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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

The Easter Narratives are stories of "Hide and Seek". For us it can seem a game; for Jesus it is a process of inviting his followers to deeper faith. He seems to hide, then appears, then vanishes so that his followers will keep seeking. It is this "seeking" which is so central to Easter grace. Jesus is the primary seeker. He moves through the "Resurrection Narratives" collecting, consoling, confronting, and eventually missioning the early believers, or doubters. We are invited to keep looking for Jesus, even in the emptiness of life. C. S. Lewis, in his wonderful book, *Surprised by Joy*, writes that real joy is more in the seeking than in finding. Though slowly, we, people of apprehension, fears and uncertainties are transformed into visionaries and missionaries.

The resurrection of Jesus also reminds us of **truth's protest against power**. Tagore's greatest expressions in prose of truth's protest against power goes thus: "Give me the faith of the life in death, of the victory in defeat, of the power hidden in the frailness of beauty, of the dignity of pain that accepts hurt but disdains to return it." May we, the people of Karnataka, "speak truth to power" during the coming Elections.

The 71st Congregation of Procurators will be held in Loyola, Spain beginning from 06-21 May 2023. The Congregation of Procurators is situated within the framework of the Ignatian Year, with the same theme: "Seeing all things new in Christ." More specifically, Fr General writes: "the Congregation can be a time when we examine together the lights and shadows of the Society, the particular challenges that face us, and action of the Holy Spirit, who calls us to ever greater generosity in the service of Church and our world. There is no doubt that one of the greatest challenges that our world faces is Covid 19, whose consequences will continue to be with us for the foreseeable future." The UAPs, the Ignatian Year and Vocation Promotion will be the context of the discussions of the Congregation. We wish Fr Joseph A D'Mello, our procurator, a fruitful experience of the Universal Society as it gathers during the Congregation of Procurators.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



**HAPPY EASTER!**

**May the Presence of the Risen Lord bring healing and new life to humanity.**

## APPOINTED / APPROVED BY FR GENERAL

**Fr. Enric Puiggròs Llavínés:** Provincial of the Province of Spain

**Fr. John Kobina Ghansah:** Provincial of the Province of North West Africa (ANW)

**Fr. Ioannes Baptista Tsutomu Sakuma:** Provincial of the Province of Japan

**Fr. Thierry Dobbelstein:** Provincial of the Province of French-speaking Western Europe. This Province includes France, the Walloon Region of Belgium and Luxembourg, as well as Greece, Mauritius and Réunion.

In a letter to **Fr. Antonio Moreno**, President of the Jesuit Conference of Asia-Pacific (JCAP), Father General announced a change of jurisdiction for the mission in Pakistan. The mission, as of 1 April, will be under the responsibility of JCAP. Currently there are three Jesuits working in Lahore and five scholastics of Pakistan mission studying in Indonesia.

**Fr Alwyn Ronald D'Souza** and **Fr Olvin Veigas** are approved for the Final Vows.

## APPOINTED BY POSA

**Fr Anthony Dass:** Vice-Superior of ISI, Bengaluru

## APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

- Fr Anthony Pradeep : Vice Superior, SRN, Pandithahalli; PhD Studies  
Fr Anthony Derrick : Teaching, SAPUC, Mangaluru  
Fr Arockiasamy M : Retreat Ministry, Xavier Sadan, Mysuru  
Fr Ashwin Cordeiro : Teaching, SJPUC, Bengaluru  
Fr Avinash Lobo : Finance Officer; Teaching, SAPUC, Harihar
- Fr Bartholome : Xavier Sadan, Mysuru  
Fr Cyril Raj : Minister, Hombelaku; Teaching, Loyola College, Manvi  
Fr Felix Anand : Minister, Inigo Sadan; Teaching, SJHS, Bengaluru  
Fr Francis D'Almeida : Finance Officer, Vidya Niketan, Dharwad  
Fr Frederick Menezes : St Aloysius College, Mangaluru  
Fr Ivan Sequeira : Administrator, FRH, Mangaluru  
Fr James Gonsalves : Retreat Ministry, Dhyanashrama, Bengaluru  
Fr Jeevan D'Souza : Finance Officer; Teaching, Loyola School, Sindagi  
Fr Joel Fernandes : Teaching, St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru  
Fr John Baptist : Principal, St Joseph's Community College, Bengaluru
- Fr John Thomas : Principal, St Xavier's PU College, Kalaburagi  
Fr Joseph Kiran Pashan : Secretary and Treasurer, BJECS, Vijayapura  
Fr Joy Rodrigues : Director, St Joseph's Pre-University College, Bengaluru  
Fr Kiran Cotha : Finance Officer; Teaching, AIMIT, Mangaluru  
Fr Leo Florence : Secretary and Treasurer, NKJECS; Director, LPUC, Mundgod
- Fr Louis D'Souza : St Aloysius College, Mangaluru  
Fr Melwyn D'Cunha : Teaching & Research, SAC, Mangaluru  
Fr Praveen Kiran Martis : Finance Officer, St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru  
Fr Rayan J Pereira : Teaching, St Joseph's College; Navasadhana, Hassan  
Fr Ronald Serrao : Teaching, LYPUC, Vijayapura
- Fr Roshan Castelino : Teaching, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru  
Fr Roshan Pereira : Teaching, SJIM, Bengaluru; PhD Studies  
Fr Roshan Pinto : Teaching, St Xavier's PU College, Kalaburagi  
Fr Santhosh Walder : Director, Sangama CIRD; Coordinator, Loyola Nivas, Sindagi  
Fr Steevan Gonsalves : Principal, Holy Angels School, Pandithahalli
- Fr Sujay Daniel : Sub Minister, Asha Kiran, Mangaluru; PhD Studies

