

The Provincial and Team Wish All of you A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

FR GENERAL IN CALICUT!

Kerala Province is blessed with a visit of Rev. Fr General in this Jubilee Year. Fr Adolfo Nicolas will arrive at Christ Hall, Calicut in the evening of 7 March 2011. He will address the members of the Province and meet the Coordinators of various apostolates on 8 March and will leave on 9 March. All the members of the Province are requested to be present in Christ Hall on 8 March 2011 to listen to Fr General. The details of the visit will be informed later.

ORDINATIONS 2010



ORDINATION & FIRST MASS

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| Irattil Ranjit George | 26 December 2010 at 9.30 a.m. | St John the Baptist Church, Manjuva |
| Malekunnel Shibu | 28 December 2010 at 2.30 p.m. | Christ the King Church, Malaparamb |
| Kollarath Dolichan | 28 December 2010 at 2.30 p.m. | Christ the King Church, Malaparamb |
| Kalamparambil Antu | 30 December 2010 at 9.00 a.m. | St Joseph's Church, Mambara |

APPOINTMENTS BY THE HOLY FATHER

The Holy Father has nominated two Jesuits as Consultors to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. They are **Fr Dieter Böhler**, of the German Province, professor of Theology at Sankt Georgen (Germany) and **Fr Joseph Carola**, of the New Orleans Province, professor of Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL

Fr P. Yoshio Kajiyama (55), Provincial of the Province of Japan. He currently serves as Superior of the Kojimachi Residence in Tokyo and as Socius to the Provincial.

Fr Varkey Perekatt (70), Provincial of Delhi Province. He was the Superior of Delhi Region and the Provincial of South Asia.

Fr Michael Lewis (61) of the Region of South Africa as the new President of Jesuit Superiors of Africa and Madagascar (JESAM). He is the Vice-Rector of Hekima College in Nairobi, Kenya.

Fr Jose Thayil (58) of Patna Province as the Rector of Papal Seminary, Pune. He is Professor of Theology, JDV, Pune.

PROVINCE ASSEMBLY-2011

There will be a Province Assembly from 28-30 April 2011. "Our Context Seminar" planned as part of the Jubilee Programme will be incorporated into the Province Assembly. The Province Retreat will be from 30 April to 8 May 2011 preached by Fr George Pattery (CCU). All the members of the Province are requested to mark these dates and attend both the programmes. Detailed information will be provided later on.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

DECEMBER 2010

- 3-7 Visitation - S.M. Farm, IRC & Mariapuram, Bakkalam
- 9-12 Visitation – Satya Nilayam, Berchmans Illam, Chennai

- 13-15 Atmakoor – Karnool
- 16-18 Visitation – Guntur
- 21 Consult, Christ Hall
- 26 Ordination – Irattil Ranjit George, Manjuvayal
- 27 Superiors' Meet, Christ Hall
- 28 Ordination – Shibu & Dolichan, Christ Hall
- 30 Ordination – Antu Xavier, Mambra

JANUARY 2011

- 01-04 Visitation – Eachome & Pachilakad
- 02 Jesuit Family Gathering, Eachome
- 08 Heritage Seminar – Lumen, Kochi

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

The Superiors' Meet will be held at Christ Hall on 27 December 2010. The Superiors' Meet scheduled for 9 January 2011 at Lumen, Kochi stands cancelled. Advanced information is sent to all concerned. Kindly inform the Minister, Christ Hall regarding your participation.

The last of the Jesuit Family Gathering of Wayanad area will take place on 2 January 2011 in Sarvodaya School, Eachome.

