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Editorial

Fraternal Dialogue may Re-shape the Servant of Mary



'By intensely living community life, the Servant of Mary is formed in responsible and active obedience and in open and fraternal dialogue. This dialogue makes him progressively more welcoming, available, ready for mutual assistance and free from selfishness' (Cons.108)

In a world of isolated individualism, the radical call of monastic and religious life offers a stark, refreshing alternative. For the Servant of Mary (Servite), spiritual growth is not a solitary ascent but a journey of fraternal life in the community. The foundational truth of this vocation is clear: by INTENSELY LIVING COMMUNITY LIFE, the Servant of Mary is formed. It is within the shared joys, struggles, and daily struggles of brotherly friendship that a friar is molded into a true instrument of grace.

Community life is not merely maintaining the position centred organization; it is a deliberate, intense formation of life. This formation manifests primarily in two interconnected ways: responsible and active obedience and open and fraternal dialogue.

Obedience in this context is far from blind submission. It is active—requiring a conscious engagement of the will—and responsible, demanding that the individual take ownership of their role within the community's mission. However, this obedience does not happen in a vacuum. It is sustained and balanced by fraternal dialogue in the community.

When friars engage in open communication, they practice the difficult art of LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH ONE ANOTHER. This dialogue bridges the gap between individual perspective and collegial

wisdom, ensuring that obedience is rooted in mutual understanding and shared purpose rather than mere compliance.

The beauty of this communal dynamic lies in its gradual, transformative effect on the human heart. The quote reminds us that fraternal dialogue is a catalyst for a beautiful interior evolution, making the Servant of Mary progressively more refined in virtue. This transformation reshapes the friar in four profound ways:

Welcoming: The walls of personal prejudice fall away, creating an interior space that receives others EXACTLY AS THEY ARE.

Available: The friar moves away from rigid personal agendas, becoming adaptable and READY TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH and the order at a moment's notice.

Ready for Mutual Assistance: There arises an instinctive reflex to support a brother in need, recognizing that THE BURDENS OF ONE ARE THE BURDENS OF ALL.

Free from Selfishness: This is the ultimate peak of communal formation. By constantly choosing the "we" over the "I," the EGO IS GENTLY DISMANTLED, LIBERATING THE FRIAR FROM THE PRISON OF SELF-CENTEREDNESS.

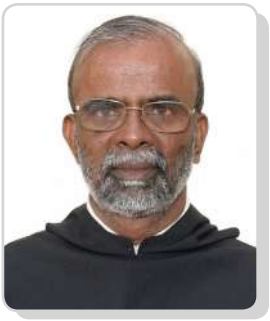
This spiritual chemistry mirrors the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her life was defined by a profound welcome to the Word of God, an absolute availability to His plan, and a total freedom from selfishness. By diving deeply into fraternal life, the Servant of Mary honors their namesake, allowing community life to do what it does best: burn away the isolated self and build up the communal servant. May our beloved mother Mary continue to inspire us to grow in mutual listening.

SAMY OSM
The Editor.

01

The exemplary life of St. Peregrine

From Rev. Fr. Prior Provincial



The exemplary life of St. Peregrine draws our attention to uphold the message of God with all its richness. The entire Servite family exults in the Lord commemorating the 300 hundred years of his canonization. It's a special occasion for us to retrospect our religious commitment in the light of faith. The more we tend to resist the bidding of the Spirit of God and remain indifferent, the God of mercy awaits patiently for the arrival of "Kairos". The conversion of our saint to embrace the Call of God and become a servant of Mary continues to awaken our dormant spirit to respond promptly to the grace bestowed upon us abundantly. His life of conversion towards holiness unveils the truth that it's God who seeks us to communicate his unconditional love to have life. And above all, it affirms that the Word of God is true and trustworthy at all times. That's to say " where there's sin, there abounds God's grace. Ultimately it's the work of the Holy Spirit performed down the centuries in the life of the Church to renew its face in holiness. In fact, holiness does not mean the absence of sins rather it's the trust placed in the mercy of God. Consequently the one who trusts, becomes docile to the grace of God, he is led day by day to experience the benevolence of God manifested in forgiveness. It is this profound experience that turns out to be the turning point of opening a new chapter in our life journey. The fruit of authentic conversion in the light of faith results in getting reconciled with oneself, with others and with God. The presence of communion among us is a clear expression of our obedience to the will of God. As St. Paul urges all to rejoice in the Lord. In fact: to rejoice implies faith in God and allow God to work wonders...

During this Jubilee Year in honour of St. Peregrine, let's strive to witness the Gospel of communion through our "metanoia".

Fr. Kolandaisamy OSM
Prior Provincial

02

A Journey to the Altar of Grace

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you."

— John 15:16

These words from the Gospel of John are more than just a motto; they are the bedrock of my entire vocation. Looking back at the path that led me to the sacred priesthood, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude. The realization that God knew my name, called me out of love, and set me apart for His mission is both deeply humbling and profoundly reassuring.

On Friday, July 3, 2026, this divine call culminated in my Priestly Ordination at Jegan Matha Priory in Tiruchirappalli. To receive the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ through the laying on of hands by His Excellency, Most Rev. Sagayaraj Thamburaj, Bishop of Thanjavur, was a moment of profound spiritual transformation. Standing before the altar, surrounded by my family, fellow friars, and the faithful, I felt the (glory) weight of the ministry but, even more so, the immense strength of God's grace.