Fr Suman Balu : Legal Practice, Loyola Mandir, Bengaluru  
Fr Vinod Paul : Principal, Loyola College, Manvi  
Fr W Marcel Rodrigues : Director, Radio Sarang; Teaching, SAC, Mangaluru

## STUDIES

Fr Alwyn Ronald D'Souza : PhD, University of Namur, Belgium  
Fr Ashwin Rebello : Licentiate in Scripture, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Rome  
Fr George J Pinto : MA in Sociology, Christ University, Ashirvad, Bengaluru  
Fr Jaison Pais : MA in Political Science, St Joseph's University, Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru  
Fr Shanthraj A : LLB, St Joseph's College of Law, Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru

## TERTIANSHIP

Fr Ajay D'Silva : Tertianship, Shembaganur  
Fr Alwyn D'Souza : Tertianship, Kandy, Sri Lanka  
Fr Arun S Lobo : Tertianship, Shembaganur  
Fr Harry Terry Noel : Tertianship, Lebanon  
Fr Josephvaz Monteiro : Tertianship, Hazaribagh  
Fr Norwin Pereira : Tertianship, Kandy, Sri Lanka

## SCHOLASTICS

College Studies:  
Sch Amith Anthony : Vidya Niketan, Dharwad  
Sch Merinth Aamose : Vidya Niketan, Dharwad  
Sch Frewin D'Souza : Vidya Niketan, Dharwad  
Sch John Samuel : Vidya Niketan, Dharwad  
Sch Denver Pushpam : Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru

## Theology (KJFCT), Anekal:

Sch Arun Lobo  
Sch Cannon Fernandes  
Sch Larren Menezes  
Sch Prajwal Marvin Apose  
Sch Santhosh Kumar

**Sch Avin A:** Regency, Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru

**Sch Melwil Vas:** MSC in Computer Science, St Joseph's University, Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### April 2023

14-15: Programme on Religious Leadership: SMMI Sisters, Bengaluru  
16: Final Vows: MSJ, Bengaluru  
17: Meeting with II Year Theology students of JFCT: MSJ, Bengaluru  
18-19: Programme for Superiors and DOWs: Kerala Province  
22-25: Retreat Directors' Course: Prerana, Bengaluru  
26 Centenary Celebrations: SRA Sisters, Mangaluru  
29: Meeting of SJU Governing Board, Bengaluru  
30: Meeting of Tertians: Loyola Mandir, Bengaluru

### May 2023

02-09: Chapter Retreat: SJT Sisters, Madikeri  
13: Convocation: SJIM, Bengaluru  
14: Jesuit Family Get-together, Bengaluru  
15-17: Visiting homes of would-be Novices  
18: Final Vows: Fr Ronald Fernandes, Dharwad  
20: Graduation Day: SAC, Mangaluru  
21: Jesuit Family Get-together, Hassan  
22-23: Programme on Religious Leadership: Bethany Superiors, Mangaluru  
24: Programme in Xavier Sadan, Mysuru  
25-26: Sahodaya, Hassan  
27: Meeting with Tertians  
28: Jesuit Family Get-together, Mangaluru  
29: Visiting homes of would-be Novices



## CONGRATULATIONS

To Frs Alwyn Ronald D'Souza, Jerald M D'Souza, John Lang Bosco, Kanikiaraju M, Olvin Veigas and Robert C Rodrigues on pronouncing your Final Vows in the Society of Jesus.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fr Ronald Fernandes**, will be pronouncing his Final Vows in the Society of Jesus on Thursday, 18 May, in Vidya Niketan, Dharwad. The Holy Eucharist will be at 10:00 am.

**Ordinations:** The ordinations of our deacons will be on Saturday, 30 September, in St Joseph's Boys' High School (Bengaluru) at 10:00 AM and on Saturday, 14 October, in Fatima Retreat House (Mangaluru) at 10:00 AM.

**December 28-30:** Province Sammelan: Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru

**Province Retreats:**

**May 14-22, 2023, Place:** Prerana, Bengaluru, **Preacher:** Fr Cedric Prakash, SJ (GUJ)

**July 01-09, 2023, Place:** Xavier Sadan, Mysuru, **Preacher:** Fr Amalanadan, SJ (AND)

The **Jesuit Family Get-together:** 14 May, 2023 in Bengaluru; 21 May, 2023 in Hassan; 28 May, 2023 in Mangaluru.