PROVINCE CATALOGUE & LITURGICAL CALENDAR -2011

Province catalogue for the year 2011 has been posted to all our communities and individuals. The Liturgical Calendar-2011 has been distributed to the priests and deacons of the Province. Kindly inform the Socius if you have not received your copy.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Fr Joseph Inchackal experienced giddiness as he was completing Mass on 22 November in St Michael's chapel. Thanks to the alertness of the Holy Cross sisters and others at the Mass he escaped a fall. He was admitted in Koyili Hospital, Kannur. The investigations pointed to a variation of blood pressure. He was discharged after two days. A special thanks to the excellent care by the Holy Cross sisters! **Fr Sabu Malayil** had a fall from the motorbike on his way to

Mudikanam Parish for Mass on 7 November. He suffered fracture of the collarbone and it was set right in Lourde Hospital, Taliparamba. He is advised rest. **Fr Paul Karinganampally** slipped on the railway platform in Kannur on 21 November and suffered fracture and dislocation of the right wrist. He was admitted in AKG Memorial Hospital, Kannur and underwent surgery. He was discharged after a day and is resting at St Michael's, Kannur. **Fr Salvin Kachirayil** tripped and fell at the entrance of Sarvodaya School, Eachome on 13 November. He suffered injury on his knee and was advised rest for a week. **Fr Williams Christopher (MDU)**, Dean at Vidyaniketan, Trivandrum, experienced giddiness at mid-day on 24 November and thanks to the alertness of the co-workers he escaped a fall. He was admitted in the local clinic at Thumba and he is back in Vidyaniketan and has been advised rest. November may not be a good month for these Jesuits! Meanwhile the seniors in Christ Hall are doing reasonably well. Fr C.M. Cherian showed signs of weakness and he was admitted in Nirmala Hospital for a few days in the second week of November. Br Thomas Thayil is growing weaker as days go by. Kindly remember all of them in your prayers.

THANK YOU FR BOB GRIMM!

Kerala Province is grateful to Fr Bob Grimm, Asst. Treasurer General, for his visit of the Province from 2 to 16 November. He was able to visit the major houses and works of the Province. Through an email to Fr Provincial he has thanked the Province for the hospitality of the various communities he was able to visit.

THANK YOU FR TERENCE LOBO

Fr Terence Lobo(GUJ) who was missioned for a period of one year, bids farewell to AKJM, Kanjirapally, after having completed 18 months of dedicated service. He will be getting back to Gujarat Province on 18 December to continue his mission of teaching in the Pre-Novitiate. His

prayerfulness, love for the students and the people of Kanjirapally are noteworthy. Kerala Province is grateful to Fr Terence and the Gujarat Province for his services.

VOCATION PROMOTION

The Province Committee for vocation promotion started organizing zonal level camps to nurture future vocations. The first zonal camp namely 'DARSAN-2010' was held on 13 November at IRC, Pariyaram under the dynamic leadership of Fr Joe Mathew, the zonal Coordinator. Frs. Salvin, Sabu Malayil and Binoy were the other resource persons. Thirty students turned up for the seminar. The strategy which includes goal setting, career guidance, interview techniques, etc. was set up in view of enabling the participants to discern and choose appropriate state of life. The coordinators find it an adequate way of introducing the Society of Jesus and our mission and are planning to organize a few more camps in different zones especially in the context of our Jubilee Year. The next one day camp is scheduled to be at St Joseph's, Calicut on 11 December. Fr Thadeyoos and Sch. Augustine have already set the ground. We request your prayers and whole-hearted cooperation for the success of the forthcoming camps and promoting more vocations.

WORKSHOP ON IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

As part of the Province Golden Jubilee, a workshop on Ignatian Spirituality was conducted in Christ Hall, Calicut on 13-14 November. 20 Jesuits and six sisters from various Congregations of the locality participated. Fr Joe Pulickal guided the discussions based on seven carefully selected themes that reflected the basics of Ignatian insights spread through the Exercises and the Constitutions. These themes were rendered in modern idioms devoid of traditional jargons. The

participants of other religious congregations shared aspects of their spirituality. The workshop was an occasion to gratefully remember our valuable heritage which made many to go beyond the familiar and unto the frontiers.

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

The month of November witnessed a number of events in Christ Hall. In the beginning of the month we welcomed Fr. Bob Grimm, Assistant Treasurer General of the Society of Jesus. Christ Hall was the venue for the workshop on Ignatian spirituality, planned as part of jubilee celebrations, guided by Fr. Joseph Pulickal. Domestic staff gathering of Malabar zone went very well and there were 23 participants from different houses. Fr Provincial thanked them for their services and gifts were given away. Then it was the feast of Christhuraja Parish which was celebrated in a grand scale. Fr Mathew Moozhiyil was hospitalized for two days due to stomach pain and Fr C.M. Cherian continues to be in the hospital as his general health condition is not stable.

