



**VOL. LII No. 7 JULY 2012 CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE**

### **APPOINTMENTS BY PROVINCIAL**

**Fr Anto Muringathery**, Consultor to the Provincial

**Fr K.P Mathew**, Superior, Santhinilayam,  
Kottayam

**Fr Abraham Pallivathukal**, Santhigram-ICTA,  
Kalamassery

**Fr P.T. Augustine**, Pastoral work, Punalur diocese

**Fr Mathew Kannadan**, Prasanthi, Pachilakad

**Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy**, Loyola, Aluva  
(Ad tempus)

**FR JACOB PULIKODAN S. J.**

**(07.11.1920 – 13.06.2012)**

We are sad to announce the demise of Fr Jacob Pulikodan who expired on 13 June and he was buried on 14 June in the cemetery of Christ Hall. See the obituary at the end.

### **PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME**

**JULY 2012**

08 Consult - Christ Hall

10-18 Retreat

29-30 Visitation – Lumen

31 Blessing of Novitiate Aluva

**CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

**Frs Benny Chiramel and Saji Kandassankunnel**,  
and our 4 novices from Belgaum (**Anil Pathikkal**,

**Jenophine Joseph, Jesno Kandamkeril and Jithin Puthuparambil**) pronounced their final vows and first vows respectively during a solemn liturgical celebration at Christ Hall, Calicut, on 21 June 2012. Fr Provincial presided over the Eucharistic celebration and Fr Jose Jacob, our new Novice Master, preached the homily. A good number of Jesuits from the various houses of the Province attended the ceremony. Meanwhile our 2 novices in Andhra (Amal Karithadathil and Nikhil Paruvananickal) pronounced their first vows at Anandajyothi, Guntur. The whole province wishes them hearty congratulations and prayers.

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**SCH. JOSE VALLANATTU**

All are requested to pray for **Sch. Jose Vallanattu** who is admitted in the Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum. Jose was admitted in Nirmala Hospital with a fever on 25 June. After various tests the doctors at Nirmala diagnosed leukemia and he was rushed to RCC on 27. At RCC they conducted their preliminary tests and confirmed the diagnosis at Nirmala. Detailed examinations and supporting treatments were going on at RCC, and now they have started proper treatment. Please pray earnestly for his speedy recovery.

## CATALOGUE 2012

The new catalogue is being prepared. The superiors are requested to send the *status domus* and *historia domus* as soon as possible. Those of you who have any changes in your mobile number or e-mail ID please inform the Socius directly.

## NEW MOBILE NUMBERS

Fr Mathew Kannadan: **9249279201**

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Fr Shibu Malekunnel: **919551346793**

## PROCURATORS' CONGREGATION-NAIROBI

The 70<sup>th</sup> Congregation of the Procurators begins in Nairobi on 9 July and it is preceded by the Spiritual Exercises. All of you know that such a Congregation is held in the Society for the first time outside Europe. The participants are housed in two centers with a walking distance of a kilometer and a half. The English speaking group, which is the largest, is housed in Mwangaza, a major retreat and renewal centre run by the African women religious group. This also will be the venue of the Congregation proper from 9 July. The Spanish speaking group is housed in the Jesuit Spirituality Centre named after Fr Arrupe. This Spirituality Centre conducts guided retreats and there are a few Indian Jesuits on the staff. The weather is quite cool as this place has the same elevation of Shembaganur. The retreat is preached by an African Jesuit of the East African Province. Fr General and the Secretary of the Society are already here. I am told that Fr General meets around 10 delegates a day during the 8 days of retreat. Kindly keep this Congregation in your prayers

**Fr E.P Mathew**

## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### LOYOLA, ALUVA

Loyola is alive and active again! After a gap of three years Loyola has once again become the Novitiate House of the Province. The "neo pioneers" **Amal Thomas Kozhamthadam, Anjo Thomas Alappat Palathingal, Deslin Paulson Chelatt, Joy Cruz,**