**Novice Jason Pretesh Machado** left the Novitate on 12 April 2023. We wish him God's blessings in his future life.

## POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN): APRIL 2023

**For a culture of peace and non-violence:** We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



## Final Vows of Six Jesuits at MSJ



Six Karnataka Jesuits pronounced their final vows in the Society of Jesus at Mount St Joseph on April 16. Frs Alwyn Ronald D'Souza, Jerald M. D'Souza, John Lang Bosco, Kanikiaraju M., Olvin Veigas and Robert C. Rodrigues gave expression

of God. In his homily, he underlined that final commitment for a Jesuit comes through the inspiration of St Ignatius Loyola, the founder, who committed himself to Jesus completely after his canon ball moment at the war at Pamplona.

There was a short felicitation programme after the Eucharist. Fr Joseph D'Souza raised the toast for the vovents. He highlighted the uniqueness of each of the vovents and said that all the six Jesuits



to their final commitment in the presence of the Karnataka Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz.

At a concelebrated eucharist held at Mount St Joseph chapel, Fr Maxim Misquith broke the word





were highly committed, hard working and unique in their own league.

Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, in his message said that with the final vows, a Jesuit strengthens his commitment that began in the novitiate. "Now the vovent becomes the Society, in that, he will strive to nurture the Society," he said. He gave the six Jesuits a message in the form of three 'I's, namely Identity, Ignatius and Integrity. "A Jesuit

### KJES Youth Works (PCYM)



AICUF Karnataka celebrated World Forest and Water Day on March 21. A group of AICUFers joined the silent rally in and around MG Road to raise awareness about the importance of conserving forests and water. Following the rally was a lecture on the theme by Shri Chakrapani Y, IFS (Deputy Conservator of Forests). AICUFers' visit to the PWD (people with disabilities) at the NS Hema Horticulture Training Centre Kothnur gave them an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the experiences and perspectives of the disabled. Since the beginning of April, KJES Youth Works has been collaborating with Eddelu

must not forget his identity which comes from the Lord himself. Ignatius is the model who must constantly challenge a Jesuit and finally it is utmost important that a Jesuit is a man of integrity which is a sure way to become relevant today," Fr Vaz added.

Fr Jerald M. D'Souza spoke on behalf of the vovents and thanked all persons who worked tirelessly for the success of the programme.

The Province is grateful to Fr Anthony Joseph, Rector of MSJ for organizing the event, to Fr Prakash D'Souza and Fr Denzil W Lobo for looking into the fellowship meal and to Fr John Pradeep, Fr Nithin Machado and the Novices for taking care of the liturgy, choir, altar decoration and working behind the screen for the success of this memorable event.

- Fr Melwyn S Pinto

### ARRUPE NIVAS



A joint SJU & Eurofins Press Conference was held at the Bangalore Press Club. The all-new Eurofins India Chemistry laboratory was inaugurated on the campus. The Election Commission held a live demonstration on the campus of how the Electronic Voting machines (EVM) and the Voter Verified Paper Audit Trial (VVPAT) machines worked. A helpdesk was set up to promote voting among youngsters and to assist first-time voters.

A workshop was held on the proposal to set up a "Christian Research Centre in SJU". The Foundation for Agrarian Studies (FAS), in association with the International Rice Research Institute and SJU, held the fourth FAS Annual Public Lecture delivered by the former Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) for Vietnam, Prof. Cao Đức Phát (Chair, Board of Trustees, International

Karnataka and Ee Dina in conducting a survey in various BBMP constituencies under the banner of "Youth for Democracy". A one-day workshop on April 4 was organized by "Youth for Democracy" to promote voting and political awareness among students from different colleges in Bengaluru. It included input sessions by prominent activists, forum for debating contemporary issues and the generation of a students' Manifesto. The initiative was well appreciated by all participants and is a step forward in creating a politically aware and engaged youth population.

- Fr Maxim Dias

Rice Research Institute, and Member of the Party Central Committee and the National Congress of Vietnam).

TechX, the National Tech Summit of SJU, was conducted by the Institute of Information Technology. A National Conference called 'Writing Worlds, Worlds Writing - New Textualities and Their Online Lives' was organised by the Department of English. The annual inter-college gospel fest Exodus was graced by Dr Benny Prasad (a musician, a YWAMer who holds the world record of being the fastest person to travel to 245 Countries). SJU's first International Women's Day Programme, 'Udaan', was jointly organised by the Women's Cell and the School of Business. Visages 2023, the annual inter-college cultural fest was graced by Kannada actor Santhosh Aryan.

Rev. Dr Victor Lobo SJ, Vice-Chancellor of SJU, was the Chief Guest at the 14th Convocation Ceremony of Xavier Institute of Engineering, Mumbai, and delivered the convocation address in the presence of Sri Ramesh Bais, the Honourable Governor of Maharashtra and Rev. Dr Savarimuthu Ignacimuthu SJ who is ranked among the world's top 1% scientists in Biology. He also delivered the convocation address at Bangalore Baptist Hospital for the medical and paramedical students and at the United Theological College, Bengaluru. He attended the Board of Governors meeting of XIM University, Bhubaneswar. 'Teacher', a film directed by Mr Nevil Pradeep D'Souza, Assistant Professor, Institute of Communication and Media Studies (ICMS), won first place in Jy-

### ASHA KIRAN



As a community we visited "De Mercede Orphanage" and spent some valuable time with the children. Mr Naveen D'Almeida (Lecturer in English at SAC) gave us a talk on "Changing Literature and its Relevance Today." On the occasion of St Joseph's feast, we had a basketball match with

### ASHIRVAD



The training programme, organized at Ashirvad by the Province Commission for Ecology and Justice (PCEJ) for the staff of social work centres of the Province, had 70 participants. Fr Anthony Arul spent a few days in Manvi for the documentation work and also attended the women's day celebration there. Fr Arun Luis participated in the consultation on Jesuit intervention with Siddis in Mundgod.

