



COIMBATORE NEWS LETTER

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Lent

Pray, Fast, Serve

Highlights of previous Month



Blessing of the New Church, Arokia Madha Church, Akkaraipalayam, Sub-Station to Kolappalur



Community Hall Foundation Stone Blessing, St. Thomas Church, Avinashi



Consecration of the New Church, St. Mother Theresa Church, Thindal.



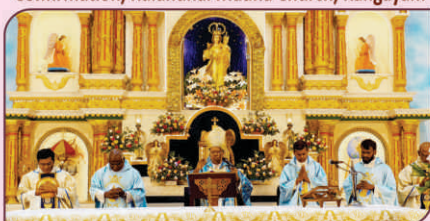
Feast Mass, Infant Jesus Shrine, Kovaipudur



Feast Mass, Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, Kulandhai Madha Church, Kangayam



Feast Mass, Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, St. Paul's Church, Rathinapuri



First Saturday Holy Mass, Holy Rosary Shrine Basilica, Karumathampatti



Holy Mass, St. Thomas Church, Avinashi



New Year Vigil Mass, St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore.

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Intention of the Pope

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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Pope's Message

“The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain”

Dear brothers and sisters,

The thirty-fourth World Day of the Sick will be solemnly celebrated in Chiclayo, Peru, on 11 February 2026. For this occasion, I would recommend reflecting once again on the figure of the Good Samaritan, for he is always relevant and essential for rediscovering the beauty of charity and the social dimension of compassion. This reflection further directs our attention towards the needy and all those who suffer, especially the sick.

We are all familiar with the moving account found in the Gospel of Saint Luke (cf. Lk 10:25-37). Jesus responds to a scholar of the law, who asks him to identify the neighbour he must love, with this story: a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho was attacked by robbers and left for dead. While a priest and a Levite passed him by, a Samaritan took pity on him, bandaged his wounds, took him to an inn and provided for his care. I have chosen to reflect on this biblical passage through the lens of the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, written by my beloved predecessor Pope Francis. There, compassion and mercy towards those in need are not reduced to a merely individual effort, but are realized through relationships: with our brothers and sisters in need, with those who care for them and, ultimately, with God who gives us his love.

1. The gift of encounter: the joy of offering closeness and presence

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy and haste – a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from

pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze – the very gaze of Jesus – which led him to act with human and compassionate closeness. The Samaritan “stopped, approached the man and cared for him personally, even spending his own money to provide for his needs... [Above all] he gave him his time.” Jesus does not merely teach us who our neighbour is, but rather how to become a neighbour; in other words, how we can draw close to others. In this respect, we can affirm with Saint Augustine that the Lord did not intend to show us who that man's neighbour was, but rather to whom he should become a neighbour. Indeed, no one is truly a neighbour until they freely draw near to another. Thus, the one who became a neighbour was the one who showed mercy.

Love is not passive; it goes out to meet the other. Being a neighbour is not determined by physical or social proximity, but by the decision to love. This is why Christians become neighbours to those who suffer, following the example of Christ, the true divine Samaritan who drew near to a wounded humanity. These are not mere gestures of philanthropy, but signs through which we perceive that personal participation in another's suffering involves the gift of oneself. It means going beyond the simple satisfaction of needs, so that our very person becomes part of the gift. This kind of charity is necessarily nourished by an encounter with Christ, who gave himself for us out of love. Saint Francis expressed this beautifully when, speaking of his encounter with lepers, he said: “The Lord himself led me among them,” because through them he had discovered the sweet joy of loving.

The gift of encounter flows from our union with Jesus Christ. We recognize him as the Good Samaritan who has brought us eternal salvation, and we make him present whenever we reach out to a wounded brother or sister. Saint Ambrose said: “Since no

one is more truly our neighbour than he who has healed our wounds, let us love him as Lord and also as neighbour; for nothing is so close as the head to its members. Let us also love those who imitate Christ; let us love those who suffer due to the poverty of others, for the sake of the unity of the Body.” “To be one in the One” – through closeness, presence, and love received and shared – is to rejoice, like Saint Francis, in the sweetness of having encountered the Lord.

2. The shared mission of caring for the sick

Saint Luke continues, noting that the Samaritan “was moved with pity.” Compassion, in this sense, implies a profound emotion that compels us to act. It is a feeling that springs from within and leads to a committed response to another's suffering. In this parable, compassion is the defining characteristic of active love; it is neither theoretical nor merely sentimental, but manifests itself through concrete gestures. The Samaritan drew near, tended the wounds, took charge and provided care. Notably, he does not act in isolation: “The Samaritan discovered an innkeeper who would care for the man; we too are called to unite as a family that is stronger than the sum of small individual members.” In my experience as a missionary and bishop in Peru, I have personally witnessed many who show mercy and compassion in the spirit of the Samaritan and the innkeeper. Family members, neighbours, healthcare workers, those engaged in pastoral care for the sick, and many others stop along the way to draw near, heal, support and accompany those in need. By offering what they have, they give compassion a social dimension. This experience, occurring within a network of relationships, transcends mere individual commitment. For this reason, in the Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, I referred to the care of the sick not only as an “important part” of the Church's mission, but as an authentic “ecclesial action” (n. 49). I quoted Saint Cyprian to illustrate how this dimension serves as a measure of a society's health: “This pestilence and plague,

which seems so horrible and deadly, searches out the righteousness of each one, and examines the minds of the human race, to see whether the healthy serve the sick; whether relatives love each other with sincerity; whether masters have pity on their sick servants; whether doctors do not abandon the sick who beg for help.”

