



COIMBATORE NEWS LETTER

June 2026

“The bread
of angels becomes
the bread of men;
the heavenly Bread
makes those
who eat it
one single thing
with Itself.”

– St. Antony of Padua



Highlights of previous Month



*Carmel Garden Elite Turf Blessing,
Sungam*



*Feast Mass and Sacraments of
Holy Communion and Confirmation,
Our Lady of Fatima Church, Gandhipuram*



*Feast Mass and Sacraments of
Holy Communion and Confirmation,
St. Catherine's Church, Tirupur Town*



*Feast Mass and Sacraments of
Holy Communion and Confirmation,
St. Joseph's Church, Kumar Nagar, Tirupur*



*Feast Mass and Sacraments of
Holy Communion and Confirmation,
St. Joseph's Church, Ondipudur*



*Feast Mass and Sacraments of
Holy Communion and Confirmation,
St. Joseph's Church, Podanur*



*Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, Vocation Camp for the Vicariates of Coimbatore and
St. Jude's Shrine, NGGO Colony*



Mettupalayam, Jeeva Jothi Ashram.

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Intention of the Pope

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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Pope's Message

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

Today we are beginning a new series of catecheses on the first Document issued by the Second Vatican Council: the Constitution on the sacred liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (SC).

In drafting this Constitution, the Council Fathers sought not only to undertake a reform of the rites, but to lead the Church to contemplate and deepen that living bond which constitutes and unites her: the mystery of Christ. Indeed, the liturgy touches the very heart of this mystery: it is at once the space, the time and the context in which the Church receives her very life from Christ. For in the liturgy, “the work of our redemption is accomplished” (SC, 2), which makes us a chosen lineage, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people whom God has acquired for Himself (cf. 1 Pet 2:9).

As manifested by the threefold renewal – biblical, patristic and liturgical – that the Church underwent through the course of the twentieth century, the Mystery in question does not designate an obscure reality, but God's salvific plan, hidden from all eternity and revealed in Christ, according to Saint Paul's affirmation (cf. Eph 3:2-6). Here, then, is the Christian Mystery: the Paschal event, that is to say, the passion, death, resurrection and glorification of Christ, which is made sacramentally present to us precisely in the liturgy, so that every time we take part in the assembly gathered “in his name” (cf. Mt 18:20) we are immersed in this Mystery.

Christ Himself is the inner source of the mystery of the Church, the holy people of God, born from His side pierced on the cross. In

the holy liturgy, through the power of His Spirit, He continues to act. He sanctifies and unites the Church, His bride, to His offering to the Father. He exercises His utterly unique priesthood, He who is present in the proclaimed Word, in the sacraments, in the ministers who celebrate, in the gathered community and, in the highest degree, in the Eucharist (cf. SC, 7). Thus, according to Saint Augustine (cf. Sermon, 272), in celebrating the Eucharist the Church receives the Body of the Lord and becomes what she receives: she becomes the Body of Christ, “a dwelling place of God in the Spirit” (Eph 2:22). This is the “work of our redemption”, which conforms us to Christ and builds us up in communion.

In the holy liturgy, this communion is achieved through “rites and prayers” (SC, 48). The rituality of the Church expresses her faith – in accordance with the familiar saying *lex orandi, lex credendi* – and at the same time shapes ecclesial identity: the proclaimed Word, the celebration of the Sacrament, the gestures, the silences, the space – all this represents and gives form to the people gathered by the Father, the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Every celebration thus becomes a true epiphany of the Church in prayer, as Saint John Paul II recalled (Apostolic Letter *Vicesimus quintus annus*, 9).

If the liturgy is at the service of the mystery of Christ, one understands why it has been defined as “the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed ... the font from which all her power flows” (SC, 10). It is true that the action of the Church is not limited to the liturgy alone; however, all her activity (preaching, service to the poor, the accompaniment of human realities) converges towards this “summit”). Conversely, the liturgy sustains the faithful by immersing them ever and anew in the Pasch of the Lord and, thus, through the proclamation of the Word, the celebration of the sacraments and communal prayer, they are refreshed, encouraged and renewed in their commitment

to faith and in their mission. In other words, the participation of the faithful in the liturgical action is at once “internal” and “external”.

This also means that it is called to unfold in a tangible way throughout daily life, in an ethical and spiritual dynamic, so that the liturgy celebrated is translated into life and demands a faithful existence, capable of making concrete what has been experienced in the celebration: it is in this way that our life becomes a “living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God”, fulfilling our “spiritual worship” (Rom 12:1).

In this way, “the liturgy daily builds up those who are within into a holy temple of the Lord” (SC, 2), and forms an open community, welcoming to all. Indeed, it is inhabited by the Holy Spirit, it introduces us into the life of Christ, it makes us His Body and, in all its dimensions, it represents a sign of the unity of the entire human race in Christ. As Pope Francis said, “the world still does not know it, but everyone is invited to the supper of the wedding of the Lamb (Rev 19:9)” (Apostolic Letter *Desiderio desideravi*, 5).

Dear friends, let us allow ourselves to be shaped inwardly by the rites, symbols, gestures and above all the living presence of Christ in the liturgy, which we will have the opportunity to explore in the coming Catecheses.



Bishop's Message

Dear Rev. Fathers, Religious, and People of God,

As we gather in faith and communion during the joyous celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ, we are invited to deepen our love for the Eucharistic Lord, the source and summit of our Christian life. May this solemn celebration renew in us a deeper reverence for the Holy Eucharist. The Feast of St. Antony reminds us of the saint's profound love for Christ, his humility, simplicity, zeal for the Gospel, and compassionate concern for the poor and suffering. May his powerful intercession guide us to live our Christian vocation with greater fidelity and joy.