**Libin Mathew Puthukadath,** and **Sebin Joseph Vellamaruthunkal** started their novitiate on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Hearty welcome to you, young men! May the Lord be with you in this pilgrimage! Earlier, on 15<sup>th</sup> June, the feast of the Sacred Heart, **Frs Jose Jacob** and **Saji Kandassankunnel** began their new ministry as Novice Master & Superior and Socius & Minister, respectively. On the same day Br George Vattukulam moved to Lumen, Ernakulam, to assume his new responsibility as Minister. Loyola acknowledges with deep gratitude and appreciation the great services of **Fr. Mathew Nampiaparambil** and **Br George Vattukulam** during the past two years. Fr Nampiaparambil, besides shouldering the responsibility of Loyola's Superiorship (in addition to his responsibilities as the Superior of Lumen), toiled hard day and night to get the new novitiate house constructed.

It was through his meticulous planning, untiring efforts and careful supervision that the new building became a reality. Br George in the meantime patiently guarded the House and took care of the farm. Even when he was all alone in the House he managed everything with quiet dignity and cheerfulness. Loyola salutes these two stalwarts in reverential gratitude and wishes God's plentiful blessings on them! **Fr Paul Kari**, who had sanctified Loyola with his prayerful presence for nearly two years, bade good bye to the House on 6 May to begin his new mission at Sneharam, Anchuthengu. Thank you, dear Paulachan, and all the best in your new mission! We also remember with much gratitude our beloved Antony Chettan (Mr Antony Konthuruthi) who supervised the construction of the new house with characteristic professionalism and patience. Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy joined us on 17 June. As of now he is here just for a couple of months. But we do hope and pray that his stay with us will be permanent. Right now he is guiding our novices through their First Probation at Atma Mithra, Kalady. Fr Provincial made a quick visit to us on 27 bringing a shower of blessings on Loyola. Then came Fr Baby Mulloo, the Province Treasurer, with a motor bike for Loyola, riding it all the way from

Kozhikode, braving rains and storms. Thank you Fr Provincial and Fr Treasurer! Scholastics Sanil Mayilkunnel and Dominic Palakeel were with us for about three weeks helping out in various ways. Like all angels sent from above the duo offered much solace and support to us who were in dire straits. Thanks a lot, folks! We are grateful to Sch. Binu Joseph, too, for being the “Guardian Angel” to our novices during their First Probation. And Fr Saji Kandassankunnel, fresh after his final incorporation in the Society, is all enthusiasm and vigour as he plunges himself into his new assignment.

**Fr Jose Jacob**

### **PIUS X I T I, EDATHUA:**

June was an eventful month for Pius X ITI. The Golden Jubilee was inaugurated on 14 June by Archbishop emeritus **Mar Joseph Powathil**, the chairman of the Inter-church Council for Education. **Fr John V. Thadathil**, Vicar General of Changanachery Archdiocese delivered the keynote address and Brahmasree Radhakrishnan Namboodhri, the spiritual head of Chakkulathukavu temple – a well known Hindu pilgrimage centre, blessed the occasion. **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil**, Socius to the Provincial, presided over the function. The programme was well appreciated. **Fr Sunny Padinjarevarikattu** played a key role in organizing it along with the organizing committee which consists of our Alumni and well wishers. Thank you Fr Sunny.

Admission for the next academic year is on and the final year students are in hectic preparation for their National Trade Test which will begin on 30 July. **Mr Shantin**, an industrialist and a product of Loyola College Chennai, gave a one-day seminar on Entrepreneurship and Self employment which was well appreciated by the staff and the students.

Edathua witnessed a historic event on 29 June. **Puthenparambil Thommachan**, a son of the soil and a layman, was declared Servant of God in the presence of about 8000 people by **Mar Joseph Perumthottam**, the Archbishop of Changanacherry.

Now Edathua has become a Pilgrim Centre of both St George and the servant of God Puthenparambil Thommachan.