28 members of the IRHM group participated in a two-day retreat at Prerana, which was guided by Dr Thimmappa Hegde and Fr Prashanth D'Souza. An Ifthar prayer cum fellowship, organized at SJU was well attended.

The Center for Social Concern (CSC), in collaboration with Dya Ghar (an NGO), conducted two medical camps for children in the slums. Medical teams from St Martha's hospital and St Phi-

### BIJAPUR



The Lenten Retreat for the parishioners was preached by Fr Robert Crasta from Talikoti. Christabhaktas and a few parishioners, about 40 in all, went on a pilgrimage to Nandgad and returned spiritually uplifted. Sch Harish Kumar, after

oti Filmato for a 72-hour filmmaking challenge in an open category. Students of Food Science and Technology won first place for skit and quiz and third place for poster presentation at the Eat Right Millet Mela organised by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). A blood donation camp was organised at SJU in association with the Blood Bank of Victoria Hospital.

The NECCB (North-East Catholic Community Bangalore) had a women's day celebration and a recollection. Fr James SJ (KHM) organised a meeting for SJU Hostel northeast-students and motivated them to excel in their academics. He is also actively involved in helping northeast-students through regular meetings. - Fr John Baptist

the propaedeutic brothers from St Joseph's Seminary, Jeppu. Fr Ronald Pais guided a week-long retreat of the novices of Ursuline Sisters. Ms Rita Saldanha (one of the benefactors of AK) celebrated her birthday with our community and neighbors. - Sch Agil Roy J

lomena's hospital collaborated in these camps. 20 families, mostly of widows, were given ration kits – an initiative sponsored by Caritas Germany. CSC, in collaboration with CARE, celebrated Women's Day for the slum dwellers of KS Garden in which 78 women participated. A talk on POC-SO, followed by information on various welfare schemes of the Government, was part of the programme.

Fr Joseph Lobo was away teaching a course at the JFCT, Anekal. He conducted a day's programme on synodality at Prerana. Currently he is animating the province chapter of JMJ Sisters beginning with a series of orientation talks. Also, he gave a day's orientation programme to the province chapter delegates of the Redemptorists, and an orientation programme to the provincial consult of the CJs. - Fr Joseph Lobo

completing his B.Ed. studies in Mangaluru, has joined our community and is residing in the parish. He conducts spoken English classes for the ITI students and assists in the parish choir with his musical talent.



The staff of Loyola School and PUC went on an excursion to Aklus Water Park, Solapur. We bid a thankful farewell to Sr Dini, DHM, who served as a teacher of English in Loyola School for four years. We now have a new badminton court. Nearly 25 of our PU students are attending CET & NEET coaching classes at SAPUC, Mangaluru.

Loyola ITI, in collaboration with Ashok Leyland, organised an Inter-ITI sports meet for the government and private ITIs in Vijayapura. Our PU students (26 in number) and high school students (60 in number) had a summer camp at the Loyola ITI campus. The new Electrical Lab sponsored by Schneider Electrical India is due for inauguration soon.

At CNFE, the Unnathi Scholarship distribution program was held for the children of Devadasis, HIV infected and affected, and 59 other deserving students. Women's Day was celebrated by the Slum Women's collective. During this event, the SHG federation honoured 61 meritorious students with annual scholarships. The CNFE staff participated in the Annual Evaluation and Training programme at Ashirvad organized by the PCEJ. CNFE and ISI-Bengaluru jointly organized a seminar on electoral processes for the leaders from various federations and unions. Ms Brinda Adige and Fr Francis Balaraj were the resources persons.

### FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



Frs Joseph Monteiro, Joseph Rodrigues and Terence Farias directed retreats to individuals or small groups. A one-day Lenten retreat - open for all - was offered on Mar 22, preached by Fr Dolfy Devdas Serrao OFM (Cap) and team. About 400 people attended. Fr Melwin J Pinto, (SAC, M'luru) conducted a day's seminar here to about 90 Junior Religious of various Congregations as part of the CRI programme. Some of our Juniors from Asha Kiran, too, attended it. The Community pre-

### INIGO SADAN



St Joseph's Indian Institutions celebrated "Institution Day" on 20th March. A few sports items were conducted to build a spirit of camaraderie. The community went on a Lenten pilgrimage to the shrine of Rajendra Swami. We also visited the Home for the Aged, run by the Little Sisters of the Poor, and brought smiles on the faces of the inmates with our songs and dance. The community bade farewell to Fr Joseph Saveri SJ (PUN) who was an attached member of our community while

Over a thousand women took part in the festive celebration of Women's Day on March 4, organized by CIRW at Sangama. Women's rights activist Mrs Mamatha Yejaman was the chief guest. Mrs Poorna Ravi Shankar, a lawyer and women's rights activist, conducted a one-day seminar for 112 women of SHGs on the importance of the Constitution. Three new groups for MNREGA have been formed in Byakoda. Presently we are busy conscientizing SHG groups on voting and voting rights. Animators also help them to ensure that their names are enrolled in the voters' list. After a constant struggle of over five years by the Lok Manch leaders a ration shop was finally approved and inaugurated at Rampur.