A Heart Formed in Ministry and Community

My journey to this altar was deeply shaped by the years of formation and pastoral work that preceded it. A pivotal chapter of my growth took place during my diaconate ministry in Bangalore. It was there, among the vibrant parish communities, that I truly learned what it means to shepherd God's people with a servant's heart.

Engaging in daily administration, coordinating community leadership, and organizing parish logistics taught me that ministry is found in the sacred liturgy and the practical, everyday service to the community. Managing documentation, coordinating grand events, and working closely with local teams became a form of prayer in action. These experiences ground my priesthood today, reminding me that a priest must be accessible, organized, and deeply involved in the lives of those he is sent to serve.



The First Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

The celebration of a vocation is never a solitary journey; it is nurtured by community, prayer, and the devotion of a loving family. The day following my ordination, on Saturday, July 4, 2026, I had the immense privilege of celebrating my first Thanksgiving Mass at Alangara Annai Church in Varadarajanpettai.

Ascending the altar to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the first time is a moment I will forever cherish. It was a beautiful bridge between my roots and my ministry—made even more special by the incredible choir traveling all the way from Bangalore to elevate our worship in song. Holding the chalice and host, I offered up not just bread and wine, but the prayers, sacrifices, and love of everyone who has supported me along this way—especially my beloved parents, Vanathayan and Periyanayaga Mary, whose faith first planted the seeds of my vocation.

A Ministry of Service

As a priest belonging to the Order of Servants of Mary (OSM), my ministry is intrinsically tied to the example of our Blessed Mother. Like Mary, my heart echoes the Magnificat, glorifying the Lord for the great things He has done. The celebration continued with our loved ones and community sharing a

fellowship meal at our family residence in Sri Putthukuppam, reminding me that a priest is called from among the people to serve the people.

I am deeply grateful to the Aikiya Annai Province, India, my Prior Provincial, fellow friars, parish priests, and the mentors who guided my steps toward the altar. Your presence and prayers have been a beautiful testament to the faith that will sustain my priesthood.

As I begin this new chapter as Fr. Anandha Ratchagar, OSM, I ask for your continued prayers. Pray that I may always remain true to the motto that guided me here: to bear fruit that will last, to serve with a humble heart, and to remember always that it is He who chose me, and He who will sustain me.

Fr. Anand Ratchagar OSM





03

A New Servite Mission Station Established at Vilangattur

The long-awaited dream of the Indian Servites to establish a presence in the Archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore has become a reality with the inauguration of a new Mission Station at Vilangattur. This village, comprising 105 Catholic families, was bifurcated from the Viruthachalam Parish. In addition, the Mission Station includes 11 surrounding villages with nearly 50 Catholic families. Among these villages, only one has a chapel. The Mission Station was officially entrusted to the Servite Order on 19 June 2026, the Feast day of St. Juliana Falconieri.

The formal inauguration and handing over of the newly established Mission Station was celebrated with a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration on 23 June 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The Holy Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. KoIndaisami, OSM, Prior Provincial, and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Albert, Vicar Forane; Rev. Fr. Maria Antony, Parish Priest of Viruthachalam; Rev. Fr. Joseph Arockiasami, OSM, Assistant Provincial; Rev. Fr. Emmanuel, OSM, Treasurer; Rev. Fr. Anand, OSM, Prior of Jaya Matha Priory; Rev. Fr. Antony Shaji, OSM, Provincial Secretary; and Rev. Fr. Gilbert Raj, OSM, the newly appointed Mission Director.

The occasion was one of immense joy and historic significance for the faithful of Vilangattur. The parishioners gathered at the entrance of the village to offer a grand and heartfelt welcome to the priests. Accompanied by the faithful, the clergy proceeded in a solemn procession to the church, where the Eucharistic Celebration commenced.

During the Holy Mass, Rev. Fr. Albert, Vicar Forane of the Neyveli Vicariate, formally introduced Rev. Fr. Gilbert Raj, OSM, as the Mission Director and read the Decree of Erection of the Mission Station issued by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Francis Kalist, Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore. Subsequently, Rev. Fr. Maria Antony, the Parish Priest of the Mother Parish, ceremoniously handed over the keys of the church and the tabernacle to the new Mission Director, symbolizing the official transfer of pastoral responsibility.







Following the Eucharistic Celebration, a felicitation programme was held in honour of the priests. During the programme, the history of the newly established Mission Station was presented, recalling the journey of faith and the aspirations that culminated in this significant milestone.

The celebration also served as an occasion to acknowledge and express gratitude for the dedication and sacrifices of the priests, religious, catechists, benefactors, and parishioners whose tireless efforts and unwavering commitment made the establishment of the Mission Station possible.

As we rejoice in this memorable event, we entrust the Mission Station to the loving providence of God, seeking the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Seven Holy Founders, and St. Anthony of Padua, the patron saint of the Mission Station. With hope and confidence, we look forward to the continued growth of this faith community in love, service, and discipleship. May the Mission Station at Vilangattur become a beacon of God's presence and a vibrant centre of evangelization and spiritual renewal for generations to come.