Vibin

PRE NOVITIATE, CHRIST HALL

We had our first experience of journeying with the Lord from 24 to 26 November guided by Fr Sony Thomas. Fr Bob Grimm and Fr Joaquim D'Mello (GOA), a missionary in Guyana, celebrated Mass for us during their visits. We rendered our help to make the gathering of the domestic staff who came from different Jesuit Communities in the Malabar region. We are eagerly waiting for Christmas vacation.

Juvel & Manu (Pre-Novices)

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

The Bi-Centenary Inter-School Football Tournament was inaugurated by Prof. A. K. Premajam, the newly elected Mayor of Calicut Corporation and a former President of PTA of the School. During her inaugural address she thanked the School for educating her two sons and spoke of her close association with this great institution. This year 13 teams are taking part in the tournament and the final will be played on 7 December. Under the able stewardship of the PTA and Alumni Association, the school organized a Medical Camp for the students and staff. Fr Xavier took the staff and students of the Junior School for a picnic. The community hosted a dinner to our Deacons who were attending the counselling course in SRC. Our school bagged a lot of prizes in the recently concluded Sub-District Sports, Science, IT and Social Science fair. We are the overall champions in IT Fair (HS, HSS) and Sports (HSS). Amal Thomas, one of our candidates, won first prize in relay and 400 mts race.

Sooraj

SAMEEKSHA /RTC

Fr Henry returned after his teaching assignment in Biblicum, Rome. Fr Binoy, who was away in JDV, Pune, for a course to the M.Ph. students, is back home. Fr P. T. Mathew delivered an extension lecture in St Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor on November 20. He spoke on "The Church in Dialogue with the Secular World." Fr Sebastian Painadath guided two seminars at Sameeksha on the spirituality of Upanishads and the Gita attended by Hindus and Christians. He also conducted an Indian Contemplative Retreat at NBCLC,

Bangalore. The third year theologians spent two weeks in St Thomas Benedictine Monastery, Kappadu, attending a course on the Letters of St Paul, conducted by Fr John Kurichianiyil OSB. The staff and students of RTC were in Arul Kadal, Chennai, to participate in the Annual inter-RTC Seminar and presented a paper on 'Education in the Kerala Context.' Fr Saji, our Minister, did an excellent work in restructuring the toilet complex. Fr Tom Panikulam was with us for a few days to teach the Jnanasameeksha students. "The Philosophy Forum," a new initiative of the Sameeksha Research Centre, will be formed on 18 December with a discussion on the "Limit and Scope of Religious Language."

LUMEN INSTITUTE, KOCHI

We welcomed back Fr Pallivathukal who returned hale and hearty after a successful by-pass surgery in Calicut. He continues to be available to many families and individuals who come seeking his help. Fr Nampiaparambil was able to secure the building permit from Choornikara Panchayat for the proposed Novitiate building in Loyola, Aluva. The preliminary ground work began recently.

Fr Provincial graced our Community by his visitation. We celebrated the birthday of Fr Jose Jacob and listened to his recent experiences of his visit to the Holy Land. Jesuits in Ernakulam gathered for a Holy Hour in connection with the Jubilee of the Province.

The Newman Association organized a special seminar on "Cardinal Newman: The Person and His Ideas." Archbishop Francis Kallarackal and Mar Bosco Puthur presented their views on the subject. Mr Tony Chammini, worshipful Mayor of Cochin, inaugurated the Seminar and Fr Vincent

Pereppadan and Mr Joseph Therattil presented papers while Fr Adappur moderated the discussions.

Celebrating the birth centenary of Bl. Mother Teresa, Missio-Achen organized an exhibition of paintings of three renowned Asian Christian artists, viz., Jyoti Sahi, Uterayana (Sri Lanka) and Fr Roy Thottam. Reports from Achen reveal that the exhibition lasted for about a month and many people visited the venue. Fr Vincent attended the JESCOM coordinators meet at Ranchi last month. He also gave a retreat to the sisters of Our Lady of Providence at Varanasi.