At this blessed moment, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations and prayerful blessings to our newly ordained priests — Rev. Fr. Ajitto Xavier, Rev. Fr. Durai Vasantha Raj, Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier, and Rev. Fr. Infant Deepak. As they begin their priestly ministry, may they be faithful shepherds after the Heart of Christ, deeply rooted in Eucharistic spirituality and committed to proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating the Sacraments, and serving God's people with humility, zeal, and pastoral charity. Let us accompany them with our prayers that their priesthood may bear abundant spiritual fruits for the Diocese, Church and society. Let us also continue to pray earnestly for priestly and religious vocations.

I also take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all the outgoing office bearers who have rendered generous and dedicated service to the Diocese. Your tireless commitment, sacrifices, and faithful stewardship have greatly strengthened the mission and pastoral life of our diocesan family. At the same time, I extend my warm wishes and blessings to all those entrusted with new responsibilities and transfers. I also wish to

convey my heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to all our schools that have achieved 100% results in the 10th and 12th Standard public examinations. This remarkable accomplishment reflects the dedication, hard work, and collaboration of the Correspondents, Principals, Headmasters/Headmistresses, Teachers, Students, and Parents. Your commitment to academic excellence, discipline, and holistic formation is truly commendable.

As we celebrate the Eucharistic mystery and seek the loving intercession of St. Antony, let us continue to walk together as one diocesan family, rooted in faith, strengthened in hope, and united in charity, so that through our witness Christ may be known, loved, and glorified.

With prayerful blessings and best wishes,

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+L. Thomas Aquinas

Bishop of Coimbatore



Bishop's Engagements

Date/Time	Programme	Place
07.06.2026 Sun / Mor	Feast Mass and Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation	St. Antony's Church, Vadavalli
Eve	Corpus Christi	St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore
08.06.2026 Mon / Mor	Recollection	Bishop's House, Coimbatore.
13.06.2026 Sat / Eve	Feast Mass	St. Antony's Shrine, Poomalur
14.06.2026 Sun / Mor	Feast Mass and Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation	St. Antony's Shrine, Puliakulam

Date/Time	Programme	Place
17.06.2026 Wed / Mor	CEEMA General Body Meeting	CEEMA, Thindal, Erode
21.06.2026 Sun / Mor	Feast Mass	St. Antony's Church, Mettupalayam
Eve	Corpus Christi	Christ the King Church, Kattoor
25.06.2026 Thu / Mor	Nuptial Mass	St. Sebastian's Church, SITRA
28.06.2026 Sun / Mor	Feast Mass and Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation	Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Valipalayam

From Vicar General's Desk

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Greetings from Fr. Vicar General,

This month, the Diocesan level monthly recollection will be in **8th June, 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 29.04.2026 TO 21.05.2026

S.No	PARISH	AMOUNT
1	RATHINAPURI PARISH	10,000.00
2	PULIAKULAM PARISH	10,000.00
3	RS PURAM PARISH	10,000.00
4	VALIPALAYAM PARISH	10,000.00
	T O T A L	40,000.00

V. Rev. Msgr. P. Melchior
Vicar General,
Diocese of Coimbatore.

Transfer List

20th May, 2026

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Greetings of joy and peace from Bishop Thomas Aquinas, Diocese of Coimbatore. Considering the pastoral needs and welfare of the diocese, I am pleased to make the following transfers and appointments for the year 2026 after the discussion with the College of Consultors. I thank everyone most sincerely for the good work you have done in your parish/institution and I am confident that you will fulfil your new ministry with pastoral zeal and enthusiasm.

PARISH PRIESTS

S.NO	PRIEST	PARISH
1.	Rev. Fr. A.M.A. Lawrence	Kuniamuthur
2.	Rev. Fr. Kanagaraj	Pallapalayam
3.	Rev. Fr. M. Justin Xavier Raj	Akkaraikodiveri
4.	Rev. Fr. Kulandaisamy	Vadavalli
5.	Rev. Fr. John Paul Vincent	Kattoor
6.	Rev. Fr. Lourdu Alexis Xavier	Karur
7.	Rev. Fr. Thadeaus Amaldass	Komarapalayam
8.	Rev. Fr. A.L. Christopher Roach	Vellakovil
9.	Rev. Fr. Xavier Cladius	Lourthupuram
10.	Rev. Fr. K. Antony Yesuraj	Chinna Dharapuram
11.	Rev. Fr. J. Antony Vinodh	Rathinapuri
12.	Rev. Fr. A. Valsas Edward Vimal	Kolappalur
13.	Rev. Fr. David Alexander	Nallur
14.	Rev. Fr. A. Sebastin Maria Sundaram	Perundurai
15.	Rev. Fr. Albert OCD	Carmel Nagar
16.	Rev. Fr. S. Stephen Xavier MSFS	Mariapuram

ASSISTANTS

S.NO	PRIEST	PARISH
1.	Rev. Fr. V. Arul Irudayaraj	RS Puram
2.	Rev. Fr. D. Arul Santhosh	Kovaipudur
3.	Rev. Fr. A. Nalla Jacob Dass	Podanur
4.	Rev. Fr. Andrews Arokiaraj	Tirupur Town
5.	Rev. Fr. Dinato Joseph	Puliakulam
6.	Rev. Fr. Paulraj	Minor Seminary
7.	Rev. Fr. Naveen Rozario	Rathinapuri
8.	Rev. Fr. Ajitto Xavier	Karumathampatti
9.	Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier	Cathedral
10.	Rev. Fr. Durai Vasanta Raj	Ondipudur
11.	Rev. Fr. Infant Deepak	Erode Town
12.	Rev. Fr. Prakash Xavier OCD	Carmel Nagar
13.	Rev. Fr. Arul Anand SDM	Sowripalayam

