts.
2. Mulavilai and Konamcadu CP meeting were conducted during this month and they discussed about Pongal celebration. They had an input session on Food preservation.
3. Kandanvilai CP celebrated Pongal on January 12, 2025.
4. Nallayanpuram CP celebrated Republic Day on January 26, 2025 with different program.

KIDSS Activities:

1. KIDSS staff meeting was conducted on January 30, 2025 at Thedal building, Kuzhithurai. Executive Director Fr. Martin. M gave an input session on Effective social worker. ED informed about Staff tour, observation of world cancer day and International Women's Day.
2. Grama Sabha meeting was held on January 26, 2025. KIDSS target group members 50 of them participated in it (7SHG, Kolping 43).

- Fr. M. Martin,

Secretary cum Executive Director, KIDSS.

DIOCESAN CHRONICLES: JANUARY 2025

- January 03** : Our Bishop celebrated a feast Mass at Swamiyarmadam at 06:30 p.m.
- January 05** : Our Bishop ordained a Camillian deacon as a priest at Eanchacode at 04:00 p.m.
- January 06** : Our Bishop celebrated the funeral Mass of Rev. Fr. Benny's mother at Puthenkadai at 10 a.m. On the same evening, he made a contact visit and celebrated the Confirmation Mass at Kuzhithurai Parish.
- January 07** : Our Bishop presided over the Curia meeting at 9:30 a.m., and on the same day, he attended St. Xavier's Multispeciality Hospital board meeting at 03:30 p.m.
- January 08** : Our Bishop attended the Karencadu Vicariate Catechism Annual Day program at 10:30 a.m.
- January 09** : Our Bishop celebrated the funeral Mass of Rev. Fr. Felix Wilfred at Puthenkadai at 03.00 p.m.
- January 10** : Our Bishop hoisted the flag and celebrated the feast Mass at Marthandam at 06:30 p.m.
- January 11** : Our Bishop celebrated Mass at Yesuvai Kanbom Center, Marthandam, at 11:30 a.m.
- January 12** : Our Bishop made a contact visit and celebrated the First Holy Communion Mass at Palliyadi Parish at 9 a.m. On the same day, he hoisted the flag and celebrated the feast Mass at Pulioorkurichi at 06.00 p.m.
- January 13** : Our Bishop celebrated the memorial Mass of Rev. Fr. Felix Wilfred at Puthenkadai at 11 a.m. On the same day, he celebrated the feast Mass at Vilunthaiyambalam at 06.00 p.m.

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- January 14** : Our Bishop celebrated a feast Mass at Nattalam on the feast day of St. Devasahayam. On the same day, he attended the board meeting of Annai Ada Center at 03.00 p.m.
- January 15** : Our Bishop presided over the Diocesan Curia meeting at 09:30 a.m. On the same day, he attended the Karencadu Vicariate Catechism Annual Day celebration at Karencadu Church at 3 p.m. Later, he hoisted the flag and celebrated the feast Mass at Perinchilambu at 06.00 p.m.
- January 16** : Our Bishop blessed the convent chapel at Mulagumoodu at 03:30 p.m. After the blessing, he attended the Mulagumoodu Vicariate Catechism Conference at 05.00 p.m. On the same day, he made a contact visit and celebrated the Confirmation Mass at Chentharai at 06.00 p.m.
- January 17** : Our Bishop hoisted the flag and celebrated the feast Mass at Madathattuvilai at 06:30 p.m.
- January 18** : Our Bishop attended the Diocesan Summit of the BCC Commission at Nattalam at 10:30 a.m. On the same day, he presided over the Diocesan Finance Committee meeting at the Bishop's House at 03.00 p.m.
- January 19** : Our Bishop celebrated the Confirmation Mass and laid the foundation stone for the new church at Kottoorkonam at 09.00 a.m.
- January 21-22** : Our Bishop attended the TNBC Half-Yearly Meeting at Pillar, Madurai.