“To be one in the One” means truly recognizing that we are members of a single Body that brings the Lord's compassion to the suffering of all people, each according to our own vocation.[9] Moreover, the pain that moves us to compassion is not the pain of a stranger; it is the pain of a member of our own Body, to whom Christ our Head commands us attend, for the good of all. In this sense, our service is identified with Christ's own suffering and, when offered in a Christian spirit, hastens the fulfillment of the Savior's prayer for the unity of all.

3. Always driven by love for God, to encounter ourselves and our neighbor

In the double commandment, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself” (Lk 10:27), we recognize the primacy of love for God and its direct consequences for every dimension of human love and relationship. “Love for our neighbor is tangible proof of the authenticity of our love for God, as the Apostle John attests: 'No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us... God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them' (1 Jn 4:12, 16).” Although the object of this love differs – God, neighbor and oneself – and can be understood as distinct expressions of love, they remain fundamentally inseparable. The primacy of divine love implies that human action is carried out not for self-interest or reward, but as a manifestation of a love that transcends ritual

norms and find expression in authentic worship. To serve one's neighbour is to love God through deeds.

This perspective also allows us to grasp the true meaning of loving ourselves. It means setting aside any attempt to base our self-esteem or sense of dignity on worldly stereotypes – such as success, career, status or family background – and recovering our proper place before God and neighbour. Benedict XVI observed, “as a spiritual being, the human creature is defined through interpersonal relations. The more authentically he or she lives these relations, the more his or her own personal identity matures. It is not by isolation that man establishes his worth, but by placing himself in relation with others and with God.”

Dear brothers and sisters, “the true remedy for humanity's wounds is a style of life based on fraternal love, which has its root in love of God.” I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, “Samaritan” spirit – one that is welcoming, courageous, committed and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this divine love, we will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters who are sick, elderly or afflicted.

Let us raise our prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, asking her to assist all who suffer and are in need of compassion, consolation and a listening ear. Let us seek her intercession with this ancient prayer, that has been invoked in families for those living with illness and pain:

Sweet Mother, do not part from me. Turn not your eyes away from me. Walk with me at every moment and never leave me alone. You who always protect me as a true Mother, obtain for me the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Bishop's Message

Dear Rev.Fathers, Religious and People of God,

On 18th of February, we commence the holy season of Lent, a time for the preparation of the celebration of Easter through acts of penance, prayer and works of charity. We all know that the season of Lent is one of the best seasons in the liturgical year of the church. It is the best time as well as important occasion to retrospect our past life, amend our mistakes and deepen our faith and relationship with God. We are much aware that despite our goodwill, sinful situation continues to pull us away from God.

Lent is the God-given season to make a thorough examination of conscience, acknowledging our sinful nature and trying to amend our wrong doings and reconciling our ourselves with God and fellowmen. When we respond to God generously for our conversion, God is never tired of forgiving our sins and accepting us as His children. Conversion should involve the whole person and as such the heart should be at the centre of conversion. Fasting, remorse and repenting are the means of expressing sorrow and repentance for our sins. What God, however, wants is not mere external signs but genuine repentance, a real change of heart. In order to have total metanoia, Church gives us three ways, namely, prayer, fasting and giving alms.

The season of Lent invites us earnestly to spend more time in personal prayer, in particular, visiting the Blessed Sacrament and spending a lot of time before Blessed Sacrament. God invites us to forgive our enemies and offenders unconditionally, as Our Heavenly Father forgives us. Generations after generations Christians have discovered that prayer, penance and alms giving are ways and means to obtain forgiveness of our sins and to come closer to God. What we save from our fasting should be distributed to the poor and the needy. In addition, by our charitable works, we obtain the mercy of God and His forgiveness.

On Ash Wednesday, the ashes are imposed on our foreheads. The mark imposed on our foreheads may soon disappear, but the spirit of repentance should remain with us till we are totally purified and free from sin. We should walk through the Gospel ways of life till the end so that we participate in the glorious resurrection of the Lord. I wish you all a fruitful season of Lent filled with God's blessings. May God bless you.

Yours devotedly in Christ

+L. Thomas Aquinas

Bishop of Coimbatore



Bishop's Engagements

Date/Time	Programme	Place
03.02.2026 To 11.02.2026	CBCI General Assembly for 2026	St. John's Medical College, Bangalore
14.02.2026 Sat / Eve	Feast Mass, Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation and blessing of Grotto	St. Lourde's Church, Pollachi
15.02.2026 Sun / Mor	Feast Mass and Sacrament of First Holy Communion	Our Lady of Lourdes' Shrine, Lourdhupuram
18.02.2026 Wed / Mor	Ash Wednesday	St. John Bosco's Church, Goundampalayam
Eve	Ash Wednesday	St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore
21.02.2026 Sat / Mor	Months Mind Mass	Mount Carmel Church, Nallapitchanpatti, Sendurai, Dindigul
24.02.2026 To 25.02.2026	Board Meeting	St. Peter's Seminary, Bangalore
26.02.2026 Thu / Mor	Board Meeting	Good Shepherd Seminary, Coimbatore.