SCHOOL MINISTRIES

S.NO	PRIEST	NAME OF THE INSTITUTION
1.	V. Rev. Msgr. P. Melchior	Correspondent, Christ the King Polytechnic College, Othakkalmandapam
2.	Rev. Fr. A. Pichai Robert	Correspondent, St. Mary's High School, Gandhipuram
3.	Rev. Fr. D. Peter Mariadass	Correspondent, Bp Ubagarasamy Hr. Sec. School, Kumar Nagar.
4.	Rev. Fr. M. Justin Xavier Raj	Correspondent, R.C. Primary School, Akkarikodiveri.
5.	Rev. Fr. A. Valsas Edward Vimal	Correspondent, St. Mary's High School and Primary School, Kolappalur.
6.	Rev. Fr. Lourdu Alexis Xavier	Correspondent, St. Mary's Primary School, Nerur

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

S.NO	PRIEST	MINISTRY
1.	V. Rev. Msgr. P. Melchior	Vicar General
2.	V. Rev. Msgr. John Joseph Stanis	Director, CEEMA
3.	V. Rev. Msgr. R.D.E. Jerome	Chancellor
4.	Rev. Fr. A. Arokia Raj Stephen	Episcopal Vicar for Religious
5.	Rev. Fr. A. M. Joseph Dhanaraj	Spiritual Director, Kovaipudur.
6.	Rev. Fr. Victor Antony Raj	Director, Spirituality Year, Good Shepherd Seminary.
7.	Rev. Fr. Ranjith Kumar	Procurator, Good Shepherd Seminary.
8.	Rev. Fr. S. Rayappa Dass	Staff, Good Shepherd Seminary.

COMMISSION SECRETARIES

S.NO	PRIEST	MINISTRY
1.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Dhanraj	Ecumenism and Inter Religious Dialogue
2.	Rev. Fr. Stephen Arokia Raj	Pius Association
3.	Rev. Fr. John Paul Vincent	Prison Ministry
4.	Rev. Fr. Christopher	Vocation Commission
5.	Rev. Fr. Vincent Pushparaj	Youth Commission
6.	Rev. Fr. Hendry Lawrence	Labour Commission

RETIREMENT

S.NO	PRIEST	
1.	Rev. Fr. Maria Antony Raj	Retirement

Thanking you and with my most cordial blessings and assurance of prayers, I remain,

**Yours devotedly in Our Lord,
+ L. Thomas Aquinas,
Bishop of Coimbatore.**



ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மைய செய்திகள்

மறைக்கல்வி பணிக்குழு:

விவிலிய வகுப்பு மற்றும் மறைக்கல்வி ஆண்டு விழா:

10.05.2026 அன்று கரூர் புனித தெரசம்மாள் ஆலயத்தில் இயக்குநர் தந்தை அவர்களால் vbs மற்றும் மறைக்கல்வி ஆண்டு விழா சிறப்பு திருப்பலி மாலை 6.00 மணிக்கு நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டு அதனை தொடர்ந்து மறைக்கல்வி குழந்தைகள் கடந்த ஆண்டு முழுவதும் மறைக்கல்வி மற்றும் vbs வகுப்பில் கற்றுக்கொண்டதை கலை நிகழ்வு வழியாக பங்கு மக்களுக்கு வெளிப்படுத்தினார்கள். அதோடு பல்வேறு போட்டிகளில் பங்குபெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்கு பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டது. சிறப்பாக பங்குத்தந்தை அவர்கள் அன்பிய கூட்டங்களில் தவறாது பங்குபெற்ற குழந்தைகளுக்கு ஊக்கப்பரிசு வழங்கினார். இது எல்லாருடைய கவனத்தையும் ஈர்த்தது. இந்நிகழ்வுகளை மிக சிறப்பாக ஏற்பாடு செய்து ஒருகிணைத்த பங்குத்தந்தை அருட்பணி. A.M. லாரன்ஸ் அவர்களுக்கும், உதவி பங்குத்தந்தை அருட்பணி. அருள் சந்தோஷ் அவர்களுக்கும், குருமட அருட்சகோதரர்கள், அருட்சகோதரிகள் மற்றும் மறைக்கல்வி ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு நன்றிகளும், பாராட்டுகளும்.

பங்குத்தந்தையர்களின் கனிவான கவனத்திற்கு:

2026ம் ஆண்டு மறைக்கல்வி புதிய பாடத்திட்டம்:

கடந்த ஆண்டை போலவே இந்த ஆண்டும் மறைக்கல்வி குழந்தைகளுக்கு சிறப்பான பாடத்திட்டங்கள் நான்கு குழுக்களுக்கு (LKG - 2rd) (3rd - 5th) (6th - 8th) (9th - 12th) தயாரிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. எனவே இந்த ஆண்டும் மறைக்கல்வி ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு தெரியப்படுத்தி இந்த பாடத்திட்டத்தின் அடிப்படையில் மறைக்கல்வி வகுப்புகள் நடைபெற ஒத்துழைப்பு தருமாறு அன்போடு கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறோம்.

அன்பியப் பணிக்குழு:

அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி ஆலயம், பல்லடம்

10.17.05.2026 அன்று பல்லடம் அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி ஆலயத்தில் அன்பியக் களப்பணியாளர்களால் மாதிரி அன்பியக்கூட்டங்கள்

நடத்தப்பட்டு 25 அன்பியங்களுக்கு அன்பியப் பொறுப்பாளர் தேர்தல் நடைபெற்று பொறுப்பாளர்கள் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டார்கள். இந்த ஏற்பாடுகளை செய்த பங்குத்தந்தை அருட்பணி ஆண்டனி ஞானப்பிரகாசம் அவர்களுக்கு நன்றிகளும், பாராட்டுகளும்.

குடும்ப நலப்பணிக்குழு:

ஜீன் மாதம் திருமண கருத்தரங்கு வகுப்பானது இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை மற்றும் ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை (13.06.2026 & 14.06.2026) அன்று ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மையத்தில் நடைபெறும். ஞாயிறு (14.06.2026) பெற்றோருக்கான கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெறும்.