Loyola CBSE celebrated Women's Day with the theme, 'Educate the girl child to build a generation'. A few prominent women from all walks of life were felicitated on this occasion. The male staff took the lead in organizing the event. Brahmakumari Pavitra graced the occasion. Kinder Graduation Day was held for the tiny tots of UKG on April 1. Mrs Akshatha Basavaraj was the chief guest. Two of our staff received the coveted awards at the local and state levels: Mr Sidappa (Best Kannada Poet) and Mr R Y Shinde (Radhakrishna award for Education from Karnataka Cultural Parishad). - Fr Lancy M Fernandes

pared for Easter with a talk by Fr Juventius Andrade CSSR, followed by confessions. Fr Juventius was specially invited to preach at the Holy Week Triduum here. Sch Christon Gonsalves who was with for a couple of weeks for health care, has returned to his community in Gulbarga. While his youthful presence brightened the seniors here, his generous service in various ways is highly appreciated. - Fr Thomas Quadras

doing his MTh at Visvadeep, Kristu Jyoti College. The scholastics have come up with "The Great Week," a podcast series, to make the Holy Week meaningful to all.

St Joseph's School CBSE organized a three-day workshop on "Preparing Students for the Future." In association with the Turkey Embassy, SCEAD Foundation India and GENPACT, our school dispatched a few relief materials for the people af-

ected by earthquakes in Turkey. The outgoing batch of Class X were given a farewell at the valedictory ceremony. The Kinder Graduation Day for the pre-primary section had the theme "Gateway to New Adventures."

St Joseph's Indian Primary School organized a sports day for the parents and a fun fest for the students. The school also organized a 'kinder graduation day' for the pre-primary section. St.

## JESUIT NIVAS



Women's Day celebration was marked with a workshop on "Gender Equality" organized by SJCL in collaboration with the State Human Rights Commission, Karnataka. Women representatives from various sectors such as pourakarmikas, domestic labourers, migrant labourers, street vendors, bus conductors, grave workers, etc. were honoured on this occasion. MUN Society organised the first SJCL World Quiz on 8 March in which over 22 teams participated. The legal Aid Cell of the college visited various locations in Vijayapura in order to raise awareness on the special legal rights of women. The students conducted a programme in the college campus to celebrate interfaith harmony.

SJIM commemorated its 54th Foundation Day on March 24. The chief guest was Mr. Hemant Malik, CEO of ITC Foods Ltd. This year, the SJIM Entrepreneurship Award was presented to Desiri Naturals for its efforts to help farmers and rural women earn fair prices for their farm produce.

At St Joseph's Evening College, the following programmes were organised: Fest "TechOps" by the Dept of Computer Science, "Synergy" by the Dept of Business Administration, and "Kalotsava" by the Dept of Humanities. On Women's Day, Ms. Sridevi Dakshinamurthy (Group Cyber ID) spoke on the 'Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality'. On the 50th Annual Sports Meet, the chief guest was Mr Boniface Prabhu (Padmashree Awardee, Paralympian and Grand Slam Wheel Chair player). On World Forestry and Water Day, the chief guest was Shri. Chakrapani.Y, IFS (Deputy Conservator of Forests Government of Karnataka). The outgoing Final Year students had an orientation programme organized by the Director, Fr Brian Pereira.

Bembala (our outreach unit) organized a public rally to sensitize the students and general public on the importance of saving water and forest. A

Joseph's Community College organized graduation day for all the students. The chief guest - Rev Dr S Xavier Alphonse, SJ (founder director of Indian Center for Research and Development of Community Education) - commended St. Joseph's Community College for having the highest number of student enrolment in post-Covid times and for the good academic results.

- Sch Larren Menezes

programme for specially abled persons was organised in collaboration with APD (Association for people with Disability). Students of SJCC took the initiative of preparing and selling sandwiches and gave the proceeds to a handicapped person to buy for himself a wheel chair.

The new SJBHS Museum, inaugurated by the former Principal Fr Michael John, showcases the 165 years of the School's history, and century old musical instruments, trophies, icons, books and more. Samagra, Holistic Wellness Centre of St Joseph's conducted sessions for the staff to strengthen interpersonal bonds. Workshops were conducted on 'Understanding Autism and Supporting Classroom Challenges' and 'Significance of Play Based Learning'. The annual high tea of SJBHS staff with the Jesuit Nivas Community was a memorable experience. Trophies, shields, cups, medals and certificates kept pouring in as students excelled in Golf, Boxing, Badminton, Rifle Shooting, Taekwondo, Gymnasium, Swimming, Table Tennis, Chess and a host of other sports. Indeed, a befitting end to an action filled and fruitful year!