Rev. Fr. Gilbert Raj, OSM Mission Director
Vilangattur





04

Life and Activities of Jegan Matha Parish

Jegan Matha church was erected as a parish in the diocese of Trichy in 1991. From that moment it has been administrated by the Servite fathers of Jegan Matha Priory. It is an active parish and different associations, pious groups, parish council and finance committee animates the life of the parish with the guidance of the parish priests. Every sundae we celebrate four Masses [three in Tamil and one in English].

The month of April began with the Holy Week celebrations, especially the Triduum celebrations. They were celebrated with due preparation by the parish priests and the faithful. In these days, participation of the parishioners was about one thousand and took part actively. The faithful animated the Liturgical celebrations and celebrated meaningfully the Pasqual mysteries. On 15 th the third Wednesday of the month we has a special celebration to honour St. Peregrine and blessing of oil for the sick people.

Month of May was dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mother Mary. So every day at 6 pm we had Rosary, Litany and Holy Mass. On 30 th May we concluded the Marian month with a simple car procession carrying our Lady's statue within the campus. This month was a special month for the catechism children. About 30 children prepared themselves for First Holy Communion and we







had the celebration on 10 th May. We also had 10 days of VBS and about 55 children took part. On 4 th May we concluded with a simple celebration at 7.30 pm with cultural programme and distribution of gifts for all the students and the teachers.

After celebrating different feasts and solemnities in the Easter season, we celebrated the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus on 7 th June. On that day, at 6.16 pm we Eucharistic celebration at Mr. Jude's House in Azad Nagar, near LIC and then we had Eucharistic car procession to the parish church. After reaching our church we had a simple Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing to conclude the celebration. In this month we also celebrated the Solemnity of Sacred Heart of Jesus on 12 th June and since this month was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus the houses in the parish have been visited and blessed the picture of SHJ by the parish priest.

We hope God will continue to bless our parish and all the initiatives we take for the growth of it.

Fr. Uvari Antony OSM,
Parish priest

05

The Celebration of the first Profession

The Celebration of the first Profession of our brothers, Daniael Smith, Joe Bastin and Rabin was a Joyful and Pleasant. On 28th May 2026, the three brothers looked so Graceful and Happy. We had invited our Friars of the Province. the Parents and a few relatives of the brothers as well as a few friends of the community like Fr. John Carmel, the Parish Priest of Kutthavakkam, The SMMI Sisters who serve in the parish and a few close friends who live nearby.



The Morning began with the arrival of the guests. The Spiritual tenure was maintained with the religious music and Morning Prayer. All the members of the community kept themselves busy in organizing the function. The Novices were serene and everyone could witness the inner joy of both sides of the brothers and their parent.

There is every reason to be Grateful to God and to be Happy because Bro. Rabin is Only child of the family, Bro. Daniael is the eldest of the Two boys in the family and Bro. Joe Bastin, the Only boy of the family leaving his only sister to care for his parents. Everyone could see the Joy their parents the whole day.




The Provincial Fr. Kolandaisamy along with a few other friars arrived beforehand and thus we started the Holy Eucharist as scheduled at 10.30 am. Brothers themselves animated the Liturgy and the Choir. Every rite was very much moving and we could cherish the Grace and Compassion of the Lord. Fr. Kolandai samy explained the meaning and importance of our Consecration to the Lord through the Evangelical Counsels and The Richness of our community Living of the Servites.

Fr. John Joseph and Fr. Lucas had organized the Liturgy well. Fr. John Francis the House minister had arranged beautifully the meals and other needs. All who participated in the function could share our joys and happiness. Since the brothers had to begin their Philosophy class on 3rd June in St. Peter's Bangalore, the Provincial had allowed the Brothers to go home for a few days of Holidays. Thus immediately after the Celebration of the Profession, Brothers left for their Respective homes along with their Parents, and from there would proceed to Bangalore.

I am happy and contented to have accompanied to the maximum of my capacities our young brothers during the whole year of the Novitiate. Thanks to the Community and Fr. Lucas my Collaborator that we could share our joys and sorrows as community to accompany our brothers in their discernment process. All Glory to Jesus and Mother Mary.

Ave Maria!!!!

Fra. John Roncalli. Osm.
Novice Master- Annai Formation House, Perumaleri

06

Servite Life Flourishes in Los Angeles

The Servite community in Los Angeles continues to grow in grace, fraternity, and pastoral commitment. Since the erection of our community in 2016, we have lived with only two resident friars. This year marks a significant milestone in the history of our presence in Los Angeles: for the first time, our community is blessed with **three resident priests.**

With the arrival of **Fr. Bernardin** and **Fr. Dominic,** community life has become richer and more vibrant. Together we are gradually settling into a joyful rhythm of prayer, ministry, study, and fraternity. Both newly arrived priests are actively celebrating Holy Mass in English and Spanish while diligently improving their language skills through the guidance of dedicated language teachers. They are also enthusiastically learning to drive, and we hope that before long they will become fully licensed California drivers, enabling them to serve the faithful even more effectively.

Our daily routine reflects the rhythm of parish life. Mornings begin with the celebration of the Eucharist, followed by parish office responsibilities and language classes. Throughout the day we remain available for parishioners seeking spiritual guidance, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or pastoral assistance. On several evenings each week, we return to our churches to celebrate additional Masses and minister to the faithful.

