



COIMBATORE NEWS LETTER

MAY 2026

THE SAME
SPIRIT
THAT RAISED
JESUS
Lives in Me

ROMANS 8:11



Highlights of previous Month



**Palm Sunday Mass,
St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore**



**Thursday of the Lord's Supper,
St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore**



**Thursday of the Lord's Supper,
St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore**



**Easter Vigil Mass,
St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore**



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St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore**



**Good Friday,
St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore**



**Easter Sunday Mass,
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Pollachi**



**Holy Mass and Blessing of Christ the King Statue,
Christ the King Church, Kattoor**



**Annual Day Celebration,
Good Shepherd Primary School, Town Hall**



**Feast Mass and Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation,
Church of Divine Mercy, Kuniyamuthur**



**Feast Mass and Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation,
Church of Resurrection, Ramanathapuram**



**Holy Mass and Flag Pole Blessing,
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Karamadai**

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Intention of the Pope

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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Pope's Message

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today all of creation is resplendent with new light, a song of praise rises from the earth, and our hearts rejoice: Christ is risen from the dead, and with him, we too rise to new life!

This Easter proclamation embraces the mystery of our lives and the destiny of history, reaching us even in the depths of death, where we feel threatened and sometimes overwhelmed. It opens us up to a hope that never fails, to a light that never fades, to a fullness of joy that nothing can take away: death has been conquered forever; death no longer has power over us!

This is a message that is not always easy to accept, a promise that we struggle to embrace, because the power of death constantly threatens us, both from within and without.

From within, this power threatens us when the weight of our sins prevents us from “spreading our wings” and taking flight, or when the disappointments or loneliness we experience drain our hope. It likewise looms over us when our worries or our resentments suffocate the joy of living, when we are sad or tired, or when we feel betrayed or rejected. When we have to come to terms with our weakness, with the sufferings and the daily grind of life, we can feel as if we have ended up in a tunnel with no end in sight.

From without, death is always lurking. We see it present in injustices, in partisan selfishness, in the oppression of the poor, in the lack of attention given to the most vulnerable. We see it in violence, in the wounds of the world, in the cry of pain that rises from every corner because of the abuses that crush the weakest among us, because of the idolatry of profit that plunders the earth's resources, because of the violence of war that kills and destroys.

In this reality, the Passover of the Lord invites us to lift our gaze and open our hearts. It continues to nourish the seed of the promised victory within our spirit and throughout the course of

history. It sets us in motion, like Mary Magdalene and the Apostles, so that we may discover that Jesus' tomb is empty, and therefore in every death we experience there is also room for new life to arise. The Lord is alive and remains with us. Through the cracks of resurrection that open up in the darkness, he entrusts our hearts to the hope that sustains us: the power of death is not the final destiny of our lives. We are all directed, once and for all, on the path to fulfilment, because in Christ we also have risen.

With heartfelt words, Pope Francis reminded us of this in his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, affirming that the resurrection of Christ “is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit” (n. 276).

Brothers and sisters, Easter gives us this hope, as we remember that in the risen Christ a new creation is possible every day. This is what today's Gospel tells us, as it clearly describes the event of the resurrection as taking place on “the first day of the week” (Jn 20:1). The day of Christ's resurrection thus takes us back to that first day when God created the world, and at the same time proclaims that a new life, stronger than death, is now dawning for humanity.

Easter is the new creation brought about by the Risen Lord; it is a new beginning; it is life finally made eternal by God's victory over the ancient enemy.

We need this song of hope today. It is ourselves, risen with Christ, who must bring him into the streets of the world. Let us then run like Mary Madgalene, announcing him to everyone, living out the joy of the resurrection, so that wherever the specter of death still lingers, the light of life may shine.

May Christ, our Passover, bless us and give his peace to the whole world!



Bishop's Message

Dear Rev. Fathers, Religious and People of God,

On 3rd of May, four of our deacons will be ordained priests in our cathedral. We thank the Lord for the gift of four priests to our diocese. While congratulating them, we offer our prayers and wish them fruitful ministry in our diocese. At this juncture, I recommend you to promote vocations from your parish. Our diocese is in dire need of priests to do pastoral ministry. The best place to nurture vocation to priesthood and religious lives is the family. You, as the parish priest, should instruct the parents and the elders in the family to encourage their children to become priests and religious. In the words of St. Mother Teresa, we need priests in the Church to obtain God's blessings through the celebration of the sacraments.