**Fr C.T. Jose**

### **SAMANVAYA - KANJIRAPALLY**

Samanvaya is again back in the rhythm with the beginning of the second year of our candidates. The community gave a warm welcome to all the new additions, **Frs Joseph Inchackal, Augustine Kallunkal, Varkeychan Mecheril and Sch. Shibin Joseph**. Fr Inchackal is busy with the beautification of the courtyard and Sch. Shibin is fully involved in his activities in AKJM School. Jesuits at Kanjirapally attended the Jubilee celebration of **Fr Thomas Anthraper** at his own birthplace, Cherthala. The celebration was organized by his near and dear ones and there was a jubilee special Mass at Anthraper Family Chapel. Fr Anthraper was the main celebrant who was really in a jubilant mood. During the felicitation many people shared about their memorable moments with Fr Anthraper as a teacher and as a spiritual guide. Samanvaya campus is vibrant with the presence of an American Jesuit, **Sch. Mathew Kappadakunnel**, a Keralite, born and brought up in the States. He is here to have an experience of the Syro-Malabar liturgy and also to have a taste of Malayalam. He is making steady progress under the able guidance of Fr Anthraper. During his free time he is also a teacher in AKJM and his presence is very much appreciated by the students and the staff.

**Sch Shibin Joseph**

### **ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL, KANNUR**

St Michael's Jesuit community has become more active and lively with the coming of **Fr James Pullokaran and Br Mathew Puthiedom**. Fr James Pullokaran is the new Manager of St Michael's School. He is also the minister of St Michael's Jesuit house. Br Mathew is looking after the farm and kitchen. St Michael's community remembers with gratitude all the services rendered by Fr Joseph Inchackal, former Manager of St Michael's, Treasurer and Director of the nursery

school. A one-day orientation programme on *Child Centred Education* was given to the entire staff of the school. It was well appreciated. Admission process to plus one is almost over and classes will begin on 2 July. **Fr John Francis** gave a talk to the priests from the northern region of Kottayam diocese. A mini children's park, set up at the back of the nursery school, is attractive.

**Fr John Francis**

### **S.M. FARM, PARIYARAM**

**Br Abraham Madathiparambil's** Golden Jubilee of his entrance to the Society was celebrated by the community in an informal and yet meaningful way, together with a dozen of his family members, workers of SM Farm and Jesuits from North Malabar. The programme consisted of a solemn Syro-Malabar Mass officiated by the nephew priest of Br Madathiparambil followed by a sumptuous lunch. It was acknowledged that Br Madathiparambil was playing the role of a mother with his caring work in the community and the house. **Sch. Rubil Martin** joined the community and is in full swing with his assignments both at Nirmala ITI and in the community.

**Fr Mathew Aerthayil**

### **VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM**

June was a month of grace and blessing. We, six of us, from Kerala Province pronounced our first vows; four of us in Calicut and the other two in Andhra. It was a great day of enrichment for all of us. We are grateful to God for calling us to the Society and to all our formators who guided us to become the members of the Society.

On 24 June we, 31 juniors from the 4 southern provinces, arrived in our capital city for the Juniorate programme. The inauguration of this academic year was on the next day. **Fr Sunny Puthenpurayil**, Principal of St Xavier's College, in his inaugural speech motivated and inspired us to make use of this one year of formation in Vidyaniketan for our integral growth and development. Two days of orientation and community building Programme by **Fr Dolichan Kollarath** followed the inauguration

ceremony. He helped us to come to know one another better and to orient ourselves for this academic year. We are slowly getting into the rhythm of the Juniorate life.