As part of his ongoing Clinical Pastoral Education, **Fr. Albert** serves one day each week at the General Hospital, offering spiritual care and compassionate presence to patients, their families, and healthcare professionals. This ministry continues to deepen our community's commitment to serving Christ in those who suffer.

Our Twin parishes of Divine Saviour and St. Ann's are also entering one of the busiest seasons of the year as they prepare for their annual fiestas—St Ann's celebrates in July and Divine Saviour hosts in August. These festivities bring together parishioners of diverse cultural backgrounds in joyful celebrations of faith, fellowship, and gratitude.





This has also been a memorable year for the United States. The nation celebrated **the 250th anniversary of American Independence,** while excitement filled the country during the **FIFA World Cup,** with Los Angeles hosting several matches. Although obtaining tickets proved nearly impossible, we enjoyed the tournament together as a community from the comfort of our television, sharing in the enthusiasm that united millions around the world.

One of the highlights of the month of May was the **St. Peregrine Mass,** organized by the Servites of Orange County at **Christ Cathedral.** The solemn Eucharistic celebration, presided over by the bishop, was attended by nearly **600 faithful.** The faithful were blessed with the opportunity to venerate the relic of **St. Peregrine,** the beloved Servite patron of those suffering from cancer and serious illnesses. It was a beautiful witness to the enduring devotion to our Servite spirituality and healing ministry.

Meanwhile, the Tamil Catholic community in Los Angeles, known also as **VTCLA**, is eagerly preparing for its annual celebration in honor of **Our Lady of Velankanni,** to be held in September. The celebration will include nine days of novena prayers, the traditional flag hoisting ceremony, a solemn Eucharistic celebration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and a colorful Marian procession through the streets of Los Angeles with the beautifully decorated float of Our Blessed Mother. This year's celebration



will be especially meaningful as we have the privilege of welcoming **Fr. Kolandaiswamy,** Provincial of the India and Myanmar Province, as our chief guest and principal celebrant.

As our fraternity continues to grow, we remain grateful to God for His abundant blessings. We entrust our ministry to the loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, confident that she will continue to guide our community as we strive to serve God's people with humility, joy, and the compassionate spirit of the Servants of Mary.

Fra. Albert, OSM
Prior and pastor



07

INFANT JESUS PARISH - SHOLINGANALLUR

Events happened at Infant Jesus Parish-Sholinganallur during May – June 2026

1. Vacation Bible School (VBS) Classes

- **Date & Time:** 4th May to 9th May 2026 | 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Participation:** 100 students actively participated.



The VBS classes were a grand success this year. Daily dinner was provided to all the participants. Various engaging competitions—including biblical verse memorization, drawing, singing, and dancing—were conducted throughout the week. At the conclusion of the VBS classes, prizes were distributed to all the winners. A heartfelt 'thank you' goes out to all of our dedicated Tamil and English Catechism teachers for their invaluable time and effort.

2. Our Lady of Health Velankanni 18th Parochial Feast

- **Date:** 29th May to 31st May 2026
- **Location:** Tsunami Nagar Substation



The annual parochial feast was celebrated with great devotion over three days:

- **Day 1:** The feast commenced with Our Lady's flag procession, the flag hoisting ceremony, and a solemn Eucharistic celebration.
- **Day 2:** The community gathered for the Rosary, followed by a Eucharistic celebration and an inspiring cultural program.
- **Day 3:** The final day concluded with the Rosary, a Eucharistic celebration, Our Lady's traditional car procession, and the lowering of the flag.

On the final evening, dinner was served to all participants. Notably, all expenses for this feast were generously met by the parishioners themselves.



3. Farewell to Fr. Sahaya Leeban David, OSM

Fr. Sahaya Leeban David, OSM, served at our Infant Jesus Church for the past year as the Assistant Parish Priest. Following his recent transfer to Jeeva Madha Illam in Thanjavur, the parish community came together to give him a grand farewell on June 7, 2026. We extend our deepest gratitude to Father Sahaya for his faithfulness, dedication, and sincere commitment to all his responsibilities. We wish him abundant blessings in his new ministry!

4. Youth Team Building Program

- **Date:** 27th June 2026
- **Target Group:** Jeeva Madha Youth Members
- **Resource Person:** Dr. Antonysamy, OSM

A team-building program was organized to strengthen bonds among the youth members. Dr. Antonysamy osm provided insightful inputs focusing on the core values of trust and confidentiality within the youth group. Following the talk, a practical trust activity was conducted:

- Members paired up with someone they felt comfortable with.
- One partner was blindfolded while the other guided them around the room in complete silence.
- After 2 to 3 minutes, the roles were reversed.



Reflection & Processing: After the exercise, the youth were invited to reflect on and write down answers to the following questions for sharing:

1. How did you feel during the activity?
2. Was it easier to lead or to be led?
3. What does trust mean to you?
4. Is it easy for you to trust? If yes, what makes it easy? If no, what makes it difficult?
5. What have you learned about trust from significant others (family, relatives, friends, teachers)?

The program successfully achieved its goal, concluding with all participants feeling deeply connected as one united family.

Hearty Congratulations



08 SERVITES IN MYANMAR

5 April 2026



Fr. Nicholas, together with our four professed brothers and the IJ Sisters, celebrated the Easter Vigil Mass in Bangkok during their stay for visa approval. It was a unique and grace-filled experience to participate in such a solemn celebration in a foreign land, united with a new faith community. This experience reminded us that the Church is one family, united in Christ beyond all cultures and borders.