Bishop Thomas Aquinas
Bishop of Coimbatore

"To live and share Christ"

01.01.2026

DECREE OF ERECTION

ST. MOTHER TERESA CHURCH – THINDAL

Considering the pastoral needs of the diocese of Coimbatore and in consultation with the members of the college of consulters and the senate of priests, I, through this decree, solemnly declare that I have created a new parish, bifurcating from the parish of Erode Town, dedicated to St. Mother Teresa with its headquarters at Thindal with effect from 14th January, 2026.

The boundaries of the new parish will be as follows:

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| ❖ Mettukadai Road | ❖ Sengodampallam |
| ❖ Veppampalayam | ❖ MLA Office – Palayapalayam |
| ❖ Ring Road | ❖ Jeeva Nagar – Railway route |
| ❖ Thindal Medu | ❖ Vil Arsan Patti |
| ❖ Thindal | |

Given at Bishop's House, Coimbatore on 01st January, 2026.

Thomas Aquinas

Most Rev. Dr. L. Thomas Aquinas
Bishop of Coimbatore



Fr. B. Melchior

Rev. Fr. Melchior
Chancellor



From Vicar General's Desk

Greetings from Fr. Vicar General,

This month, the Diocesan level monthly recollection will be in 09th February, 2026, Monday at Bishop's House. Please come without fail.

10.00 AM – Coffee

10.30 AM – Talk followed by Adoration and Confession

12.30 PM – Lunch

MEDICAL FUND PAID FROM 27.12.2025 TO 24.01.2026

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1	VADAVALLI PARISH	10,000.00
2	VADAVALLI PARISH	10,000.00
	T O T A L	20,000.00

Yours fraternally,

V.Rev.Fr. John Joseph Stanis

Secretary to the Trust

Bible Commission

Bible Commission – Seventh Cycle Certificate Course Eighth Class Report – January 25, 2026

Venue: Jeeva Jyothi Ashram, Bishop's House, Coimbatore

The Bible Commission is pleased to report that the eighth class of the Seventh Cycle of the Certificate Course was successfully conducted on January 25, 2026, at Jeeva Jyothi Ashram, Bishop's House, Coimbatore. The session witnessed the enthusiastic participation of approximately 90 attendees, reflecting the growing desire among the faithful to deepen their understanding of Sacred Scripture.

The day's sessions were led by Rev. Fr. C. Lawrence, who conducted all four classes with clarity, depth, and pastoral sensitivity. He began with a brief recap of the previous lessons and actively engaged the participants through insightful questions that stimulated interest and discussion. The focus of the day was the Book of Psalms. Fr. Lawrence offered a detailed introduction, explaining that the Psalms originate from human experience and are deeply charged with emotion. Every human feeling—positive or negative, such as joy or grief, gratitude or anger—is transformed into prayer in the Psalms. Born out of concrete life situations similar to our own, the Psalms, as the Word of God, transcend their original context and continue to serve as prayers for new times and environments.

The Psalms, he emphasized, are a rich source for theological reflection. He also explained the **objective and scope** of studying the Psalms, quoting St. Ignatius of Loyola: “Study in order to save souls.” The Word of God is not studied merely for acquiring knowledge, but for the salvation of our own lives and of those entrusted to our care. In this context, he outlined three approaches to the Bible: 1. Some believe the Bible is the Word of

God; 2. Others believe it contains the Word of God; 3. Still others hold that it becomes the Word of God when read by the believer. He underlined that the objective of the course is to study the Psalms **as the Word of God**.

He further highlighted the Psalms as **realistic prayers**. They are not products of imagination or speculation but arise from real-life struggles and experiences. Praying the Psalms helps believers maintain and deepen a dynamic relationship with God. Among the books of the Old Testament, the Psalms have attracted Christians more than any other. He also explained the **contemporary relevance of the Psalms**, noting that they express a universal human voice—praying, praising, thanking, proclaiming God's wonders, and even lamenting. They articulate the pain and hope, misery and confidence of people across every age and culture.

Special emphasis was given to the Psalms as **Christian prayers**. The Psalter was the prayer book of Jesus and the early Christian community. Nearly one-third of the Old Testament quotations in the New Testament are drawn from the Psalms.

1. Numerous Psalms are cited in the New Testament, including Psalms 2, 22, 69, 110, and 118.
2. Jesus frequently quoted or alluded to the Psalms (cf. Mt 21:16; 22:44; 26:30; 27:46).
3. Jesus and his disciples sang hymns after the Last Supper as they went to the Mount of Olives (Mk 14:26). It is widely believed that these were the Hallel Psalms (113–118), with Psalm 118 most likely being sung. Jesus made the words of this Psalm his own prayer of thanksgiving and praise.
4. St. Peter also quoted extensively from the Psalms (Acts 1:20; 2:25–28; 2:34–35; 4:25–26).
5. The Psalms hold a central place in the liturgical life of the Church and form a major part of the Divine Office.