அடுத்த மாதங்கள் நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்:

ஜூலை	11.07.2026 & 12.07.2026
ஆகஸ்ட்	08.08.2026 & 09.08.2026
செப்டம்பர்	12.09.2026 & 13.09.2026

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.ஆண்டனிகேசுராஜ்,
அருட்பணி மைய இயக்குநர்

News from Education Commission

We really congratulate all the correspondents, Headmasters, Principals and Staff for securing good results in the Board Examinations.

All the very best for the new Academic Year 2026 – 2027.

10 th and 12 th Result of Diocesan Schools [2025-26]				
Name of the School	10th Result	12th Result	Total No. of Centum in 10 th Std	Total No. of Centum in 12 th Std
St. Michael's Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore.	95%	97%	-	1
Bishop Ubagarasamy Hr. sec. School, Tirupur.	86%	88.3%	2	1
Carmel Garden Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore.	100%	100%	8	6
St. Joseph's Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Ondipudur.	100%	100%	18	23
Infant Jesus Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Tirupur.	99.5%	100%	12	4
St. John Bosco Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Goundampalayam.	100%	100%	-	-
St. Michael's Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore.	100%	100%	1	1
St. Antony's High School, Puliakulam.	94%	N/A	-	N/A
St. Mary's High School, Gandhipuram.	98%	N/A	-	N/A
St. Mary's High School, Karumathampatty.	97.5%	N/A	-	N/A
St. Mary's High School, Pasupathipalayam.	72%	N/A	-	N/A
St. Mary's High School, Kolappalur.	97.5%	N/A	-	N/A

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அருட்பணி. முனைவர். P. ஆரோக்கிய ததேயுஸ்

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News from CDYC

Dear Fathers,

I express my sincere sentiments of gratitude to our beloved Bishop, Most. Rev. Dr. L. Thomas Aquinas, for appointing me as Secretary, Youth Commission. I thank Very. Rev. Msgr. John Joseph Stanis: Vicar General, Very. Rev. Fr. Antony Selvaraj: Procurator, Rev. Fr. Antony Jesuraj: Director of Pastoral Centre for the permission, support and love



towards the Youth and youth Commission. Their support is of great help to work in this commission for past five years. My heart is overwhelming to welcome Rev. Fr. Vincent Pushparaj, new secretary of CDYC.

I would like to bring to your notice of the programs of CDYC in the month of May 2026.

On 03.05.2026, during the celebration of Catechism annual day, the youth of Annai Velankanni Church, Palladam, arranged you canteen for kids and lay faithful.

On 17.05.2026 Youth Mass is conducted in Annai Velankanni Church Palladam. Relic of St. Carlo Acutis was taken in the procession and kept for the public veneration. Rev. Fr. S. Gnanapragasam, Secretary, CDYC, Rev. Fr. Victor and Rev. Fr. Antony





Gnanapragasam celebrated the youth mass. I thank all the representatives and youth members from the bottom of my heart for the great initiative taken. The lay faithful of the parish was really inspired by the life of St. Carlo Acutis. My sincere gratitude goes to Rev. Fr. Antony Gnanaprakasam, Parish priest for his fantabulous guidance for our youth.

On 21.05.2026, Retreat was arranged for the youth by Jireh missions. Rev. Fr. S. Gnanapragasam celebrated the holy mass for the youth in St. John Bosco Church, Kavundampalayam. He motivated the youth with the scriptural youth characters along with St. Carlo Acutis' life examples.



At the outset, I thank all who helped me for the successful and faithful completion of last five years as a secretary of youth commission. I thank all Youth representatives, Youth members, all the Parish Priests, all parents for your valuable support. I continue to pray for all of you.

I request you all to continue your support to the new secretary also. I wish him all the very best for his new ministry as the secretary.

With Love in Christ,
Rev. Fr. S. Gnana Pragasam,
Secretary, CDYC



News from CMSSS

AWARENESS PROGRAM ON EXEMPTIONS AND TDS

An awareness program on key provisions of exemptions and Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) was conducted at the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Coimbatore, on May 18, 2026. The event witnessed active participation from around 250 attendees, primarily representing Non-Governmental Organizations



(NGOs) across the region. The program featured a comprehensive two-hour session led by the Commissioner of Income Tax. The session was structured into four focused segments of twenty minutes each, covering the new rules under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), recent updates on TDS and TCS provisions, and the newly introduced tax forms for the assessment year 2026.

The expert speaker provided detailed insights into compliance requirements, highlighting critical changes aimed at enhancing transparency and ease of reporting for NGOs. The program concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where participants sought clarifications on practical implementation challenges. The initiative was highly appreciated by attendees for its timely and relevant content, equipping NGOs with essential knowledge to ensure regulatory compliance. The Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry reaffirmed its commitment to conducting such capacity-building programs in the future.

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF CMSSS (60TH YEAR)

The Annual General Body Meeting of the CMSSS commemorating its 60th year was convened on May 16 at the

CMSSS Hall. Twelve general body members were present. The meeting lasted one and a half hours. Members commenced by reviewing the previous year's activity report, which was adopted unanimously. The auditor's statement for the financial years 2025 and 2026 was submitted and placed before the house for examination. Subsequently, the members engaged in a detailed discussion on future plans and strategic initiatives for the society. Various proposals concerning membership outreach, financial sustainability, and upcoming projects were deliberated. In accordance with society registration requirements, the minutes of the meeting were formally recorded. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to all attendees. The decisions taken and discussions held shall be duly documented and preserved for regulatory compliance.