25 April 2026

Four of our professed brothers—Bro. Bosco, Bro. Noel, Bro. Gilbert, and Bro. Hubert—departed for Rome to begin their theological studies. Our



friars, together with the brothers' respective parents, accompanied them to the airport. Witnessing them take this important step in their religious formation filled us with great joy and hope for their future service to the Church.

28 April 2026

In our Thongwa Parish we celebrated the Annual Closing Day Ceremony of the Servite Sunrise Academy. Msgr. Andrea Ferrante, Nuncio of Myanmar, graced the occasion and congratulated us on the successful celebration,





as well as for our continued dedication to the ministry of education. His encouraging words strengthened our commitment to forming young people through both education and Christian values.

30 April 2026

At our Smart Learning Center, we celebrated the Closing Day Ceremony of the Summer English Language Program. We were delighted to witness the remarkable progress of the students in their English studies, making all our efforts worthwhile.





6 May 2026

We celebrated the Feast of St. Peregrine together with many devotees. In addition, we continue to hold the Novena of St. Peregrine every first Wednesday of the month. Witnessing the growing devotion among the faithful has been deeply fulfilling, as it allows us to accompany them in seeking God's healing grace.

7 May 2026



We celebrated the Closing Ceremony of the Summer English Program in Nyaungbin Kone Village, Myaungma. We were grateful for the opportunity to assist the children of the village in pursuing a better education. Serving the young through education continues to be a meaningful way of sharing hope and building a brighter future.



9 May 2026

We participated in the Religious Gathering and Recollection held at St. Mary's Cathedral. The gathering strengthened our sense of unity with fellow religious and provided an opportunity to learn more about each congregation's mission in proclaiming the Gospel.

9 May–23 May 2026



Fr. Emmanuel, the Treasurer of the Province, visited Myanmar to conduct the annual account verification of our communities. His visit provided valuable guidance in ensuring transparency, accountability, and the proper stewardship of the Province's financial resources. The account verification reminded us that faithful administration of temporal goods is an essential part of our mission and a responsibility carried out in service of the Church and the community.



17 May- 21 May 2026

Our six professed brothers and three pre-novices made their annual retreat at Mado Spiritual Center in Kyauktan.

Listening to their spiritually enriching reflections and experiences brought us great joy as we witnessed their continued growth in their vocation. The retreat served as a reminder that prayer and silence remain the foundation of every fruitful religious life.



30 May 2026

Two of our professed brothers, Bro. John Michael and Bro. Joseph David, renewed their religious vows at the Maria Philosophical Formation House in May Myo. Their faithful commitment inspires us all to renew our own dedication to the Lord each day.

31 May 2026

Four of our professed brothers—Bro. Vincent, Bro. James Anthony, Bro. Charles Bo, and Bro. Savari—renewed their religious vows. On the same day, Bro. Luka, Bro. Alphonse, and Bro. John took their first step into our



Order by entering the Novitiate. These joyful milestones remind us that God continues to call generous hearts to serve Him in the Servite family.

June 2026

The two professed brothers at the Maria Philosophical Study House in May Myo began their second academic year. We pray that this new academic journey will deepen both their knowledge and their commitment to their religious vocation.





27 June 2026

The parishioners of Thongwa organized a memorial send-off celebration for our four brothers who would pursue their theological studies in Austria. The love and support of the parish community were a beautiful expression of our shared journey of faith and mission.

28 June 2026

Fr. Soosai and Fr. Thomas, together with their family members, accompanied our brothers to the airport and bade them farewell as they departed for Austria to continue their theological formation. We entrust them to the loving protection of Our Lady and pray that their studies may prepare them for faithful and fruitful service to the Church.



09 JEGAN MATHA MATRICULATION SCHOOL – TRICHY

உலக போதைப்பொருள் ஒழிப்பு தினம் – விழிப்புணர்வு காணொளி காட்சிப்படுத்தல் அறிக்கை
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உலக போதைப்பொருள் ஒழிப்பு தினத்தை முன்னிட்டு, காவல்துறை மூலமாக பெறப்பட்ட YouTube காணொளி இணைப்பின் அடிப்படையில் மாணவர்களுக்கான விழிப்புணர்வு நிகழ்ச்சி ஜெகன் மாதா மெட்ரிக் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளியில் நடத்தப்பட்டது.

சுமார் ஐந்து மணி நேரம் கொண்ட காணொளியில் இருந்து மாணவர்களுக்கு தேவையான மற்றும் விழிப்புணர்வு ஏற்படுத்தக்கூடிய முக்கியமான பகுதிகள் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டு பள்ளியின் **ஹைடெக் லேப்** மூலம் மாணவர்களுக்கு காட்சிப்படுத்தப்பட்டது.









இந்த நிகழ்ச்சியின் நோக்கம், மாணவர்களிடையே போதைப்பொருள் பயன்பாட்டினால் ஏற்படும் உடல், மன, சமூக மற்றும் கல்வி சார்ந்த பாதிப்புகள் குறித்து விழிப்புணர்வை உருவாக்குவதும், நல்ல பழக்கவழக்கங்களை வளர்ப்பதுமாகும்.