He also explained the **etymology** of the word “Psalms” and clarified the **dating** of the Psalms, which range from the time of Moses (13th century BC) to the period following the Babylonian Exile (5th century BC). He further clarified the **authorship** of the Book of Psalms. Seventy-three Psalms are attributed to David, while twelve Psalms (Psalm 50 and Psalms 73–83) are attributed to Asaph. Other identified authors include Moses (Psalm 90), Heman (Psalm 88), Ethan (Psalm 89), and Solomon (Psalms 72 and 127). Eleven Psalms (42, 44–49, 84, 85, 87, 88) are ascribed to the “sons of Korah,” a group of Levitical musicians. Fifty Psalms are anonymous and lack titles or author attributions; these are sometimes referred to as the “orphan Psalms.”

The attribution of many Psalms to David was explained based on three factors: 1. His musical abilities (cf. 1 Sam 16:18, 23; 2 Sam 6:5; Neh 12:36; Am 8:5); 2. His role as the founder and organizer of Temple music (cf. 1 Chr 15:16; 16:7; 25:1; Ezra 3:10; Neh 12:24, 46); 3. His role as the founder of Hebrew psalmody (cf. Neh 12:24, 36, 46). The session concluded with Fr. Lawrence responding to the queries of the participants. At the end of the programme, the participants paid a visit to the senior Fathers.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Most Rev. Dr. L. Thomas Aquinas, Bishop of Coimbatore, for his constant support and prayers. My sincere thanks also go to: Very Rev. Msgr. John Joseph Stanis, Vicar General, Fr. Antony Jesuraj, Director of the Pastoral Centre, and Rev. Fr. J. Antony Selvaraj, Procurator. Special appreciation is due to Mr. Alphonse, Mr. Ruben Jeyaraj, and Miss Prabha for their meticulous arrangements. I am also grateful to Mrs. Rani, Mrs. Julie, Miss Daisy, and all the volunteers for their generous and dedicated service. **Glory be to God!**

Rev. Fr. C. Lawrence
Secretary, Bible Commission



ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மைய செய்திகள்

மறைக்கல்வி பணிக்குழு:

ஆசிரியர்களுக்கான தியானம்:

24.01.2026ஆம் தேதி நமது மறைமாவட்ட கத்தோலிக்க பள்ளிகளில் பணிபுரியும் கத்தோலிக்க ஆசிரியர், ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு புலியுளம் கார்மேல் கார்டன் மெட்ரிக் பள்ளியில் தியானமானது நடைபெற்றது. இத்தியானத்தை அருட்தந்தை அலெக்சாண்டர் (திருச்சி) அவர்கள் வழிநடத்தினார். அதில் 610 ஆசிரிய பெருமக்கள் கலந்துக்கொண்டு பயன்பெற்றார்கள்; இந்தியானம் நடைபெற பள்ளி கலையரங்கம் உள்ளிட்ட எல்லா ஏற்பாடுகளையும் செய்து கொடுத்து உதவிய பள்ளியின் தாளாளர் மற்றும் முதல்வர் அருட்தந்தை ஆரோக்கிய ததேயுஸ் அவர்களுக்கும் அவரோடு இணைந்து உதவி செய்த ஆசிரிய பெருமக்கள், அலுவலக பணியாளர்கள் மற்றும் தூய்மை பணியாளர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் எமது மனமார்ந்த நன்றிகளை தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறோம்.

யூபிலி ஆண்டு நிறைவு விழா:

28.12.2025ஆம் தேதி புனித மிக்கேல் அதிதூதர் பேராலயத்தில் மாலை 5.30 மணிக்கு நமது மேதகு ஆயர் அவர்களின் தலைமையில் யூபிலி ஆண்டு நிறைவு விழா திருப்பலி நடைபெற்றது. இத்திருப்பலியில் நமது மறைமாவட்டத்தில் உள்ள 6 மறைவட்டத்திலிருந்து பிரதிநிதிகள் கலந்துக்கொண்டு திருவழிபாட்டில் மன்றாட்டு மற்றும் காணிக்கை பவனியில் பங்கேற்று சிறப்பித்தார்கள்.

அன்பிய பணிக்குழு:

04.01.2026 அன்று பசுபதிபாளையம் கார்மேல் அன்னை ஆலயத்தில் இயக்குநர் தந்தை அவர்கள் திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றி அன்பியத்தை பற்றி எடுத்துரைத்தார். பின்பு மறைக்கல்வி ஆசிரியர் மற்றும் மாணவ, மாணவியர்களை சந்தித்து அவர்களை உற்சாகப்படுத்தினார்.