TRAINING PROGRAM FOR COORDINATORS

A training program was conducted for the coordinators of Pratham Education Organization to equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills for an upcoming survey and its associated demonstration model. The session was held in Bodipalayam village, where coordinators participated in a live demonstration model to understand the practical execution of the survey. The training provided coordinators with a clear understanding of the survey's objectives, methodology, and identification of target beneficiaries—specifically youth and women in need of vocational training. Through the hands-on demo at Bodipalayam village, coordinators learned how to engage with the community, explain the purpose of the initiative, and collect accurate data.



The survey will be conducted over a period of one month, extending until June. Upon completion, all collected data will be compiled and submitted to Pratham for further action. The initiative aims to assess local needs and subsequently deliver structured vocational training programs to empower youth and women with employable skills. The coordinators expressed confidence in executing the survey effectively, thanks to the clarity gained from the training and the practical demonstration.



DOMESTIC WORKERS' MEETING AND CLUSTER FORMATION

A two-day meeting April 28–29, 2026 and cluster formation exercise for domestic workers was conducted across three locations—Puliyakulam, Kallukuzhi, and Kurumbapalayam. The primary objective was to organize domestic workers into formal clusters to facilitate better awareness of their rights and access to social protection. During the sessions, participants were informed in detail about the benefits and privileges of belonging to a domestic workers' union. Emphasis was placed on understanding the role of the union in advocating for fair wages, safe working conditions, and legal recognition. Furthermore, members were provided with comprehensive information regarding various government schemes and subsidies available to them, including social security, health benefits, and skill development programs.



The cluster formation enabled workers to identify collective strengths and appoint informal leaders for effective communication. Members expressed

greater confidence in accessing entitlements through union support. Regular follow-up meetings have been planned to ensure continued dissemination of information and to strengthen the union's presence at the grassroots level. Overall, the initiative marked a significant step toward organizing and empowering domestic workers in the region.



BASELINE SURVEY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS)

A baseline survey for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) was conducted in Coimbatore district on April 29th and 30th. The primary objective of the survey is to collect comprehensive and accurate information regarding PwDs residing across the district, including their demographic profile, types of disabilities, existing support systems, and unmet needs. This initiative has been undertaken in collaboration with Caritas India and the local administrative sections responsible for PwD welfare. The partnership aims to ensure that the data collected is both reliable and actionable for



designing constructive, need-based programs. The survey will continue over the upcoming two months, during which field teams will systematically document and verify information from households and local community registers. Upon completion of the data collection phase, the findings will be consolidated, and the identified PwDs will be formed into structured groups within three months. These groups will serve as platforms for delivering tailored interventions, including access to government schemes, skill development, health services, and social inclusion activities. This baseline effort marks a foundational step toward building an inclusive support system for PwDs in Coimbatore district.

HEALTH AWARENESS CAMP AT VALPARAI

A three-hour health awareness camp was successfully conducted in Valparai, organized by the Government Hospital of Valparai. The initiative specifically targeted women and needy individuals, aiming to promote natural health awareness through Siddha and Homeopathy systems of medicine. The camp featured a dedicated session on normal healing practices and home-based exercises, empowering participants to manage minor ailments effectively. In addition to the awareness session,



practical prescriptions were provided to attendees based on individual health assessments. Special emphasis was placed on accessible, natural remedies, aligning with traditional medical wisdom. The program was well-received by the Valparai region community, with active participation from local residents seeking holistic health guidance. I extend my sincere gratitude to the program coordinators and the entire health team for their meticulous planning and dedicated efforts, which ensured the smooth conduct and overall success of the camp. Such initiatives underscore the importance of integrating traditional medicine into public health outreach.

FINAL SURVEY ORIENTATION PROGRAM

A final survey orientation program was organized by Pratham via Google Meet. The online session witnessed active

participation from resource persons, all coordinators, and survey volunteers. The primary objective of the orientation was to equip the team with comprehensive guidance before undertaking the month-long village-level survey. During the meeting, facilitators provided detailed clarifications on survey tools, data collection protocols, and community engagement strategies. A dedicated segment was allocated for resolving final doubts, ensuring that every volunteer understood their roles and responsibilities distinctly. The interactive session allowed participants to raise practical



concerns related to field implementation, which were promptly addressed by the resource persons. By the conclusion of the meeting, all coordinators and volunteers received clear directives on

survey procedures and documentation. This final orientation is expected to streamline the upcoming survey activities across the targeted villages. With the clarifications provided, the team is now well-prepared to commence the survey work efficiently. The initiative will continue for one month, aiming to gather reliable data to support Pratham's developmental objectives in rural areas.

HUNGER AND DISEASE RELIEF PROGRAM OF CMSSS

In continuation of its ongoing Hunger and Disease Program, the CMSSS organised a relief distribution event in Coimbatore. The initiative was graciously offered by His Excellency, Bishop L. Thomas Aquinas. A total of ten deserving and marginalised members of the society were identified as beneficiaries. Each recipient was provided with a ration kit, a saree, and essential toiletries. The distribution aimed to address both nutritional deficiencies and basic hygiene needs, thereby mitigating the

impact of hunger and disease in vulnerable sections. The event was held under the supervision of CMSSS office-bearers, who verified the eligibility of all ten members prior to distribution.



Bishop L. Thomas Aquinas personally extended his support to the cause, emphasising the society's commitment to serving the underprivileged. This initiative forms an integral part of the broader Hunger and Disease Program of CMSSS, reflecting the society's dedication to holistic community welfare. The beneficiaries expressed sincere gratitude for the timely assistance. The CMSSS looks forward to sustaining such humanitarian efforts in coordination with distinguished patrons and members.

COMBATING HUNGER AND DISEASE

Title: *"Nourishing Bodies, Healing Communities"*

The Hunger and Disease Alleviation Program is a collaborative initiative by the Tamilnadu social service society and Coimbatore Multipurpose Social Service Society to address food insecurity and preventable illnesses in marginalized communities. This effort brings together the collective strength of our parishes to make a tangible difference in Christ's name. The Contribution details are given below in the table. I thank all the parish priests and the parishioners who had contributed for this noble cause.