SNEHASENA BEST MOTIVATOR'S AWARD 2010

Snehasena chose Rev. Fr George Mathew Karoor, Principal, St Mary's H.S.S., Pattom winner of the Best Motivator's Award 2010. It is given to those teachers who take creative ways and adopt innovative means to inculcate values among students. Heading an institution that accommodates the largest number of students in Asia (13,500), Fr George is known for his policies and measures to ensure discipline and a healthy atmosphere in the school. He is also a recipient of the State award for Teachers last year.

In a special gathering of teachers and Snehasena animators held on 27 November at St Mary's Pattom, Dr Alexander Jacob, Addl. DGP (Prisons), presented the award to Fr George. Fr Vincent Pereppadan presided over the public meeting. Sr Daisy Mary (Principal, Vimalahrudaya, Kollam), winner of the same award last year and Ms. Asha Ann George, Headmistress, St Mary's offered felicitation. The Media Trivandrum covered the event prominently.

Vincent

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

The Community had an outing to Paruthanpara near Peerumedu. It was really a rejuvenating and refreshing experience. The visitation of Fr Provincial in the last week of November was a grace-filled time for us. Sch. Tomson left for Palayamkottai after a month of teaching practice in the School. We gratefully remember him for his service to the Community and the School. The plus two students are back after a three day tour to Kodaikanal. They were accompanied by Fr Polson and team. The quiz club of A.KJ.M conducted a well-appreciated audio visual quiz competition on the Commonwealth Games. AKJM has come to an agreement regarding the service conditions and salary scale of the school staff.

Binu

LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

The Department of Sociology of Loyola College was awarded the best Sociology Department in Kerala for the fifth consecutive year. The award is instituted in memory of Fr Joseph Puthenkalam. Dr Elizabeth of our College is elected President of the Sociological Society of Kerala. The students of Social Work went to Delhi for their study tour while the Personnel Management students went to Jamshedpur. The Sports Day celebration was the major event in the School. A new bus is added to the fleet of buses of the School. A get-together of counselors trained by LES was organized and Fr Ephrem took a session on Self Esteem. A one day training programme was conducted for ICDS teachers in collaboration with NICP and Child Line. The

executive meeting of JESA was held at LES. Fr Philip did a Commendable job in making the visit of Fr Bob Grimm and the joint meeting of the Province Consult and the Finance Committee a memorable event. He made the occasion sumptuous and elegant even in the absence of the cook.

Tinu

ST XAVIER'S COLLEGE, THUMBA

On 7 November the Community celebrated the 90th Birthday of Fr Jacob Pulikodan. A large gathering of 90 persons consisting of his friends, relations and priests and religious of the Forane attended the celebration. There was a concelebrated Mass at 10.30 a.m. followed by felicitation and agape. Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy and Mr Burney Sebastian of the College felicitated the nonagenarian. As part of the Province Jubilee renewal programme, the Community had a one day group dynamics session guided by Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy. It was an occasion for the Community members to understand each other better. Fr E. J. Thomas directed the retreat of the Bakita sisters, Vettuthura, a new congregation started by the Archdiocese of Trivandrum. Fr Sunny was away in Bhubaneswar for the JHESAA meeting and also in Bangalore in connection with the UGC.

Prince

LOYOLA, POOVAR

Loyola had a colorful celebration of the Children's Day on 12 November. We inaugurated the Computer Lab for the B. Com students on the same day and Mr Lenin, the District Panchayat President was the Chief Guest. The visitation of Fr Provincial was an occasion to reflect upon and plan for the future of Loyola Social Work Projects, Poovar. Miss Aneesha (22), one of our tuition instructors, expired due to

acute asthma. We organized a one day camp in Loyola for Navadharshan students.

Rabin

SNEHARAM, ANJENGO

The students of Sneharam were very busy with half-yearly examinations in the beginning of last month. We have opened a small library for the students and we are glad to see that many students use it regularly. The vegetable garden which is taken care of by the students is flourishing day by day. Now we are getting vegetables in plenty. We distribute them to the teachers, students and our neighbors. We have begun the special study for the 10th standard students and a few plus two students.