The month of May is dedicated to the devotion of Our Blessed Mother Mary. I earnestly request you, dear Fathers, to propagate the pious devotion of reciting rosary individually and as a family at home. The recital of rosary is old aged piety of our Church. St. Alphonse De Ligouri says, "Never will anyone who prays rosary be led astray". In the words of many saints, the family that recites rosary will live together and never be divided. It is a mandatory responsibility to spread the devotion to Our Blessed Mother who favors the recital rosary wherever she made her apparitions.

In this month, we are invited to organize VBS in our parishes. As our children are on holidays, it is good opportunity to instruct them about the importance of the Word of God. The Word of God has to be the part and parcel of the lives of Catholics, much more in the lives of the children. Through VBS, you can very well inculcate into the minds of the children the necessity of the Word of God and make them develop the habit of reading the Bible daily. While appreciating your Bible

apostolate in your parishes, I earnestly exhort you to give the utmost importance to VBS and make it obligatory for all the children to participate in the VBS actively and enthusiastically.

May the Risen Lord bless you and your Bible apostolate.

Yours devotedly in Risen Lord

+L. Thomas Aquinas

Bishop of Coimbatore



Bishop's Engagements

Date/Time	Programme	Place
01.05.2026 Fri / Mor	Feast Mass and Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation	St. Joseph's Church, Ondipudhur
Eve	Feast Mass and Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation	St. Joseph's Church, Kumar Nagar, Tirupur
03.05.2026 Sun / Eve	Diocesan Priestly Ordination Mass	St. Michael's Cathedral, Coimbatore.
06.05.2026 Wed/ Mor	Finance Council Meeting	Bishop's House
10.05.2026 Sun / Mor	Feast Mass and Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation	St. Catherine's Church, Tirupur Town.
Noon	Vocation Camp for the Vicariates of Coimbatore and Mettupalayam	Jeeva Jothi Ashram, Coimbatore.
15.05.2026 Fri / Mor	Interview - Minor Seminary	Bishop's House, Coimbatore.
16.05.2026 Sat / Mor	CMSSS General Body Meeting	CMSSS, Bishop's House.
17.05.2026 Sun / Mor	Feast Mass and Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation	St. Joseph's Church, Podanur.

Date/Time	Programme	Place
Eve	Feast Mass and Sacrament of Confirmation	Our Lady of Fatima Church, Gandhipuram
18.05.2026 Mon / Eve	Nuptial Mass	Basilica of Our Lady of Snows, Tuticorin
24.05.2026 Sun / Mor	Holy Mass and Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation	St. Jude's Shrine, NGGO Colony
27.05.2026 Wed / Eve	Nuptial Mass	St. Francis Assisi Church, Ganapathy
28.05.2026 Thu / Mor	Nuptial Mass	St. Catherine's Church, Tirupur Town
31.05.2026 Sun / Mor	Holy Mass and Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation	Infant Jesus Shrine, Kovaipudhur

From Vicar General's Desk

MEDICAL FUND PAID FROM 26.03.2026 TO 28.04.2026

S.No	PARISH	AMOUNT
1	GANAPATHY PARISH	10,000.00
2	RATHINAPURI PARISH	10,000.00
	TOTAL	20,000.00

Yours fraternally,

V.Rev.Fr. John Joseph Stanis

Vicar General & Secretary to the Trust



ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மைய செய்திகள்

V.B.S. தொடக்க விழா

புனித சூசையப்பர் ஆலயம், போத்தனூர்

17.04.2026 வெள்ளிக்கிழமை அன்று போத்தனூர் புனித சூசையப்பர் ஆலயத்தில் இயக்குநர் தந்தை அவர்கள் காலை 9.00 மணி திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றி V.B.S. தொடக்க விழா கொடியேற்றத்துடன் ஆரம்பமானது. இதில் 220 குழந்தைகள் பங்கு பெற்று 10 நாட்கள் விடுமுறை விவிலிய வகுப்பு நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்வு சிறப்பாக நடைபெற எல்லா ஏற்பாடுகளையும் செய்த பங்குத்தந்தை அருள்பணி சுதாகர் அவர்களுக்கும், உதவிப் பங்குத்தந்தை அவர்களுக்கும் நன்றிகளும், பாராட்டுக்களும்.