S.NO	PARISH	AMOUNT
1.	St. Ignatius church, Kodiveri	5100
2.	St. Jude's Church	14260
3.	Fathima church, Gandhipuram	60,000
4.	St. Michael's Cathedral	42,130
5.	St. Mary's church, Sirumugai	5810
6.	St. Joseph the Worker, Sholayar Dam	5000
7.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Pollachi	12500

8.	Christ the King Church, Kattor	29550
9.	Holy Trinity Church, Sidco	11900
10.	St. Antony's Church, Puliakulam	50000
11.	St. Thomas Church, Avinashi	12650
12.	Adaikala Madha church, Kannampalayam	5000
13.	St. Antony's church, Mudis	900
14.	St. Mary's church, Udumalpet	15527
15.	St. Antony's Church, Vadavalli	40000

KOLPING ONE-DAY PRE-PLEATING SAREE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR WOMEN AT POLLACHI

A one-day training program on pre-pleating saree techniques was successfully conducted in Pollachi. The session was tailored to equip women participants with practical skills in saree pre-



pleating, enabling them to explore self-employment opportunities. The resource person began by presenting a clear and detailed overview of the course structure, including materials required, folding methods, and preservation techniques. Each participant received dedicated individual training time, ensuring personalized attention and hands-on practice. I extend sincere gratitude to the resource person for the expert guidance. Special thanks are also

due to the Kolping Coordinator and the Field Coordinator for their meticulous planning and seamless organization of the program.

At the conclusion of the session, all fifteen participants were awarded certificates of participation.





Refreshments were provided, fostering a cordial and appreciative atmosphere. The program was well-received and met its intended objectives of skill development and empowerment.

CROCHET TRAINING WORKSHOP

A one-day crochet training workshop was conducted for housewives and young girls, with ten participants actively in attendance. The session was skillfully led by Mrs. Lakshmi Prabha and Ms. Abi, who served as the resource persons. The workshop held at CMSSS conference hall on May 9th, 2026. The primary objective was to equip attendees with a practical, creative skill that could be pursued both as a productive hobby during free time and as a potential source of supplemental livelihood. Throughout the day, participants learned foundational crochet techniques with great enthusiasm. The feedback from all ten participants was



overwhelmingly positive; they found the training highly useful and expressed confidence in continuing the craft independently. This workshop was organized by Kolping as part of their summer camp initiatives. Sincere thanks are extended to the program

coordinator and the resource persons, Mrs. Lakshmi Prabha and Ms. Abi, for their excellent organization, patient instruction, and the successful execution of the program.

VISIT TO VIDIVELLI KOLPING FAMILY

The Kolping Coordinator conducted an official visit to the Vidivelli Kolping Family at Vadavalli on the evening of May 13th. The one-hour meeting was attended by the family members in a spirit of collaboration and reflection.

During the visit, the Coordinator systematically verified the minutes of previous meetings and the maintenance of official records, which were found to be in good order. Subsequently, an interactive session was held with the members to discuss the future plans of the Kolping Family. Suggestions were exchanged regarding upcoming community initiatives, skill development activities, and strategies to strengthen mutual support among members. The meeting concluded with a collective prayer, invoking blessings for the family's continued growth and unity. The visit served to reaffirm adherence to Kolping principles and to encourage proactive planning for sustainable development.



DISTRICT LEVEL KOLPING FEDERATION MEETING

A district-level meeting of the Dalit Kolping Federation (DLKF) was convened on May 15th at the CMSSS premises. Fifteen members participated in the proceedings. The meeting, lasting one hour, focused on planning future Kolping initiatives for member welfare. Key discussion points included the organization of the annual Kolping Family Day, the upcoming jubilee celebrations of both Kolping and CMSSS, and the formulation of monthly plans and schedules. Members deliberated on family visit protocols and assigned specific responsibilities for the Kolping jubilee function. A constructive sharing of suggestions took place, enriching the collective approach toward implementation. The session concluded with the distribution of refreshments. The meeting reinforced the Federation's commitment to community building and strategic planning at the district level.



KOLPING RELIEF PROGRAM FOR DESERVING INDIVIDUALS

As part of the Kolping Relief Program for the Coimbatore region, a distribution event was held at the CMSSS hall to assist ten deserving and needy individuals. The initiative was graciously offered by His Excellency, Bishop L. Thomas Aquinas. Each beneficiary received a ration kit, towels, bedsheets, and essential toiletries. The recipients were carefully identified based on their socio-economic vulnerability. The provisions aim to address immediate material needs, including nutrition, hygiene, and basic household requirements, thereby supporting the dignity and well-being of marginalized persons. The event was conducted under the supervision of CMSSS office-bearers, with active coordination from Kolping representatives. Bishop L. Thomas Aquinas reaffirmed the shared mission of Kolping and CMSSS to uplift the most deprived sections of society in the Coimbatore region. All ten beneficiaries expressed heartfelt gratitude for the timely assistance. The program concluded with a vote of thanks to His Excellency and all volunteers. This effort underscores the continued commitment of Kolping and CMSSS to humanitarian service.