Bastin

VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

On 26 November we had a grand celebration of the Feast of St John Berchmans, our patron saint, in the company of four southern Provincials and members of SXC Community. The Juniors staged a cultural programme on the eve of the feast. The feast day Mass was presided over by Fr Anthony Pothu Reddy, Provincial of Andhra. He exhorted us to follow St Berchmans' model of simplicity and total commitment.

As the part of our academic programme we had a four-day course on Social Analysis by Fr Francis Guntipally (KAR). The course entailed field study and classroom analysis. We had another course on Journalism by Fr Vincent Pereppadan. He took us to the various spheres of Journalism especially print-journalism. The course was indeed helpful to develop a critical view towards the media.

Rosan

ASHA KIRAN, MANGALORE

The much awaited holidays gave a golden charm to the month of November. The well planned community days brought us to the mood of celebrations. The cultural tour to Mysore and Madikkeri helped us explore the beauty and the cultural heritage of Karnataka. A week of village exposure enabled us to have a first hand experience of the Jesuit mission stations of Karnataka Province. Adhul was in the historic city of Bijapur, working among the slum children. Sharath was in Mundgod mission station with the Sidies (a migrated African tribe). Two days of N.L.P. helped us to know more about ourselves. The Triduum brought us back to the spirit of silence and prayer after the hectic days of activities and oriented us to begin the new semester with renewed vigour.

Sharath

SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

We have begun the new semester with a spiritual renewal programme under the guidance of Fr I.S.F Jeyaraj (AND) of Sadhana Institute, Pune. Classes and all other academic activities are in full swing. We are making the last minute preparations to stage the annual drama entitled 'Ten Little Indians'. Schs Jijimon and Roy are the key actors. We look forward to the visitation of the POSA and the ADF in the first week of December. We have a common mobile phone for Kerala Province with the number 08015910769.

BERCHMANS ILLAM, CHENNAI

The city of Chennai was illuminated well and there was great fireworks display in connection with Deepavali. We the Loyolites finished our semester exams and enjoyed a

well-deserved break. The Triduum preached by Fr Selvin of Andhra Province was a time for quiet reflection and prayer. We have commenced the new semester with renewed vigour. While many other districts of Tamil Nadu suffered as a result of heavy down pour, we in Chennai are lucky to enjoy a conducive weather for our academic pursuit. A one day picnic to Kanchipuram and an amusement park was really a time of fun. The Feast of St John Berchmans, our titular feast, was celebrated with triple éclat.

Rephin Kamal

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

There were many important events in DNC as well as in JDV in the month of November. On All Souls' Day the staff and students of JDV gathered in the Cemetery of Papal Seminary to pray for the dear departed. Fr Keith Abranches (GUJ) assumed office as the Rector of De Nobili College during a solemn Eucharistic celebration on 6 November. We bade farewell to Fr Oscar Rozario (BOM), the outgoing Rector. Fr Edward Mudavassery, the POSA and Fr Gratian Carlo, the ADF, were with us for the annual visitation.

The Diamond Jubilee of Fr John Vattanky was celebrated on 18 November. Fr Edward, the main celebrant of the Jubilee Mass, highlighted the multi-faceted personality of Fr Vattanky and his outstanding contribution in the field of Indian Philosophy and Theology. In his homily, Fr Vattanky shared his dreams and visions for the Society of Jesus and thanked the community for its support for his mission. We the Kerala Jesuits celebrated his diamond Jubilee on 25 November with a Province Mass and dinner.

The Faculty of Theology organized a Seminar on "Violence in the Contemporary

World" on 19 November and the Faculty of Philosophy conducted a Seminar on "Hinduism: Socio-Political Implications" on 22 November. "Balamela-2010," the mega event of De Nobili College, was organized on 27 November. About 2000 children participated in this great event and it was well planned and meticulously executed. A Science Exhibition for the "Balamela-2010" organized by Sch. Biju Joy was a grand success and won much applause.