இந்த நிகழ்ச்சி மாணவர்களின் மனதில் விழிப்புணர்வை உருவாக்கி, ஆரோக்கியமான வாழ்க்கை முறையையும் பொறுப்புணர்வையும் வலுப்படுத்திய சிறப்பான நிகழ்வாக அமைந்தது.

“போதைப்பொருளை தவிர்ப்போம் – ஆரோக்கியமான எதிர்காலத்தை உருவாக்குவோம்.”

10 Arul Matha Priory- Muppaiyur

We the member of Arul Matha Priory are happy to share with you the activities. Our community has always been committed to promoting unity, service and personal growth. Over the past months of r Jan-26 to May 26, we have successfully organized several meaningful events in the community. Parish and the school. This have positively impacted in the parish and also in the wider community of this locality.

Arul Matha Priory:

We invited vicariate parish Priests and neighbourship religion communities on the occasion of our seven holy founders feast on 15.02.2026. There were around 90 guests came including our staffs and their family. We had a very meaningful celebration

Arul Matha parish

01.01.2026	-	New year mass and competition for children.
18.01.2026	-	Pongal Celebration
01.02.2026	-	Canonical visit of the Prior Provincial
15.02.2026	-	Seven Holy founders feast
22.02.2026	-	Lenten Retreat
05.04.2026	-	Easter Celebration

Annual Feast

01.05.2026 / 03.05.2026	-	Keelmaruthangulan feast
06/07 -05.2026	-	Kadavayal
08,09, 10.05.2026	-	Parish Feast
15,16,17.05.2026	-	Vilankattur
21,22.05.2026	-	Narikanvayal
23,24,25.05.2026	-	Vettivayal
24,25,26.05.2026	-	Sevaipettai
26,27,28.05.2026	-	Mekkaraikudi
29,30,31.05.2026	-	Kailasapuram








VETTIVAKAL


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Mount Senario Matric Hr. Sec. School

13.01.2026 - Pongal Celebration





26.01.2026	-	Republic Day
30.01.2026	-	20th Annual Day Celebration





31.01.2026	-	Cannonical visit in the School
16.02.2026	-	Seven Holy Founders Feast
02.03.2026	-	XII Exam
24.03.2026	-	X
28.03.2026	-	Convocation celebration
03..4.2026	-	Final Exam for other class students
16.04.2026	-	Final Working Day of the School





As a conclusion, these activities have strengthened community bonds, encouraged and created a positive impact in us. we sincerely thank each and every one of the person who helped us and supported us, looking ahead our community remain committed to organize more service and creating opportunities that contribute for the development of the community parish and school.

Fra. Suresh Micheal Arockiaraj. OSM
Prior, Arul Matha Community
Muppaiyur

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Year of Postulancy ending with Annual Tour

God gives me many experiences, great memories, and wonderful events. one of my mosta favourite events my postulancy annual educational tour. these two day were filled with great events of learning and with the gracefilled events. towards the end of my year of postulancy we were eight in numbers. on 9th evening we were exited to travel and we got the train at 9,00 pm and reached the train station. though it was night travel we were watching and cracking jokes and chatting for a long time as we were exited to travel by train though some were as sleep as soon as they got in train.

Early morning we were picked up by a van and got refreshed at Okkiampet and got refreshed. immediately we went to visit our Famous servite Parish at sholinganallur where our Jeeva Matha is Venerated. Fr. Leban, the assistant parish priest welcomed us and narrated the short history of the church. after which we were rushing to have break fast. After breakfast we moved to visit to Santhome Cathedral Church. we reached there and had our Mass at the tomb of St, Thomas concelebrated by Frs. Antony Shaji, osm our Vocation P romoter and Fr. Samydurai, our master. after the mass we had visit to the church and museum. After this visit we made our visit to Our lady of Velankanni at Besant Nagar. We spent a short visit to both the church and came to Planetarium show and spent good time in visiting the meusium.

We had good vegetarian mean for lunch and after the lunch we visited Chinnamalai at Sidapet, where they had the memorial of St. Thomas' preaching and service. then we climbed up to St. Thomas mount. Beautiful place where we visited the memorials of St. Thomas and also the memorial place of St. Pope John Paul the memorial statue. After the visit at St. Thomas mount we went back to Jyothi Matha Alayam Okkiampet to get refreshed. then we went to Golden Beach and relaxed beach walk. our fathers from Okkiampet Community also accompanied us. with them we went to Mom's Kitchen for the Night dinner.

We began the following day saturday we had good and peaceful mass at the Jyothi Matha Alayam and began our journey to Vandaloor Zoo. for the first time we say how all the naimals are gorwing in an open area. we spent half

day to see the place. we identified some of our behavioural pattersn from our ancestors and were mocking at each other. and after lunch we visited Mamallapuram, first the five radhas and temple shore and made our journey back to Okkiampet from where we were moving to back to our community of Jeeva Matha Illam, Thanjavur. We had a good time to learn, to relax and to enjoy the annual tour. we sincerely thank our community for such a wonderful opportunity.