அல்போன்சா மண்டல அன்பிய கருத்தரங்கு:

11.01.2026 ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை கோவை புனித மிக்கேல் மேல்நிலை பள்ளியில் காலை 10.00 மணி முதல் மாலை 4.00 வரை அல்போன்சா

அன்பிய மண்டல கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெற்றது. இதில் ஊட்டி, தர்மபுரி, சேலம் மறைமாவட்டத்திலிருந்து பிரதிநிதிகள் கலந்து கொண்டார்கள். நமது மறைமாவட்டத்திலிருந்து கோவை, மேட்டுப்பாளையம் மறைவட்டத்திலிருந்து சுமார் 265 பேர் கலந்துகொண்டு பயன்பெற்றார்கள். இக்கருத்தரங்கு தொடக்க உரை ஆற்றி நமது மறைமாவட்ட பொருளர் தந்தை அவர்கள் தொடங்கி வைத்தார். மாநில அன்பிய பொதுச்செயலர் அருட்தந்தை போஸ்கோ, அருட்தந்தை அலெக்சிசு அவர்கள் அன்பியத்தின் முக்கியத்துவத்தைப் பற்றி எடுத்துரைத்தார்கள். மதிய உணவிற்கு பின் அருட்தந்தை தனசேகர் அவர்கள் அரசியல் விழிப்புணர்வு அன்பியத்தில் செயல்பாடு பற்றி கருத்துரை வழங்கினார். இறுதியில் தமிழக அன்பிய பணிக்குழு தலைவர் மேதகு ஆயர் அமல்ராஜ் அவர்கள் திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றி ஆசி வழங்கி இக்கருத்தரங்கில் பங்குப் பெற்றவர்களை உற்சாகப்படுத்தினார். இதற்கு அனுமதி அளித்த நமது மேதகு ஆயர் அவர்களுக்கு மனமார்ந்த நன்றிகள்.

பொள்ளாச்சி; மறைவட்டம்:

25.01.2026 அன்று பொள்ளாச்சி மறைவட்டத்தை சார்ந்த அன்பிய பொறுப்பாளர்களுக்கு பொள்ளாச்சி புனித லூர்து அன்னை ஆலயத்தில் கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெற்றது. இதில் 9 பங்கிலிருந்து 101 கலந்துக்கொண்டு பயனடைந்தார்கள். இக்கருத்தரங்கு சிறப்பாக நடைபெற எல்லா ஏற்பாடுகளையும் செய்த அருட்தந்தை உ லாரன்ஸ் அவர்களுக்கும் திருதொண்டர் அஜிட்டோ சேவியர் மற்றும் தன்னார்வ பணியாளர்களுக்கும் மனமார்ந்த நன்றிகள்.

குடும்ப நலப்பணிக்குழு:

கடந்த ஜனவரி மாதம் இரண்டாம் சனி மற்றும் ஞாயிறு (10.01.2026 & 11.01.2026) அன்று திருமணத் தயாரிப்பு கருத்தரங்கு வகுப்பானது ஜீவஜோதி ஆசிரமத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் 75 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டு பயனடைந்தனர். மேலும் இரண்டாவது ஞாயிறு பெற்றோருக்கான கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெற்றது. இதில் 100 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டு பயனடைந்தனர்.

பிப்ரவரி மாதம் திருமண கருத்தரங்கு வகுப்பானது இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை மற்றும் ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை (14.02.2026 & 15.02.2026) அன்று ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மையத்தில் நடைபெறும். ஞாயிறு (15.02.2026) பெற்றோருக்கான கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெறும்.

அடுத்த மாதங்கள் நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்:

மார்ச்	14.03.2026 & 15.03.2026
ஏப்ரல்	11.04.2026 & 12.04.2026
மே	வகுப்பு நடைபெறாது

இடம்: ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மையம்

நேரம்: காலை 9.00 மணிமுதல் மாலை 4.30 மணிவரை

கட்டணம்: ரூ.800/-

பங்குத்தந்தையின் கனிவான கவனத்திற்கு:

1. திருமண கருத்தரங்கு காலை 9.30 மணிக்கு ஆரம்பமாகிறது. எனவே பங்கேற்பாளர்கள் சரியாக 9.00 மணிக்கு இங்கு இருக்கும்படி வலியுறுத்தவும். ஒருசிலர் காலதாமதமாக 10.00 (அ) 10.30 மணிக்கு வருகை தருகின்றார்கள். எனவே நீங்கள் அறிவிக்கும் போது நேரத்தையும் அறிவிக்கவும்.

2. பெற்றோர் கருத்தமர்வு ஞாயிறு நடைபெறுகிறது. அதற்கும் நீங்கள் வலியுறுத்தும்படி கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறோம். அவர்களுக்கும் நாங்கள் சான்றிதழ் வழங்குகிறோம். எனவே அதை கொண்டு வரச்சொல்லி சரிபார்க்கவும்.

உங்களின் ஒத்துழைப்புக்கு நன்றி

அருட்பணி D. ஆண்டனி ஜேசுராஜ்,
அருட்பணி மைய இயக்குநர்



News from CMSSS

Greetings from CMSSS

Dear fathers

INTERVENTION PROGRAMME FOR BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY

A comprehensive five-day intervention programme was successfully conducted for first-year Sociology students from Bharathiar University across CMSSS and all regional centres from 14/12/2025 to 18/12/2025. The immersive curriculum encompassed field visits and structured surveys in tribal areas, practical engagement in WASH programmes, and community awareness initiatives. Students subsequently compiled their learning into detailed reports.