Anil Joseph

SHEMBAGANUR

The Tertianship program in Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur for the year 2010 got over successfully on 1 December. Frs Michael and John, our Tertian Masters did a splendid job and all of us are grateful to them for their guidance and support. It was indeed a precious time for us to immerse into the vast ocean of Jesuit tradition and spirituality. In the month of October and November we dealt with the history of the Society and a very extensive study of the Constitutions of the Society and the GC documents. The visitation of the POSA in mid-November was a moment of grace for all of us. In his address to the Tertians he highlighted that going beyond the frontiers is our mission and challenge today. Everyone acknowledged that it was a time of spiritual growth and expressed their deep sense of gratitude to the Society.

Gracious

SITAGARHA, HAZARIBAG

Following the rich spiritual tradition of St Ignatius the Tertians after the long Retreat went out to preach retreats. Reji preached an eight day retreat to the AC Sisters at Bokaro. I gave a six day retreat to a group of 34 CMC Sisters of Hazaribag Province. It was really an enriching experience for all of

us. After the retreat ministry we proceeded for mission experiments. Reji was with MC Brothers in Kolkata while I was at the Social Service Centre of Diphu Diocese in Assam. Reji had a first-hand experience of the misery of the people. Though he could do nothing much for them yet the mere presence itself was an enriching experience. It was a good experience for me to be exposed to the different cultures of the people of North East. It was also an eye opener for me to see the struggles of the poor and the different ways of help the diocesan priests render to the marginalized. We are in the final phase of Tertianship pondering over the charism of the Society in the Constitutions.

Baby Mulloo

VIDYA JYOTI, DELHI

A major event of the month of November was the class presentation put up by the first years. It was a dance cum musical on the concept of bio-diversity in the Indic religions of Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism. Sanil was the director of the programme. All our men took very active part in it and it turned out to be a big success. In the process we learned a lot about the religions, biodiversity and team work. We are having a taste of Fr George Keerankeri's erudition in the Course on Introduction to the New Testament. Our men are dynamic in the various ministries they have taken up, particularly among the Syro-Malabar Catholics in Delhi. Raju Vatttparambil is ably assisting the Director of the Delhi Syro-Malabar Youth Movement. We had a few distinguished visitors from the Province: Frs. Pious Vachaparambil, Vincent Pereppadan, and George Sebastian. All these men brought us glad tidings and means of celebration. We felt supported and

encouraged. Sanil was part of the three member team that gave a two-day orientation programme to a group of Plus 2 students in Nainital. In the last three days of the month, Fr Henry Pattarumadathil, the PCF visited us on his way back from Rome. His presence and the gift of Italian woolen socks cheered us in the midst of winter. Dominic Palakeel is admitted in the hospital due to headache and intermittent bouts of fever. He is improving and is expected to be back home soon. As the winter is setting in slowly and steadily, we have done our share of preparations by way of stacking our wardrobes with enough warm clothes.

Linto

FROM LONDON

As showers of snow gripped the city of London, some parts of Britain plunged into a record cold snap of -20oc. The newly refurbished Maria Assumpta Chapel was reopened for the students of Heythrop College. The Academic Mass for the students and staff of the Universities and Colleges of London took place in the Westminster Cathedral. Fr Dominic Madathaniyil came to London on 8 November. It was a joyful experience to visit the Campion Hall Jesuit community at Oxford. Fr Roger Dawson, the chaplain of Oxford University, stopped over for a couple of weeks in the Community on the way to Boston. As part of London JRS mission, I visited Colnbrook detention centre in Heathrow. Fr John McDade, the Principal of Heythrop, gave the a talk on 'Newman on Christ and Church' in the Westminster Cathedral Hall. I was invited to give a talk on Pentateuch to the participants of the Bible course organized by the Kerala Catholic Association of London. The Briant community organized the monthly gathering of the scholastics in London.