At St Joseph's College of Commerce, AICUF association hosted the annual gospel extravaganza "Revelations" under the theme "Throne of the Victor". Fr Joseph D'Mello, SJ inaugurated the programme. Seven colleges and parishes took part in the fest. Kristu Jayanthi College bagged the overall championship. Students of AICUF visited Harihar for their annual outreach programme. Five brilliant teams of entrepreneurs had the opportunity to present their business ideas during I-Pitch. The ideas presented included building an app (Farm2fuel) to promote sustainable agriculture practices and contribute to India's renewable energy goals. The Dept of BBA organised its annual signature management fest Virtuoso. Hashmi Theatre Forum presented the plays "Karnabhara" and "The Madwoman of Chaillot" as part of their



inter-collegiate fest "Enact". "Spiel", the inter-collegiate sports fest organised by the

sports department was a resounding success.  
- Fr Praveen Kiran Martis

## JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



In collaboration with the Samagra Grameena Abhivruddi Okkuta, CCFF members, and SHG leaders, our social service centre (CIRW) organised Women's Day on a zonal level in three villages. Eminent female personalities were the chief guests. The staff of CIRW attended a three-day

annual evaluation and training programme organised at Ashirvad. The courses for this academic year have come to an end at JFCT. Anekal parishioners had a one-day Lenten retreat preached by Fr Anthonyraj from Deena Seva Ashram, Kengeri.  
- Sch Johnson R

## LOYOLA MANDIR



The community went on an outreach programme to Mercy Home, Hennur - a shelter for abandoned women and orphan children - run by Holy Cross Sisters. We interacted with the inmates and learnt a lot about them through the Sisters. Frs Dionysius Vaz and Joseph D'Mello conducted a two-day session for the priests of Gulbarga Dio-

cese. They also gave classes on religious leadership and Ignatian spirituality at Prerana. Fr Olvin Veigas conducted a day's FDP for the teaching staff of St Aloysius PU College, Harihar. Fr Royston Pinto, our budding canon lawyer, is back in the community busy writing his licentiate thesis.  
- Fr Olvin Veigas

## LOYOLA Pre-Novitiate



After completing their academic year the first year pre-novices, ten of them, together with the pre-novices of Navasadhana, had a two-week work camp among the Siddis of Ugginkeri, Mundgod. They were accompanied by Sch Royster Monis. When they returned to base, another camp was awaiting them, this time a crash course in English (on phonetics, letter-writing, essay-writing, declamation, etc.) under the mentorship of Schs Merwyn Mathias & Dilip Xavier.

Meanwhile, the 2nd year pre-novices who completed their final exam on 29th March were given an affectionate farewell on the same day. Fr Melwin J Pinto, Rector, presided over the Eucharist and the farewell programme that followed. Fr Provincial met the seven of them (3 graduates and 4 PUC) individually on 31st March in view of approving them for the novitiate. Fr Anush D'Cunha made a quick visit to Chennapattana to meet three aspirants who wish to join Loyola.  
- Fr Peter Pinto

## MANVI



Fr Don Prem Lobo, along with ISI Bengaluru organised half a day seminar on voting and election for 70 social activists from Jana Dhare, Vimukthi and Loyola Social Centre. Mrs Vrinda Adige, a social Activist from Bengaluru along with Fr Francis Balaraj guided the seminar. Frs Marcel Rodrigues and Joyson Vas from Dharwad were with us to evaluate the quality of teaching of our teachers in Loyola institutions including Pannur.

and discernment, and shared their personal experience among the participants. They were guided by Frs Rayappa and Ashwin Cordeiro. They also took part in the Lenten pilgrimage to Pothnal by foot, and St Anthony's Shrine Dornahalli and Swami Rajendra Shrine, Mysuru. It was a great Lenten renewal.

A select group of 30 parishioners of Pannur went through an Ignatian Experience of contemplation

The hostel children before their summer vacation gave a warm send-off to Schs Santhosh Kumar and Pradeep D'Souza.  
- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

## MOUNT ST JOSEPH



The Feast of St Joseph was celebrated with an exciting basketball match that involved the seniors as well as the novices. It was followed by a festive Mass, with Fr William Sequeira as the main celebrant, and Fr Prashanth Wesley D'Souza as the homilist. The senior community went on a pilgrimage to Mariapura and also visited St Xavier's Parish, Somanahalli. The renovated altar back-

ground of Loyola Chapel, Dhyanaashrama, was blessed by Frs Richard Sequeira and Mariaraj. In March, three long retreats were guided by Frs John Baptist Mendonca, Arockiasamy, and Godwin Serrao.

A total of 101 percolation shallow wells (covered) have been dug, spread over the campus to pre-

preserve rain water. Fr Anthony Joseph, the Rector personally supervised the entire project till its completion. We are now waiting for the first rains!

The Provincial's graceful visit to the novitiate community added honey to the lives of novices. Everyone was exuberant during the week of the Provincial's visit because there was a beehive of activities, like art and craft and computer classes, which were taken care of by Novices Anvil Mascarenhas and Jeevan Santhosh. Six first-year novices received the Cassock and ministries of Lector and Acolyte. Fr William Sequeira SJ, a proficient personality in Ignatian Spirituality, helped deepen the Month Retreat experiences with the study of Dynamics of Spiritual Exercises. 'Metanoia', the one-day recollection, planned and conducted at MSJ, for the formees (38 in all) of the early formation from the surrounding communities included resourceful sessions. Twenty-seven catechism students from five neighboring parishes had a recollection 'One-Day-with-Christ'.