BASIC SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR HILL COMMUNITIES

Date: May 2, 2026

Location: Sholayar Dam, Valparai, Iyerpady

Beneficiaries: 17 deserving individuals (widows, lonely persons, and others in need)

As part of our ongoing commitment to support vulnerable communities in remote hill regions, a basic relief program was successfully conducted. Under this initiative, ration kits were distributed to a total of seventeen eligible persons across three

locations: seven beneficiaries at Sholayar Dam, five at Valparai, and five at Iyerpady. The recipients included widows, individuals living in isolation, and other economically disadvantaged persons who lacked consistent access to essential supplies. Each kit was carefully assembled to address immediate household needs and contained the following items:

- Rice – 5 kg
- Rava – 1 kg
- Sambar Powder – 100 g
- Turmeric Powder – 100 g
- Chilli Powder – 100 g
- Horse gram – 1 kg
- Black eyed peas – 1 kg
- Power washing soap – 1 piece
- Coconut oil – One bottle
- Bathing soap – 1 piece

The distribution was carried out in coordination with local volunteers to ensure transparency and proper reach. Beneficiaries expressed gratitude, noting that the supplies provided essential nutrition and hygiene support during challenging times. This program reflects our continued dedication to extending basic support to remote and underserved populations. Future efforts will aim to expand coverage and include health awareness sessions alongside material aid.

COIMBATORE DIOCESE SC/ST COMMISSION

Formation of Dalit Christian Planning Cell (DCPC)

In a continued effort toward the socio-economic empowerment of marginalized communities, the Dalit Christian Planning Cell (DCPC) has initiated the formation of self-help groups across selected villages. The primary objective of these groups is to enable Dalit Christians to access periodic entrepreneurial workshops and input sessions, thereby fostering livelihood skills and self-reliance. The group formation process was conducted by the Zonal Coordinator over several days at three locations: Thomaspuram, Siluvaipuram, and Velspuram. During these sessions, the Coordinator elucidated the significance of collective action, highlighting how organized

groups can facilitate targeted capacity building and financial inclusion. Through this structured formation, marginalized participants will receive ongoing training in entrepreneurial practices, market linkages, and resource management. Input



sessions will be held periodically to reinforce learning and address emerging needs.

The Commission has announced that subsequent programs will be held on different days throughout the month of May. Community members are encouraged to participate actively and avail themselves of these developmental opportunities. This initiative marks a vital step toward securing dignity and economic independence for Dalit Christians in the region.



UDHAYAM WOMEN FEDERATION TRUST (UWFT) MONTH OF MAY -2026

SL.NO	NAME OF THE MEMBER	NAMEOF THE AREA	LOAN AMOUNT
1.	SARASWATHI	POLLACHI	45,000
2.	VIJAYALAKSHMI	POLLACHI	30,000
3.	PUSHPA MARY	ANAMALAI	15,000
4.	SHARUJA	ANAMALAI	45,000
5.	USHA NANDHINI	COIMBATORE	45,000
6.	ELIZABETH RANI	COIMBATORE	45,000
		TOTAL	2,25,000

NABFINS LOAN DETAILS MONTH OF MAY -2026

SL.NO	NAME OF THE MEMBER	NAME OF THE AREA	LOAN AMOUNT
1.	LITTLE FLOWER	kinathukadavu	2,00,000
2.	THAMARAI	POLLACHI	3,00,000
3.	USHA NANDHINI(E.I)	COIMBATORE	20,000
		TOTAL	5,20,000



Rev. Fr. Tellis Roch
Director, CMSSS

May God grant them eternal rest

01-06-1979	Rev. Fr. Louis Pitcahimuthu
02-06-1979	Most Rev. Fr. C. M. Visuvasam
03-06-1964	Rev. Fr. A. Savarinathar
04-06-1987	Rev. Fr. M. M. Chinnayan
06-06-1908	Rev. Fr. Rayappanathar
07-06-1940	Rev. Fr. Dominic
14 -06-1942	Very Rev. Fr. Maria Louis, V.G
14-06-2023	Rev. Fr. Joseph D Selvaraj
15-06-1902	Rev. Fr. J. M. J. Pottier
15-06-2007	Rt. Rev. Fr. C. A. George
16-06-1857	Rev. Fr. J. C. Bruyere
19-06-1983	Rev. Fr. A. Swaminathar
22-06-1973	Very Rev. Fr. A. Joseph, V.G
23-06-1989	Rev. Fr. M. S. Royar
25-06-1859	Most Rev. Msgr. Bresillac
28-06-1876	Rev. Fr. J. M. Niveaux
28-06-1943	Rev. Fr. S. Michaelnathar
28-06-1985	Rev. Fr. C. S. Maria Arockiam



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விறப்பு

10.09.1938

குருப்பட்டம்

16.04.1967

இறப்பு

17.05.2026

இறைப்பணி செய்த இடங்கள்

1957 - 1959	புனித சூசையப்பர் இளங்குருமடம்
1959 - 1967	சத்துவபியல், இறைபியல், புனித கீருதய பாபிணை குருமடம், பெங்களூர்
16.04.1967	குருப்பட்டம்
1967 - 1969	உதவிப்பங்குத்தந்தை, கிறிஸ்து அரசர் ஆலயம் , காட்டூர்
1970 - 1971	மேய்ப்புப்பணி உயர்படிப்பு - திரு கிருதய குருத்துவக்கல்லூரி, சென்னை
1971 - 1973	உதவிப்பங்குத்தந்தை, ஜெபமாவை அன்னை பசிலிக்கா, கருமத்தம்பட்டி
1973 -1976	பங்குத்தந்தை, புனித மரியன்னை ஆலயம், மரியபுரம்
1976 -1983	பங்குத்தந்தை, திரு கிருதய ஆலயம், வால்பாறை
1983 -1988	பங்குத்தந்தை, புனித அந்தோணியார் ஆலயம், மேட்டுப்பாளையம்
1988 -1993	சற்பிரசாத தூதன் ஆசிரியர், ஆயர் இல்லம், கோவை
1993 -2002	பங்குத்தந்தை, கிறிஸ்து அரசர் ஆலயம், சொரப்பாறை
2002 -2007	பங்குத்தந்தை, புனித சின்னப்பர் ஆலயம், இரத்தினபுரி
2007 -2012	பங்குத்தந்தை, திரு கிருதய ஆலயம், கிரேயில்வே காலனி, ஈரோடு
2012 -2014	அதிபர், புனித சூசையப்பர் இளங்குருமடம், கோவை
2014 - 2019	ஆன்ம இயக்குனர், புனித சூசையப்பர் இளங்குருமடம், கோவை ஆசிரியர் - கோவை தூதன், ஆயர் இல்லம், கோவை
2019 -2026	பணி ஓய்வு - ஆயர் இல்லம்