The programme concluded with a dedicated evaluation day, graced by the active participation of university professors. Their involvement in assessing student presentations and facilitating reflective discussions was

invaluable. We extend our sincere gratitude to the regional coordinators and Self-Help Group leaders for their instrumental support. Input sessions were provided to orient the students on the organogram, functional scope, and societal role of the NGO. The evaluation day featured



ADOLESCENT HEALTH & HYGIENE AWARENESS PROGRAMME

An awareness programme on health and hygiene was successfully conducted for adolescent girls under the IBC initiative on January 2nd and 3rd. The sessions, held locally in the Avinashi and Pollachi regions, engaged a total of 25 participants. The programme focused on essential personal health practices, discussing the crucial do's and don'ts of hygiene pertinent to adolescence. The interactive session provided valuable knowledge, empowering the girls with important information for their well-being. We extend our sincere gratitude to the regional coordinators for their diligent organisation of the events. Our special thanks are also due to the



resource persons from the local health office, whose expert input was instrumental in making the programme informative and impactful for the beneficiaries.

ALCOHOLISM AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR THE GYPSY COMMUNITY

The recent alcoholism awareness initiatives conducted for the Gypsy community in the Kinathukadavu and Pollachi regions. The program, coordinated by the respective region coordinators, was successfully held at local community spaces and CMSSS centres. A resource person sensitively addressed the





gathering, detailing the profound ill effects of alcoholism and its subsequent impact on familial well-being and situational dynamics. The session was interactive, allowing community

members to share perspectives and engage in a constructive question-and-answer segment to clarify doubts. Each program witnessed encouraging participation, with approximately 50 attendees per region. The initiative was well-received, fostering meaningful dialogue on this critical issue within the community.

LIVELIHOOD GENERATION PROGRAM – LIVESTOCK REARING INITIATIVE

This document summarizes the Livestock Rearing and Distribution Program conducted by the IBC for the Gypsy community in the Kinathukadavu region, aimed at promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities. A comprehensive



training session was held at the Kinathukadavu centre, facilitated by resource person Mrs. Latha. The curriculum provided practical instruction on the rearing of love birds and rabbits, covering essential topics such as dietary requirements, habitat management, and effective breeding systems. The training emphasized a commercially viable approach, guiding participants on generating profit and establishing a reliable



source of income. Following the instructional component, the program included a distribution drive. Beneficiary families received love birds and rabbits along with starter cages. The initiative is designed to

equip the community with the skills and initial resources necessary for a sustainable micro-enterprise, thereby enhancing

household economic resilience. This intervention is anticipated to be highly beneficial for the Gypsy community, providing a structured pathway towards self-reliance and improved livelihood security.

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD INITIATIVE: LIVESTOCK REARING PROGRAM

This report outlines the recent Livestock Rearing and Distribution Program conducted by the IBC in the Ponnapuram and Kollupuram regions, designed to foster economic self-sufficiency within the Gypsy communities. The program featured comprehensive training sessions held at the Pollachi centre and within the Kollupuram region. Under the guidance of resource person Mr. Martin, participants received detailed instruction on the sustainable rearing of love birds and rabbits. The curriculum covered essential practical aspects, including appropriate food systems, effective breeding practices, and general animal husbandry, with a strong emphasis on managing these activities for profit and sustainable livelihood generation.



Following the educational component, a distribution drive was undertaken. Beneficiary families were each provided with a starter kit comprising a pair of love birds and a pair of rabbits, along with suitable cages. This direct provision of resources aims to empower participants to immediately apply their acquired knowledge. This initiative is strategically designed to provide a viable and sustainable avenue for income generation, offering significant potential to enhance the socio-economic resilience of the participating Gypsy communities.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE

The educational support program conducted by the IBC for children within the Gypsy communities of Ponnapuram, Kollupuram, and Thaneerpandal regions. The initiative comprised two key components. First, interactive input sessions were held in all three areas, focusing on motivational training and



underscoring the critical importance of education for personal and community development. These sessions aimed to inspire and encourage the students in their academic pursuits. Following the sessions, a distribution of essential educational



resources took place. All participating children voluntarily received materials including notebooks, drawing books, and scribbling pads to support their learning

activities. Approximately 100 children across the clusters benefited from this provision. The program was met with positive engagement from the community. We extend our sincere gratitude to the region coordinators whose diligent efforts in organizing and facilitating this initiative were instrumental to its smooth execution and success. This outreach is a valuable step toward supporting the educational journey of children in these communities.