Bro. Kevinash
Postulant. Jeeva Matha Illam, Thanjavur









13 Seminar Presentations at Jaya Matha Priory, Bengaluru

A series of seminars was organized at **Jaya Matha Priory, Bengaluru,** providing the brothers with an opportunity to reflect on significant philosophical, theological, social, and environmental issues that affect the contemporary world. The programme served as a platform for learning, discussion, and intellectual formation, enabling the participants to deepen their understanding of current challenges in the light of Christian values. Each presenter shared valuable insights that encouraged critical thinking, faith-filled reflection, and a greater commitment to justice, peace, human dignity, and care for creation.

Bro. Daniyal spoke on **"Introduction to Philosophy."** He explained that philosophy is the study of fundamental questions concerning existence, knowledge, morality, beauty, and society. Rather than accepting ideas without question, philosophy encourages people to think critically, examine their beliefs, and seek logical explanations through careful reasoning. He emphasized that philosophy plays an important role in both personal and social life by developing critical thinking, strengthening decision-making skills, promoting intellectual growth, helping individuals understand themselves, appreciate different viewpoints, and solve problems wisely.

Bro. Robin presented on **"Social Philosophy: Understanding Human Society and the Common Good."** He explained that social philosophy studies human society, social relationships, justice, equality, human rights, and the common good. Since human beings are social by nature, they depend on one another for their physical, emotional, and moral development. He highlighted that social philosophy seeks to understand how society should be organized to promote justice, harmony, and human welfare while fostering peaceful coexistence.

Bro. Johnson spoke on ***Spes Non Confundit,*** the Jubilee Bull of Pope Francis. He explained that Christian hope never disappoints because it is firmly rooted in God's faithful love revealed in Jesus Christ. In a world marked by suffering, conflict, and uncertainty, believers are invited to become pilgrims of hope through prayer, conversion, reconciliation, and acts of charity. He emphasized that the Jubilee Year 2025 is a call to renew our faith, trust in

God's mercy, and become signs of hope for others. Like Mary, the Mother of Hope, Christians are encouraged to remain faithful and confident that God is always with them.

Bro. Valan Prakash presented on **"Religious Freedom in India."** He explained that religious freedom is one of the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution of India, allowing every citizen to profess, practice, and propagate the religion of their choice while respecting public order, morality, and health. Although India is known for its rich religious diversity and unity in diversity, challenges such as communal tensions, discrimination, misinformation, and social prejudice continue to exist. He stressed that safeguarding religious freedom requires not only constitutional protection but also mutual respect, dialogue, and understanding among all citizens.

Bro. Anto spoke on **"Poverty and Inequality."** He highlighted that millions of people continue to struggle with inadequate access to food, clean water, healthcare, education, and employment opportunities. Economic inequality widens the gap between the rich and the poor, leading to social exclusion and injustice. From a Christian perspective, every person is created in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses equal dignity. He emphasized that Christians are called to promote justice, show compassion to those in need, and work towards building a society where every person can live with dignity, hope, and peace.

Bro. Anish presented on **"Violence and Discrimination Against Women."** He pointed out that women across the world continue to face physical, sexual, economic, and social violence. Around one in three women experience physical or sexual violence during their lifetime, while many girls are deprived of education or forced into child marriage. Women also face wage inequality, workplace harassment, and discrimination. Those living in rural areas, conflict zones, or with disabilities often experience multiple forms of discrimination. He emphasized the urgent need to uphold the dignity, rights, and safety of every woman.

Bro. Arockia Raj spoke on **"The Climate Crisis in the Modern World."** He began by distinguishing philosophical, theological, and existential questions before focusing on the environmental crisis affecting humanity. He discussed the consequences of climate change, including global warming, melting glaciers, rising sea levels, prolonged heat waves, and increasing health problems. He noted that deforestation remains one of the primary causes of global warming and emphasized the importance of planting trees, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting renewable energy sources such as solar power. He concluded by reminding everyone that the Earth is our common home and must be protected for future generations.

Bro. Prakash presented on **"Building a Just Society: The Catholic Vision of Social Justice."** He explained that Catholic Social Teaching is founded on the belief that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses equal dignity. He highlighted the four central principles of Catholic Social Teaching: human dignity, the common good, solidarity, and the preferential option for the poor. He also discussed two important Church documents Rerum Novarum (1891), which defended the rights of workers, and Gaudium et Spes (1965), which emphasized human dignity, family life, economic justice, peace, and responsible use of science and technology.

Bro. Jeobastin spoke on **"Eco-Philosophy."** He explained that eco-philosophy reflects on the relationship between human beings and the natural world by asking how people ought to live with nature. He introduced three major perspectives in environmental ethics: anthropocentrism, which values nature for its usefulness to humans; biocentrism, which recognizes the intrinsic value of all living beings; and ecocentrism, which emphasizes the well-being of the entire ecosystem. He also introduced ecofeminism, which argues that the same attitudes that exploit nature often oppress people, especially women. He concluded that these approaches encourage humanity to cultivate respect, sustainability, stewardship, and justice towards creation.

Bro. Justin Prabakaran presented on **"War."** He explained that war remains one of the greatest challenges facing humanity today, bringing death, destruction, displacement, and long-lasting suffering. Wars destroy families, communities, economies, and the environment while forcing millions of people to become refugees in search of safety and peace. From a Christian perspective, war contradicts God's desire for peace, justice, and respect for human dignity. He concluded by emphasizing that individuals and nations must reject violence, promote dialogue and reconciliation, and work together to build a world founded on peace, solidarity, and respect for every human life.