**Sch Jithin Puthuparambil**

### **DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE**

Kerala scholastics reached DNC in June after having spent two months of summer programmes in the Province. We were happy to welcome two new faces to the DNC Kerala community in this academic year. They are Schs. **Manesh** and **Midhun**. Sch. Midhun has successfully cleared the English Entrance Test of JDV. DNC community organized a two-day orientation and induction programme for the entire community members. This programme helped the members to come to know each other better and to familiarize themselves with the community activities. As part of the orientation programme there was a basket ball match between the new comers and the old timers. Of course, the old timers won the match. The formal inauguration of the academic year took place with a Holy Mass. Later the outgoing president of JDV **Fr Job Kozhamthadam** formally handed over the key to the new acting president **Fr George Pattery** of Calcutta Province. The staff and students of JDV gave a heartfelt send off to Fr Job Kozhamthadam. And **Sch. Biju Joy** represented the student community and delivered a thought provoking speech to facilitate Fr Job Kozhamthadam. Under the able guidance of **Frs Stephen Chundanthadam and Thomas Karimundackal**, the Kerala Province members had a two day community building and faith sharing workshop. The workshop had two phases: the first phase aimed at a depth level sharing of one's family background, vocation-story, faith experience, and hopes and aspirations for the future and the second phase aimed at an in-depth sharing of one's strengths, achievements and a common feedback by the group. Sch. Saji passed LLB exams under Pune University with a second class. Fr Stephen Chundanthadam began very well with his second batch of MTh spirituality in JDV this year.

**Dn Anil Kochumethikalam**

**FROM FRANCE (PARIS)**

In the beginning of the month, we had the opportunity to welcome **Fr Joe Arul** of Madurai Province who lanced the “Missionary Day for India” organized by one of the very prominent schools (College of St Aloysius Gonzaga) in France. This year the school chose India as their “mission country”. All the Indian scholastics studying in France were present for the function. Everyone was busy submitting the assignments and preparing for the exams during the second half of this month. That was followed by a special Mass and the year-ending celebrations which bade farewell to the final year students. From our community of Centre Sevres, there are seven who leave for their respective countries after completing their studies in the university. Towards the end of the month **Sooraj** had the opportunity to visit the Ignatian locations in Spain like Loyola, Montserrat, Manresa, Xavier etc. It was a spiritually reinvigorating experience for Sooraj. And for now, the summer vacation has already begun. Many are moving to different places to do ministries and for visits.

**Sch Vibin**

**FROM LONDON**

Glorious sunshine adds up to the carnival atmosphere as thousands of cheering spectators continue to line the streets across the UK as the Olympic torch relay makes its way to the city of London. A memorable send-off dinner was organised in honour of four members who move out of the community this year. The Clapham community hosted the final scholastic get-together of this academic year. **Fr Michael Kirwan**, the head of the theology department at Heythrop, presided over the Holy Mass followed by a grand barbecue. We all hurtled off to the four corners of Europe soon after the intensive STB degree program of the Louvain University at Heythrop. Santhosh was away in Dublin to take part in the Eucharistic Congress and then off to Salamanca for the Spanish Language program. Xavier delegated the JRS-UK in the JRS-European Conference held in Brussels. Headed by **Sch. Grant Tungay** (BRI),

**Henry (BRI), Peter (BRI) and Xavier (KER)** teamed up to run the English Language School at Oxford. Fourteen Jesuits from nine countries, including **Fr. Peter Bujko**, the Provincial of Slovakia, have turned up for this month-long English Language School.

**Dn Xavier Tharamel**

**FROM TAIWAN**

Greetings to one and all from Manila and Best Wishes for the second half of this year of grace! After successfully completing my 1-month mission in Vietnam, I arrived for my 2-month mission here on July 1. This is ICLA (Institute for Consecrated Life in Asia), managed and run by the Claretians. Today the students have begun their Annual Retreat of five days and I am here to offer spiritual direction and counselling to the Mainland Chinese Priests and Sisters, as well as to teach them and the Vietnamese Priests and Sisters English. ... My stay-cum-work in our scholasticate in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, was grace-filled. Besides teaching English, I was able to interact with many fellow-Jesuits (Priests, Brothers and Scholastics) in different Communities, including the Novitiate where there are 18 second-year and 10 first-year Novices, to visit the Buddhist University where the Vice-Rector holds a Doctorate from Delhi University and to visit the homes of two Jesuit Scholastics, one belonging to my Community in Taipei. The Vietnamese people have suffered a lot and they have the example and inspiration of their many martyrs. There is a visible surge in the Faith! Will you believe it? There are around 90 Religious Congregations fishing for Vocations and they are all receiving generous and rather qualified young men and women! I did some fishing for the Chinese Province among the Scholastics and the response is positive! I was also responsible for a little but significant change: During the MASS they were only reciting the “Alleluia”. I taught them different tunes; after that at every MASS the “Alleluia” is being sung. Some call me Fr Alleluia and others Fr Fisherman! May God bless all of us Jesuits wherever we are in His world!