Fr Joe Mathias, a former Rector of Vidyajyoti,

## MUNDGOD



Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya (LKV) organised a five-day FIESTA for all the students after their final exams. The students participated in adventure activities and were given opportunities to explore their hidden potentials. The 37 students of the X Std who were to appear for the CBSE Board Exams were given a moving farewell in the presence of their parents. Under the leadership of Fr Jeevan Gomes, a day's staff enhancement programme was held at Tusker Trail, Dandeli.

At the farewell to the outgoing students of Loyola Children's Home (LCH), Mr Arun Kumar (member of staff of Loyola School) was the chief guest. A memorial service was organized to pay respects to the late Sr Marisa Pinto who had served the school and hostel children in the early years of the institution. Primary school students of LCH were taken for a half-day outing to Attiveri Bird Sanctuary, and the high school & PU students went on a visit to the famous 'Mundgod Jatre'. The hostel students bade a teary farewell to Sch. Deslon Vas who served the hostel as Regent.

Women's Day celebration in Loyola Vikas Kendra had Mrs Girija Siddi, a renowned theatre artist, as the chief guest. The programme was attend-

Delhi, represented the community at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Institute in Delhi. Fr Prashanth Wesley D'Souza preached a Lenten recollection talk for the doctors of St John's Hospital and gave classes on discernment and decision-making for the superiors and animators at Don Bosco Renewal Centre, Bengaluru. Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial, was the chief guest at the graduation ceremony of the participants of the two-month course in preparation for Final Profession at Prerana.

Loyola High School had its 'Farewell Day' for the SSLC students on March 26. Captain Sarfaraz Zakir (an alumnus of St Aloysius High School, Mangalore, and a former student of Fr Edward Rodrigues) was the chief guest.

Loyola Degree College organized a guest lecture on "Strengthening Democracy" for final year degree students. The resource persons included S. Siddaraju (Superintendent of Police in Bengaluru), Ms. D.U. Saraswati (a social activist), and Mr. Ashok Maridas (a film maker and social activist).

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

ed by nearly 800 women from different villages. The LVK staff went on a one-day picnic to Dandeli to rejuvenate themselves and to build a stronger team spirit. Children put up a fantastic show on the Hostel Day well appreciated by the parents and children. The LVK staff participated in the province social action evaluation and training programme.

Mundgod Mission organised a consultation on our "Intervention among the Siddi Community". Fr. Jerald D'Souza, Province Coordinator for Ecology and Justice, initiated the discussion. Frs. Provincial, Joseph D' Mello, and Arun Luis were present. Also a few Siddi community leaders, past beneficiaries and representatives from organizations working for this community participated in the meeting. It helped us critically look at the impact of our past intervention and future possibilities for works among the Siddi Community.

The half-day retreat for the parishioners, conducted by Frs Ronald Serrao and Leo Florence in preparation for the Holy Week, received an overwhelming response from the faithful.

- Fr Leo Florence

International Women's Day on 8th March was dedicated to the women staff and was marked by a special assembly and programme. A session on the theme "Wellness is all within you" was conducted by Dr Deepa Kotari (Asst Professor and HOD of Clinical Psychology, St Agnes Centre for Postgraduate Studies and Research, Mangaluru).

At Gonzaga CBSE School, the new academic year commenced with an orientation programme for classes X and XII. The resource persons were Fr Ronald Pais for Class X and Fr Felix Victor for Class XII. Students of class IV participated in an online collaborative project with their counterparts in Leone XIII School, Milan, Italy on an eco-friendly topic – "Unite to Play the 4 R's Game" (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Repair). The student representatives of class IV A, B, C, and D worked as a group to create an online game using coding and presented it during the finale of the project. The finale of the 'Public Speaking and Communication Contest', held on 30 March, gave an opportunity to a few selected students to display their extempore skills. At the KG Graduation Ceremony on 31 March, 73 KG graduates received their certificates and mementos - a ceremony that was witnessed by their delighted parents. Ms Kavitha B. Das, Principal of Little Elly School, Kuthar was the chief guest.

**VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad** 

After the fifth-semester exams, we went on a mission to Hangal, Vijayapura, and Hassan. Fr Francis Fernandes conducted a recollection for the CRI (Bailahongal Zone) in Madlur – the village where the late Swami Animananda, a Goa Jesuit, began an Ashram, which has now been handed over to the Good Shepherd Sisters. Fr Joyson Vas gave a recollection talk to the members of the

**SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai** 

The scholastics at SN had a philosophizing session, titled "Women and Mental Health", on International Women's Day. Dr Jessie Joseph (Consultant Psychiatrist at Isabel Hospital, Chennai) facilitated the session with inputs on the relevance of the topic and interaction with the participants. The community celebrated Cultural Diversity Day to highlight the rich diversity of Satya Nilayam as well as the achievements of students, teachers and co-workers. Fr Dr Stanislaus D'Souza SJ, Provincial of South Asia, was present on the occasion. Sat Sophia, the student journal and SN Symphonies, the chronicles of Satya Nilayam were released on this auspicious day.