Bro. Maria Thangam presented on **"Problems in Prayer Life."** He explained that prayer is the heartbeat of the Christian life, yet many believers struggle to pray faithfully. He highlighted that the Bible identifies several obstacles to prayer, including lack of faith, unconfessed sin, selfish motives, unforgiveness, distractions, discouragement, and spiritual laziness. Referring to the teachings of James, Isaiah, the Psalms, and Jesus Himself, he emphasized that faith, forgiveness, and purity of heart are essential for a fruitful prayer life. He also pointed out that a busy lifestyle and worldly

distractions often prevent people from spending quality time with God, as illustrated by the contrast between Martha and Mary. Although prayers may sometimes seem unanswered, he encouraged believers to persevere in prayer with patience and trust, following the example of the persistent widow in Luke 18. He concluded by reminding everyone that prayer is more than asking for blessings; it is about building a loving relationship with God through daily prayer, reading Scripture, repentance, forgiveness, and dependence on the Holy Spirit, echoing St. Paul's exhortation to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

The seminar at **Jaya Matha Priory, Bengaluru,** proved to be an enriching and thought-provoking experience. It enabled the participants to deepen their knowledge of philosophy, theology, social justice, environmental responsibility, and contemporary global issues. The programme inspired everyone to continue living out the values of the Gospel by promoting justice, peace, human dignity, and responsible stewardship of God's creation.





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FROM AMALORPAVA MATHA CHURCH - AVADI

1. Holy week (2nd April 2026 - 4th April 2026)
The Maundy Thursday celebration was observed with deep faith and reverence by the parish community. During the Holy Mass, members from the 11 Anbiyams and the St. Vincent de Paul Society were chosen to represent the twelve disciples, symbolizing Jesus' humility and love through the Washing of the Feet ceremony. A large number of parishioners participated in the Eucharistic celebration, making the occasion spiritually enriching. Following the Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration began in the evening and continued until 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday. Each Anbiyam prayer group took responsibility for one hour of adoration, ensuring continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night and the following day. The faithful gathered in devotion, reflecting on the passion, sacrifice, and boundless love of Christ. The Good Friday liturgy began at 3:00 p.m. with the solemn Way of









the Cross, commemorating the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Parish Youth presented a live enactment of the Passion of Christ, helping the faithful reflect more deeply on Christ's suffering and sacrifice. Their sincere performance inspired the congregation to participate prayerfully and meditate on the significance of Good Friday. Following the Way of the Cross, the Good Friday liturgical service was conducted with great reverence. A large number of parishioners took part in the prayers and veneration of the Holy Cross, making the day's observance a profound spiritual experience for the entire parish community. The Easter Vigil was celebrated with great joy and devotion, beginning at 10:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday. Compared to previous years, the celebration witnessed an overwhelming response, with more than 800 faithful participating in the liturgy. The large gathering reflected the growing faith and unity of the parish community. The Parish Youth continued the Passion skit presented on Good Friday by depicting the glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The dramatic portrayal of the Risen Lord emerging from the tomb filled the congregation with hope and joy, making the celebration more meaningful and inspiring. The solemn Easter Vigil Mass was followed by joyful Easter celebrations. Cakes were distributed to all the faithful, allowing everyone to share in

the happiness of Christ's Resurrection. The entire celebration became a memorable occasion of faith, hope, and fellowship for the parish community.

2. 1000 Beats Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayer

(8th April 2026 On 8th April, the parish held its monthly 1000 Beats Rosary devotion from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. A large number of parishioners gathered to pray the Rosary with deep faith and devotion, seeking the intercession and blessings of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This was followed by the Divine Mercy Hour from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., which included the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Mass. The faithful participated prayerfully, placing their intentions before the Merciful Jesus and experiencing spiritual peace and grace through this special time of prayer. After the liturgical celebrations, lunch was served to all those who attended. The monthly devotion continues to strengthen the faith of the parish community and draw many people closer to the Divine Mercy of Jesus and the loving intercession of Mother Mary.

3. Month of Mother Mary – (1st May 2026 to 2nd May 2026)



The month of May was celebrated as the special month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary with great devotion and participation from the parish community. Every evening, a procession with the statue of Mother Mary was conducted, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. Each day, 2 to 3 Anbiyams took responsibility for organizing the Holy Mass and providing refreshments to the faithful at the end of the celebration. The daily Marian devotion helped parishioners come together in prayer and seek the loving intercession and blessings of Mother Mary. The month-long celebration concluded on 31st May with a grand Holy Mass, in which a large number of parishioners participated with faith

and joy. The celebration ended with a fellowship dinner for all the participants, marking the conclusion of the Marian month in a spirit of unity and thanksgiving.

4. Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (7th June 2026)
For the first time in the parish, a grand celebration was organized on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. A special evening Holy Mass was celebrated with great devotion, and a large number of parishioners participated in this Eucharistic celebration. Following the Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration was conducted, giving the faithful an opportunity to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. A solemn Eucharistic procession was then carried out along the streets near the church and within the church premises, where the faithful joined in prayer and reverence, witnessing their love and devotion towards the Holy Eucharist. The celebration concluded with a fellowship dinner provided for all the participants. The entire event became a memorable spiritual experience, strengthening the faith and unity of the parish community.





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"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ME, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIE, WILL LIVE, AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE." JN 11:25–26