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



1st
Fr. Antony Gnanaprakasam



2nd
Fr. Victor Paulraj



3rd
Fr. David Alexander



4th
Fr. Ignatius Diraviam



16th
Fr. John Xavier Kulandhai



20th
Fr. D. Antony Jesuraj



22nd
Fr. P. Irudayaraj



22nd
Fr. Philip

May God Bless You on Your Feast Day



1st
Fr. Justin Xavier Raj



13th
Fr. Maria Antony Raj



13th
Fr. Maria Antony Paul



13th
Fr. Jegan Antony



13th
Fr. Antony Selvaraj



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Fr. D. Antony Jesuraj



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Fr. Victor Antony Raj



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Fr. K. Anthony Yesuraj



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Fr. Antony Vinodh



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Fr. Antony Felix



13th
Fr. Alex Antony Samy



13th
Fr. Tellis Roch



13th
Fr. Naveen Antony



21st
Fr. Arun



21st
Fr. Alexander



21st
Fr. Antony Gnanaprakasam



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Fr. Gnanapragasam



25th
Fr. Durai William



27th
Fr. P. Irudayaraj



27th
Fr. S. Irudayaraj



29th
Fr. Paulraj Vincent



29th
Fr. Paul Sagayaraj



29th
Fr. Simon Peter



29th
Fr. Rayappan



29th
Fr. Peter Mariadass



29th
Fr. Paul



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Fr. Rayappadass



29th
Fr. Paulraj



Rev. Fr. Ajitto Xavier



Rev. Fr. Durai Vasantha Raj



Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier



Rev. Fr. Infant Deepak



**Priestly Ordination Mass,
St. Michael's Cathedral**

Congratulations to you dear New Priests of our Diocese



With hearts filled with gratitude and appreciation, we bid you farewell as you conclude your dedicated service as Vicar General. Your years of faithful ministry and tireless commitment have greatly enriched the life and mission of the Diocese. Along with the Bishop you have rendered generous service to the Diocese and you stood for justice. We prayerfully wish you God's abundant blessings, good health, and grace in your new ministry at CEEMA. May the Lord continue to guide, strengthen, and bless you.

Very Rev. Msgr. John Joseph Stanis

**Thank
you**



With great joy, we warmly welcome you dear Father, as the new Vicar General of our Diocese. May God bless you abundantly with wisdom, strength, good health, and pastoral zeal as you undertake this noble responsibility. Assuring you of our prayers, we wish you every grace and blessing in your ministry among us.



WELCOME

Very Rev. Msgr. P. Melchior



தேர்த்திருவிழா அழைப்பீர்தழ் 2026

கொடியேற்றம்
07.06.2026
ஞாயிறு

புனித அந்தோனியார் அருள்தலம்
புலியகுளம், கோயமுத்தூர்.

தேர்த்திருவிழா
14.06.2026
ஞாயிறு

13 நாள் சிறப்பு நவநாட்கள்

02.06.2026 தங்கள் முதல் 14.06.2026 ஞாயிறு வரை வார நாட்களில்
மாலை 6.00 ானக்கு சிறப்புத் திருப்பலி, நவநாள் நடைபெறும்.
செவ்வாய்க்கிழமைகளில் காலை 11.00 மணி மற்றும் மாலை 6.00 மணிக்கு நடைபெறும்.
கோழ அற்புதரின் நவநாள் பக்தி முயற்சிகளில் கலந்து கொள்வீர், பயன் பெறுவீர்.



07.06.2026 ஞாயிறு
காலை 8.00 மணிக்கு
கூட்டுப்பாடற்பலி, கொடியேற்றம்
தலைமை :
பேரருட்பின். மெல்க்கியோர்
கோவை மறைமாவட்ட முதன்மை குரு



திருவிழாச்சிறப்பு - 14.06.2026

காலை 7.45 மணிக்கு மேதகு ஆயர் அவர்களுக்கு வரவேற்பு
காலை 8.00 மணிக்கு

முதல் நற்கருணை மற்றும் உறுதிப்புகதல் திருவருட்சாதனக் கொண்டாட்டம்
மற்றும் திருவிழா ஆடம்பர கூட்டுப்பாடற் திருப்பலி

தலைமை : மேதகு, **L.தாமஸ் அக்குவினாஸ்** M.A., D.D., D.C.L.

காலை 10.00 மணிக்கு வேண்டுகல் தேர் பவனி
காலை 11.30 மணிக்கு திருப்பலி

தலைமை : அருட்பின். ஆன்டன் செல்வராஜ் (மறைமாவட்ட பொருளர்)

மாலை 4.30 மணிக்கு திருப்பலி,

தலைமை : அருட்பின். கிளாடீன் (ஆயரின் செயலர்)

மாலை 5.30 மணிக்கு திருப்பலி தலைமை :

அருட்பின். டெல்லீஸ் ரோசு (இயக்குனர், C.M.S.S.S.)

மண்ணின் மைந்தர்கள், மறைமாவட்ட மற்றும் தோழமை குருக்கள்

திருப்பலி முடிந்தவுடன் ஆடம்பர தேர்பவனியும்

இரவு 10.00 மணிக்கு நற்கருணை ஆச்சிரமம் நடைபெறும்.



அன்புடன் அழைக்கும்
பங்குத்தந்தையர்
மற்றும்
பங்குமக்கள்.

அனைவருக்கும் கினிய திருவிழா வாழ்த்துக்கள்.