PARENTAL AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The recent Parental Awareness Meetings conducted by the IBC for the Gypsy communities across the Avinashi, Pollachi, and Kinathukadavu regions. The two-day





program, held in all regional clusters, was designed to support parents in navigating contemporary parenting challenges. Facilitated by various

expert resource persons, the interactive input sessions focused on "Parenting in the Signs of the Time." Key themes included strategies to reduce tension within the parent-child relationship and insights into understanding the perspectives of modern children, particularly within the evolving context of technology and artificial intelligence. The sessions provided a reflective space, aiding parents in rediscovering the meaning and responsibilities of parenthood. This structured engagement has equipped participants with enhanced understanding and practical approaches to foster healthier, more communicative relationships with their children. We extend our sincere gratitude to all the coordinators for their exemplary organization and to the parents for their active and willing participation, which were fundamental to the success of this valuable initiative.



CHILDREN'S AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

A two-day children's awareness program was successfully conducted for the communities of Thaneerpandhal and Mullai Nagar in the Avinashi region. This initiative was designed to foster holistic development among the children from the two designated clusters.



The program focused on imparting essential values and providing motivational guidance centered on the importance of education. Interactive sessions were

tailored to engage the children positively. As part of the engagement, evening snacks and gifts were distributed to all participants. In conjunction with the children's activities, the program coordinators conducted targeted outreach by visiting the families of participants over the two days. These visits were instrumental in understanding the family backgrounds and situational contexts, thereby enabling a more supportive and informed approach toward each child's well-being. The program achieved its objective of encouraging the children while building a foundational understanding of their home environments. We extend our sincere thanks to the coordinators for their diligent efforts in organizing the activities and conducting the family visits, which were crucial to the program's impactful delivery.

KOLPING

Kolping National Level Meeting

A national-level meeting of Kolping India was successfully convened in Kanchipuram on January 20 and 21, 2024. The two-day program served as a significant gathering for fellowship, celebration, and strategic reflection. The proceedings commenced with a vibrant Pongal celebration, fostering a spirit of communal harmony and thanksgiving. This was followed by a solemn blessing ceremony for new Kolping buildings, dedicated to expanding the organization's reach and service. A key agenda item was the formal presentation and recognition of collaborating Kolping partners, acknowledging their valuable contributions to our shared mission. The second day featured a spiritually enriching Eucharistic celebration presided over by Most Rev. Bishop Ambrose, Bishop of Vellore, whose blessings guided the assembly. The meeting concluded with focused sharing and discussion sessions, allowing for the exchange of ideas and future planning. An exhibition showcasing products and materials created by Kolping members across the country

was also displayed, highlighting the community's entrepreneurial spirit and achievements. The event proved to be an inspirational and productive forum, reinforcing the collective commitment to Kolping's objectives.

KOLPING PONGAL DAY CELEBRATION

A festive Pongal Day celebration was successfully hosted by Kolping on January 13, 2024, at Cheran Maanagar. The half-day event was graced by the participation of leaders from various Self-Help Groups (SHGs), the United Women's Federation (UWFT), CMSSS coordinators, and Kolping leaders from different regions. The celebration fostered a spirit of community and joy through a series of engaging games and vibrant cultural performances. A shared community lunch was provided for all



participants, further enhancing the fellowship. As a token of appreciation, gifts were distributed to those attended. The success of this event is attributed to the supportive guidance of Parish Priest Fr. Andrew and the dedicated efforts of the organizing coordinators. Their commitment ensured a smooth, enjoyable, and memorable celebration for all members of the Kolping family.

KOLPING FAMILY FORMATION MEETING

A Kolping family formation meeting was successfully held at the Visuwasapuram church campus on January 22nd. Approximately 15 new members participated in the session.

The meeting served as an introductory platform where the core mission and





vision of the Kolping movement were presented. Detailed explanations were provided regarding the group's rules, regulations, and the associated benefits for members. An interactive doubt-clearing session followed, allowing participants to seek clarifications. The engagement and interest shown were highly positive. As a constructive outcome, it was resolved that a new Kolping group will be formally established in the coming month. This initiative marks a promising step towards strengthening community development in the area.

COIMBATORE DIOCESE HEALTH COMMISSION TAMILNADU DIOCESES HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

A one-day meeting of the Diocesan Health Commission was convened at Thuckalay on January 5th. The gathering was attended by all diocesan secretaries, who presented their half-yearly reports for review. The session included a constructive evaluation of



activities conducted under the previous year's theme. His Lordship Bishop George Rajendran introduced "Progressive Parenting" as the guiding theme for the year 2026, and the corresponding yearly planner was distributed. Mrs. Premkala then conducted an informative input session to elaborate on the new theme.



Furthermore, the schedule for Training of Trainers (TOT) programmes for the forthcoming year was finalized. The



meeting concluded productively, with a shared commitment to the year's focus.

COIMBATORE DIOCESE SC/ST COMMISSION FREE CAREER GUIDANCE CAMP

A one-day Free Career Guidance Camp was successfully organized at the CMSSS premises under the auspices of the SC/ST Commission. The program, held on January 25th, 2026, was designed to benefit students from tenth and twelfth standards, undergraduate scholars, and job-seeking youth. Fifteen expert resource persons facilitated the camp, offering insights into diverse academic and



professional pathways. Around 80 students from various parishes and educational institutions participated actively, gaining clearer perspectives on future career choices. A significant feature of the camp was the opportunity for one-to-one meetings, where students and their parents could interact directly with the counsellors to address individual queries and concerns. This

initiative proved immensely valuable in equipping the youth with informed direction for their future endeavours. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Zonal Coordinator for their leadership, and to the generous donors whose support made this event possible. Our thanks also go to all well-wishers and the parish priests for their vital role in announcing and encouraging participation, ensuring the camp's widespread reach and success.