**Fr John FJ Manipadam**

**FROM PUNALUR**

I reached Punalur on 13 June. The bishop gave me appointment as parish priest of three parishes at Vayala, namely, St Paul's Church, Vayala, Holy Spirit Church, Eanath and Little Flower Church, Kizhakupuram. The induction ceremony was officiated by the Forane Vicar in the presence of a dozen priests, Sisters and a good number of lay people. **Fr Raju** who is in charge of catechism department and youth ministries will be staying with me and helping me in the pastoral work. I began my services here with a funeral Mass which is considered to be a good sign by the people of the locality. I am grateful to Fr provincial for giving me this opportunity to do pastoral services in the diocese of Punalur where the people are poor and marginalized needing lots of care and attention.

**Fr P.T. Augustine**

**IGNATIAN ECO RETREAT**

Retreat guide: Fr Robert Athickal, S.J., Taru Mitra, Patna

Dates : November 8 pm to 17 am, 2012

Place : Navsarni, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Sawantwadi

Please register as soon as possible (first come first served!)

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**COURSES OFFERED BY JEPASA**

I. Theme : "Challenges to Pastoral ministry Today-Renewal & Retreat"

Place : Dhyam Ashram , Chennai .

Facilitator : Jerry Rosario and Team

Arrival : 3 August 2012 (by 9 a.m)

Departure : 10 August 2012 (by 8p.m)

Charges per person:Rs 3000/-

Participation to be confirmation latest by : July 10<sup>th</sup>

II. Theme : "Ignatian Leadership Training for Jesuit Pastors-Workshop cum Retreat"

Place : JDV PG Block, Pune .

Facilitator : Paul Fernandes, Director IIPM, Pune

Arrival : 13 November 2012 (by 5 p.m)

Departure : 21 November (by 8p.m)

Charges per person: Rs 4500/-

Participation to be confirmation latest by : August 10<sup>th</sup>

Contact Person : George Anthony

**2. CENTRAL ZONE JOINT CONSULTATION OF JEPASA, JESA AND JEMAI PROVINCE CO-ORDINATORS**

Place : BAGAICHA , RANCHI .

Date : 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012 (9 a.m - 4p.m)

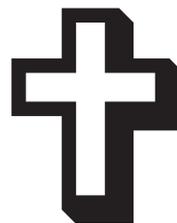
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**GONE FOR THEIR REWARD**

Fr. Mariadas Thomas (MDU) 89/70 expired at Dindigal on 15 June 2012

Fr. Herbert Alphonso, (BOM) 82/62 expired in Rome on 15 June 2012.

Fr .Anton D'Souza (GUJ) 76/48 expired in Pillar Hospital, on Baroda 23 June 2012 .

Fr James Tirkey (MAP) 77/ 55 at Khrist Milan Ashram, Ambikapur on 25 June 2012

Fr Barnabas Bara (MAP) 86/ 63 at Campion School, Bhopal on 29 June 2012

Fr. Roche Arockiadoss (MDU) 83/48 at Chennai  
on 15 June 2012

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JULY

- 09 Thomas Vattakunnel  
16 Sunny Padinjarevarikattu  
18 Shubin Pottananickal  
21 Sharat Nellinilkumthadathil  
22 Paul Palatty  
23 Antony P.S  
Samuel Rayan  
24 Shibu Malekunnel  
Jose Pittappillil  
25 Mathew Aerthayil  
28 *Salvin Kachirayil*  
Stephen Chundanthadam

### AUGUST

- 01 Mathew Kaniyamparambil  
03 Jose Kadankavil  
Joseph Thakadiyel  
07 Saji Kandassankunnel  
08 George R. Kandathil  
Sabu George Malayil

## IN CHRIST WITH GLORY



### JULY

- 03 (2007) Jos Mekat  
08 (1982) Antony Ponvelil  
14 (1971) William Lonardi  
14 (1996) John Paliathil  
16 (2008) Stephen Chethipuzha  
25 (1939) Aloysius Coelho  
26 (1984) Joseph Pallithanam

- 26 (2005) Lazarus Edattel  
27 (2011) Philip Panjikaran  
28 (1978) Paul Kunnunkal

### FR JACOB PULIKODAN S. J.

(07.11.1920 – 13.06.2012)



The race is accomplished...! The aura of four score and twelve years of a blessed life remains with us...! The rest is blissful silence!