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January 24 : Our Bishop presided over the Consulters' meeting at the Bishop's House at 9:30 a.m. On the same evening at 5 p.m., he attended the annual day celebration of Trinity CBSE School, Chithiramkode.

January 25 : Our Bishop made a contact visit and celebrated a Confirmation Mass at Varthanvilai at 9 a.m. On the same afternoon, at 2:30 p.m., he attended the teachers' award function at Thirithuvapuram.

January 26 : Our Bishop made a contact visit and celebrated the Confirmation Mass at Kulapuram at 9 a.m. Immediately after Mass, he laid the foundation stone for a nursery school.

January 27 - February 04

Our Bishop attended the CCBI meeting at Bhubaneswar.

Condolences!

VOK condoles the death of Mr. Selva Raj P., aged 58, Father of Fr. S. Libin Raj, who passed away on February 11, 2025! Our prayerful condolences to Fr. S. Libin Raj and his family members.

May Mr. Selva Raj be rewarded Eternal Rest!

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN MARCH 2025

REMEMBER THE DEAD

02	:	Fr. Vincent J. Fernandez (1963)
02	:	Fr. Stainslaus M. (1998)
03	:	Fr. Mathias S.T. (1979)
05	:	Fr. Henry Pereira (1966)
07	:	Fr. Hilary C.M. (1971)
07	:	Fr. Joseph S. (2007)
12	:	Fr. John Mary (1978)
13	:	Fr. Devasahayam M.(1970)
15	:	Fr. Bellarmin Geo R.(1995)
16	:	Fr. Ceasar J.N. (2014)
18	:	Fr. Vincent Pereira (1997)
22	:	Fr. Mariadhason S.M. (2001)
22	:	Fr. Soosaimarian V. (2008)
23	:	Fr. Boniface Rebeiro (1950)
23	:	Fr. Emmanuel Pereira (1979)
25	:	Fr. Arul M.S. (2002)
25	:	Fr. Jesudas J.G. (2010)
27	:	Fr. Paul Mark (1988)
30	:	Fr. Jesudas Ma. Pa. (2009)
31	:	Fr. Mathias M. (2024)

Condolences!

VOK condoles the death of Mrs. M. Cesily, aged 86, Mother of Fr. M. Godwin Sounder Raj, who passed away on February 13, 2025! Our prayerful condolences to Fr. M. Godwin Sounder Raj and his family members.

May Mrs. Cesily be rewarded Eternal Rest!

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN MARCH 2025

BIRTHDAYS

- 03 : Fr. M. Andrews CMF (1981)
- 04 : Fr. Shebin A. (1993)
- 05 : Fr. Sargin Rubas B. (1987)
- 09 : Fr. Gelastin Gerald A. (1968)
- 08 : Fr. Maria David Y. OCD (1954)
- 10 : Fr. Paul Richard Joseph R. (1972)
- 12 : Fr. Maria Vincent A. (1957)
- 12 : Fr. Xavier Benedict S. (1964)
- 14 : Fr. John Benhar N. (1984)
- 18 : Fr. Starvin Cyril Shajan G. (1993)
- 20 : Fr. C. Melki Packia Raj OCD (1982)
- 21 : Fr. Sthanislaus OCD (1965)
- 23 : Fr. Elphinston Joseph J. (1961)
- 24 : Fr. Primas Singh M. (1979)
- 26 : Fr. Albin Jose E. (1985)
- 28 : Fr. Jesudason Thomas (1935)
- 29 : Fr. Maria Martin S. (1960)

ORDINATION DAYS

- 01 : Fr. Jones Cletus IVD (2009)
- 27 : Fr. Mariadas A. (1963)

Attention Please!

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

1. Ramzan - March 31, 2025

- Fr. G. Jayakumar, Financial Administrator.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan Pastoral Council



Mamma Ada Awards



School Catechism and Moral Education Topper Award Ceremony



March
08

International Women's Day

March
19



Saint Joseph's Day

March
24



Saint Oscar Romero

March
25



Feast of the Annunciation

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