**UDHAYAM WOMEN FEDERATION TRUST
LOAN DISBURSEMENT DETAILS – 2026
MONTH OF JANUARY -2026**

SLNO	BENEFICIARY NAME	REGION NAME	AMOUNT
1.	Gowri	pollachi	45000
2.	Raji	pollachi	45000
3.	Lakshmi	Pollachi	45000
4.	Dhanalakshmi	Pollachi	15000
5.	Angala parameswari	Pollachi	45000
6.	M. Backia Lakshmi	Kinathukadavu	45000
7.	M.Kalarani	Kinathukadavu	45000
8.	C.Lakshmi	Kinathukadavu	45000
9.	K.Kalaiselvi	Kinathukadavu	45000
10.	Velankanni Roseline	Coimbatore	45000
11	Sagaya Rani	Coimbatore	45000
12	Ambika	Coimbatore	45000
13	Reeta Antony Cruz	Coimbatore	45000
14	Margaret	Coimbatore	15000
		Total	5,70,000

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SL.NO	NAME OF THE SHG	REGION	AMOUNT
1.	Sembaruthi	UDUMALPETAI	2,80,000
2.	Senkodi	UDUMALPETAI	2,00,000
		TOTAL	4,80,000



Rev. Fr. Tellis Roch
Director, CMSSS

May God grant them eternal rest

01-02- 1862	Rev. Fr. J. Malbec
03-02-1961	Rev.Fr. M. Sinnappan
03-02-1967	Very Rev. Fr. L. Bechu V.G
03-02-1964	Rev. Fr. Joseph Vattapally
05-02-1949	Most. Rev. Bernedtte Oubagarasamy
05-02-1959	Rev. Fr. James Arputham
05-02-1987	Rev. Fr. S. Joseph
05-02-2014	Rev. Fr. Louis
06-02-1885	Rev. Fr. F. Triquet
06-02-1854	Rev. Fr. Louis Perceval
07-02-1903	Most Rev. E. A. Bardou
08-02-2024	Rev. Fr. Jesudass
14.02.2011	Rev. Fr. Asirvatham
15-02-1995	Rev. Fr. Arul Irudayaraj
16-02-1857	Rev. Fr. Pierre Metral Chervet
16-02-1861	Rev. Fr. A. Lapanne
17 -02-1848	Rev. Fr. Dubois Jean -Antoine
24-02-1934	Very Rev. Fr. Petit V.G
25-02-1964	Rev. Fr. J. B. Roache
26-02-1906	Rev. Fr. Aimable Le Francois

Highlights of previous Month



Golden Jubilee Holy Mass & Golden Jubilee Celebration St. Michael's Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore



Sacraments of
Holy Communion and Confirmation,
Arokia Madha Church, Akkaraipalayam,
Sub-Station to Kolappalur

Wish You a Long Life and Good Health on Your Birth Day



2nd
Fr. Arun Gnanapragasam



9th
Fr. Albert Selvaraj



9th
Fr. Gladwin



10th
Fr. Pancras Joseph



12th
Fr. Lourdu Alexis Xavier



15th
Fr. Arokia Yudha Thaddeus



19th
Fr. K.M.C.Arun



24th
Fr. Maria Joseph Dhanaraj

May God Bless You on Your Feast Day



On 11th
Rev. Fr. Lourdu Irudayaraj



On 11th
Rev. Fr. Lourdu Alexis Xavier



புனித அருளானந்தர் ஆலயம்

ஆர்.எஸ். புரம், கோவை

தேர்த் திருவிழா அடைப்ப்துடி

01-02-2026 ஞாயிறு

கொடியேற்றம்

காலை 8.00 மணி

திருப்பலி மற்றும் கொடியேற்றம்

தலைமை :

அருட்திரு. விக்டர் பால்ராஜ்

(மேட்டுப்பாளையம் மறைவட்ட முதன்மை குரு)

08-02-2026 ஞாயிறு

தேர்த் திருவிழா

காலை 8.00 மணி

கூட்டுப் பாடல் திருப்பலி

தலைமை : பேரருட்திரு. ஜான் ஜோசப் ஸ்தானிஸ்

(கோவை மறைமாவட்ட முதன்மை குரு)

மாலை 5.00 மணி

மேதகு ஆயர் அவர்களுக்கு வரவேற்பு

மாலை 5.30 மணி

திருவிழா சிறப்பு கூட்டுப் பாடல் திருப்பலி

தலைமை : அருட்திரு. கிறிஸ்டோபர்

(அதிபர், புனித சூசையப்பர் இளங்குருமடம்)

இரவு 7.00 மணி

ஆடம்பரத் தேர்பவனி

இரவு 9.00 மணி

நற்கருணை ஆசீர்

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