Fr Jacob Pulikodan was laid to rest at Christ Hall, Kozhikode on June 14, 2012 in the presence of a large gathering of mostly priests and nuns, his close relatives and three Bishops. The day of his death (June 13, 2012) was a feast day in the heavens. May St Antony of Padua, in festal attire, receive this Jesuit priest! May Father Abraham welcome on to his lap this honoured guest Jacob, who bears his grandson's name!

A sunset is a sunrise on the other side of the shore. The Jesuit in him saw a thousand full moons; the priest in him was blessed to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of priesthood. In the footsteps of his master, Ignatius of Loyola, this noble disciple from Trichur too believed that life was a journey. Two days before he breathed his last, Fr Pulikodan, in a semi-conscious mind, mysteriously lisped to his visitors, "I am leaving.... I am leaving for good". Probably he was trying to verbalize a divine revelation he had from his eternal home. Or he was trying to communicate to us what St Paul said, "our citizenship is in heaven..." (Phil 3/20-21).

Hailing from Chittattukara village in Trichur, Fr Pulikodan was fourth among seven children of Porinjuni and Mariakutty.

Oddity was the mark of his character. Like a little child, he was both innocent and obstinate. Queer he was, and he remained so all through his life. In this he was rare among the rarest of Jesuits in Kerala. Whether in his appearance or style, in the manner of his speech or behaviour, in his views or expressions, Fr Pulikodan dared to remain different. Anyone who was fortunate to spend at least an hour with him would never forget him. For he would leave in that person some humour forever to remember. He lived at St Xavier's, Thumba, for about a decade. Hardly can the St Xavier's family forget the joy and humour we had in the charming company of this '*Valliachen*'.

Laughter was a sure medicine for cure he freely offered to himself and to others. He could laugh with others. He could also laugh at himself and thus make others laugh. He had a peculiar way of criticizing and evaluating himself and others. The follies and foibles in others as well as in himself were exposed with a tinge of humour. At the end of the Annual Retreat every year he had the habit of choosing thirty Jesuits from the province catalogue and placing them in rank according to the quality of their character. After one such ranking he once told me: "Fr Dasappan who never before found place in my rank list is placed in the 11<sup>th</sup> place this year. So there is tremendous improvement in your case whereas in my case (i. e. Fr Pulikodan's) there is

deterioration." Fr Pulikodan then further added that his rank had a steep fall from 14 to 26. Both of us enjoyed the fun and we had a good laugh.

As a teacher Fr Pulikodan taught at St Joseph's, Kozhikode, AKJM, Kanjirapally and Holy Trinity, Kollam. As a pastor he served several parishes in the dioceses of Calicut and Kannur. He also served as superior of Pius X ITC, Edathua. As co-ordinator of Apostleship of Prayer, Fr Pulikodan was instrumental in forming several small communities of young men and women praying for the universal Church and world peace.

In his uneventful and routine life of educational and pastoral activities Fr Pulikodan always had a soft corner for the poor and the less privileged ones in the society. In his kindness he reached out to many in need. He fed the hungry and visited the sick. He provided financial assistance for the education of the poor.

Fr Pulikodan was the lamp that was the beacon of hope for many. It has now disappeared from the face of the earth. To that extant darkness spreads here. But the little lamp is now transformed into a star in the heavens never to fade again. Fr Pulikodan now continues his mission of praying for the Society and the whole humanity in his heavenly bliss.

**Fr Dasappan Vattathil**



**KINDLY PRAY FOR MANY GOOD VOCATIONS**

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