A webinar facilitated by Dr Richard A D'Souza

At St Aloysius ITI, Women's Day was celebrated with Sr Aileen as the chief guest. She spoke on the facilities available with the government for the empowerment of women. Scholarships were given to students coming from the lower income groups, those coming from single parent families and those who lived more than 25 kms away from the institute. Nearly 45 students benefited from the month-long coaching classes held for those who could not clear their SSLC in the previous year. The II Year MRAC students, accompanied by their staff, went to Mumbai for their industrial tour. At the annual inspection of our ITI, the visiting officer expressed his appreciation for the well-equipped labs, innovative initiatives and disciplined behaviour of the students. A few Jesuits from Kerala Province visited our ITI for study purposes.

St Aloysius B.Ed College welcomed the students of the 17th batch which was followed by three days of induction programme. God's blessings on the staff and students were invoked during the Mass celebrated by Fr Joseph Montero, SJ. The research scholars of the Laboratory of Applied Biology have identified mat-forming polychaete sabellaria species which is rapidly spreading over the rocks on the sea coast. - Fr Leo D'Souza

CRI (Hubli-Dharwad Zone). As part of our Lenten observance, we visited a home for the destitutes run by the Missionaries of Charity in Hubli. VN organized a maiden Taizé prayer in OLPS Parish, Dharwad. The ambience of the church was conducive for prayer and reflection, and everyone who attended appreciated the experience. - Sch Joseph Melvyn Govias

(GOA), Indian Jesuit Astronomer at Vatican Observatory, on "Exploring the Origin and the End of the Cosmos" helped our scholastics develop an interest in Space Science and to integrate the aspects of science and religion. Satya Nilayam, in collaboration with DHANAM for Human Donations, organized a Blood Donation Camp to help poor cancer patients at the Cancer Institute, Adyar. Some of our scholastics joined in this venture and helped those in need through blood donation. We were privileged to have an educational visit to B.M. Birla Planetarium as part of our study of Philosophy of Nature and to philosophize on the grandeur of God in the universe.

- Sch Vivian Saldanha

We had the privilege, at the beginning of March, to visit the Science Museum in Thiruvananthapuram, and of being enlightened on the technological advancement in general and on our Solar System in particular. Fr Sunny Kunnappallil (KER) gave us a course on Psycho-Spiritual Integration which gave us insights into our inner selves. Despite their busy schedule, our staff arranged a picnic to 'Ponmudi' (Golden Hills). We enjoyed our companionship as much as we liked the

trekking experience, though a few fell ill due to travel fatigue. The most awaited CDF exam was held and the external invigilator Fr Manish Jerald Thottathuvilakom (KER), assisted in conducting the exam as well as evaluating the papers. The festal Mass in Telugu on 22 March, followed by a delicious meal prepared by Andhra scholastics, enriched the celebration of Ugadi.

- Sch Frewin G D'Souza

The screening of season 3 of Chosen Episodes was a part of the course on Sacraments by Fr Ronnie. We were delighted to have the Provincial of Bombay Fr. Anil Pereira and the Provincial of Gujarat Fr. Durai Fernand at XTC on their annual visitations. Our walking pilgrimage to Nandgad – 44 kms to and fro (the site of the "miraculous cross") - was an enriching experience which deepened our faith. Here we realized the plight of the migrants who travel on foot from far-away places. The course by Fr Savio Abreu (GOA) on 'The

history of the Jesuits in India' was interesting and informative. XTC was delighted to welcome Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial of Karnataka, when he came here on his annual visitation. He celebrated the Eucharist for us and, in his homily, helped us widen our vision of the universal Society. We experienced the tender love of our Lord during our second visit as devotees to Nandgad and we spent a whole day in prayer and reflection on our Lord's passion.

- Nov Felix Vinal

**OURS IN PUBLICATIONS**

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**REST IN PEACE**

Fr Vinod Kumar Bilung, SJ (RAN), 65/45, on 23 March 202, in Ranchi.

Br George Karekatt, SJ (GUJ), 78 / 60, on 23 March, in Vadodara.

Fr Joseph Royappan, SJ (MDU), 76/55, on 24 March, in Dindigul.

Fr John Misquitta, SJ (BOM), 94/74, on 03 April, in Mumbai.

Sch Patrick Tirkey, SJ (HAZ), 31/9, on 16 April, in Sitagarha.

Mrs Lucy Pinto, 80, niece of Fr James Gonsalves, on 21 March, in Shakleshpur.

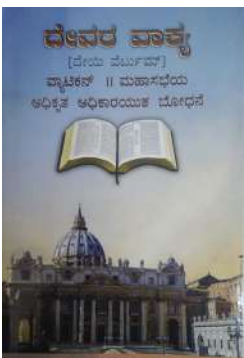
Mr Louis Velerian Lobo, 78, cousin of Fr Gilbert Saldanha, on 30 March, in Mangaluru.

Mrs Lucy Dsouza, 62, paternal aunt of Fr Avinash Lobo, on 05 April, in Fajir.

Mrs Vanakkamary, mother of Fr Xavier Savarimuthu, SJ (CCU), on 09 April, in Tamil Nadu.

**NEW BOOKS**

*Congratulations to Fr Jerome D'Souza on his new Books*



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