Xavier

FROM IRELAND

The winter arrived with heavy snowfall and a record fall of temperature below the freezing point. These days the people across Ireland are struggling to cope with drifting snow as well as the crucial Irish financial crisis. As an Indian Jesuit, I had the opportunity to attend a programme in memory of Antony de Mello. 'Wake up to life'-De Mello's prayer exercises was conducted by Fr John Callanan in Manresa. The visitation of Fr Provincial, Tom Layden (An ex-Clongownian of 1973-1978 batch), to the Clongowes Wood College & Community was a time of great blessing. It was a time of "Jesuit week" in the College calendar, a time to appreciate the outstanding work done by Jesuits and lay persons as partners in the mission. A couple of weeks ago we, the Jesuit Community, hosted a gathering of the Bishop and all the priests in the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. Visiting the old Novitiate of the Irish Province at the Emo Court, a large neo-classical mansion, surrounded by spectacular gardens and beautiful lake, and spending time in Wicklow holiday home as part of the regents' meet helped me to understand the history of this Province. In this advent season, the churches and homes are decorated with the evergreen advent wreath with colored candles as part of the preparation for Christmas.

Santhosh

GREETINGS FROM TAIWAN

I participated in the Golden Jubilee celebration of Manresa Retreat House. It is in Zhanghua, in the middle of Taiwan island, around 150 kms south of Taipei. It is a 5-floor building, beautifully situated on the greater portion of a hillock which has many old trees and which is topped by the 12th Station of the Way of the Cross, with the

pictures done in bright coloured mosaic. Nearby are the graves of those who have gone to their reward before us. There is a special plaque bearing the names of those who worked in Taiwan but died elsewhere -- some of whom I had known in Thailand. From the terrace one gets a very good view of Zhanghua town and its surrounding countryside (population 1.2 million), known as the granary of Taiwan. Retreats, Seminars, Conferences, etc., for Catholics as well as other Christian groups are regularly conducted. I stayed on for my own Annual Retreat and was happy with the weather (cool and dry, whereas Taipei is now cold and moist), the atmosphere and everything else.... In the recently held hectic and noisy Mayoral Elections, 3 cities of the north and centre went to the ruling KMT (Kuo Ming Tan) and 2 cities of the south to the opposition DPP (Democratic Progressive Party), with the losers getting 49.8% and the winners only 44.5% of the votes! The electorate seems to be warning the KMT not to be too friendly with Mainland China. The Presidential Elections are due in 2012.

John Manipadam

New Book

Fr. Patrick D'lima, THE OPPRESSORS OF JESUS, St Paul's, price Rs. 50

Courses

The Secretariat for Ignatian Spirituality for South Asia (JIGSA) announces two colloquiums on Ignatian Spirituality. Those interested may contact the Socius, Christ Hall.

- 1) Sitagarah (1-31 March 2011)
Contact: R.C. Chacko
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- 2) Shembaganur (1-31 May 2011)
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GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr William Johnston (JPN 85/67), a world renowned writer in mysticism and spirituality, on 12 October 2010 in Tokyo

Fr Thomas Kalariparambil (PAT 76/54) on 17 November 2010 in Patna

Fr Thomas Ambrose (PUNE 72/55) on 2 December 2010 at St Vincent's, Pune

Mr Mathew Murinjakallel (96), maternal grandfather of Fr C.T. Jose, on 19 November 2010 at Maruthonkara

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

- 10 George Keerankeri
- 11 Abraham Pallivathukal
- 16 Immanuel Koyan
Mathew Kannadan
Thomas Thayil
- 21 George Nedungatt
- 22 Philip Thayil

- 24 Jose Thachil
- 25 George Kandathil
Kuriakose Puthanapra
Philip Panjikanan

JANUARY

- 01 Anil Kochumethikalam
Ramlat Mekkulathil
- 02 Baby Mullooparambil
- 03 Tomson Vadakkeputhenpura
- 04 Varkeychan Mecheril
- 06 Biju George Kunnappillil
Joseph Pulickal
Varghese Nedungatt
- 07 *Biju Vadakkumchery*
- 08 Abraham Adappur
Augustine Paruthipallil
- 09 Roy Alex Kuzhimannil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

DECEMBER

- 01 (1958) Aloysius Silva
- 02 (1991) George Murickan
- 04 (2007) Mathew Parackal
- 17 (1954) M F Barboza
- 18 (2000) Joseph Vattakunnel
- 19 (1991) Varkey Pullan
- 29 (1988) Joseph Puthenkalam