V.B.S. ஆசிரியர்களுக்கான கருத்தரங்கு:

19.04.2026 அன்று ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மையத்தில் காலை 9.30 மணி முதல் மாலை 4.00 மணி வரை V.B.S. ஆசிரியர்களுக்கான கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெற்றது. இக்கருத்தரங்கில் நமது மறைமாவட்டத்தைச் சார்ந்த 22 பங்குகளிலிருந்து 90 ஆசிரியர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டு பயனடைந்தார்கள். இக்கருத்தமாவை ஓசூரில் உள்ள சீயோன் தியான இல்லத்தில் நமது மறைமாவட்டத்திலிருந்து 4 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டு பயிற்சி பெற்றவர்கள் இயக்குநர் தந்தையோடு இணைந்து V.B.S. கருத்தமாவை மிகச் சிறப்பாக வழிநடத்தினார்கள். மாலை 3.30 மணியளவில் மேய்ப்புப்பணி இயக்குநர் தந்தை அவர்களால் திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டு இக்கருத்தமர்வு நிறைவு பெற்றது. தங்கள் பங்குகளிலிருந்து ஆசிரியர்களை ஊக்கப்படுத்தி அனுப்பி வைத்த அனைத்து பங்குத்தந்தையர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் நன்றிகளும் பாராட்டுக்களும்.

அன்பியப் பணிக்குழு:

அற்புத ஆரோக்கிய அன்னை ஆலயம், சேரன் மாநகர்

19.04.2026 அன்று சேரன் மாநகர் அற்புத ஆரோக்கிய அன்னை ஆலயத்தில் இயக்குநர் தந்தை பங்குத்தந்தையோடு இணைந்து திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றி 18 அன்பியப் பொறுப்பாளர்கள் கையில் எரியும் மெழுகுதிரியோடு உறுதிமொழி எடுக்கப்பட்டு அர்ப்பண விழா நடைபெற்றது. இந்த ஏற்பாடுகளை செய்த பங்குத்தந்தை அருள்பணி ஆன்ட்ரூ அவர்களுக்கு நன்றிகளும், பாராட்டுக்களும்.

அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி ஆலயம், பல்லடம்

26.04.2026 அன்று பல்லடம் அன்னை வேளாங்கண்ணி ஆலயத்தில் அன்பியக் களப்பணியாளர்களால் மாதிரி அன்பியக்கூட்டங்கள் நடத்தப்பட்டு 15 அன்பியங்களுக்கு அன்பியப் பொறுப்பாளர் தேர்தல் நடைபெற்று பொறுப்பாளர்கள் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டார்கள். இந்த ஏற்பாடுகளை செய்த பங்குத்தந்தை அருள்பணி ஆன்டனி ஞானப்பிரகாசம் அவர்களுக்கு நன்றிகள்.

குடும்ப நலப்பணிக்குழு:

கடந்த ஏப்ரல் மாதம் இரண்டாம் சனி மற்றும் ஞாயிறு (11.04.2026 & 12.04.2026) அன்று திருமணத் தயாரிப்பு கருத்தரங்கு வகுப்பானது ஜீவஜோதி ஆசிரமத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் 112 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டு பயனடைந்தனர். மேலும் இரண்டாவது ஞாயிறு பெற்றோருக்கான கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெற்றது. இதில் 150 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டு பயனடைந்தனர்.

மே மாதம் திருமண தயாரிப்பு கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெறாது.

அடுத்த மாதங்கள் நடைபெறும் நாட்கள்:

ஜூன்	13.06.2026 & 14.06.2026
ஜூலை	11.07.2026 & 12.07.2026
ஆகஸ்ட்	08.08.2026 & 09.08.2026

இடம்: ஜீவஜோதி அருட்பணி மையம்

நேரம்: காலை 9.00 மணிமுதல் மாலை 4.30 மணிவரை

கட்டணம்: ரூ.800/-

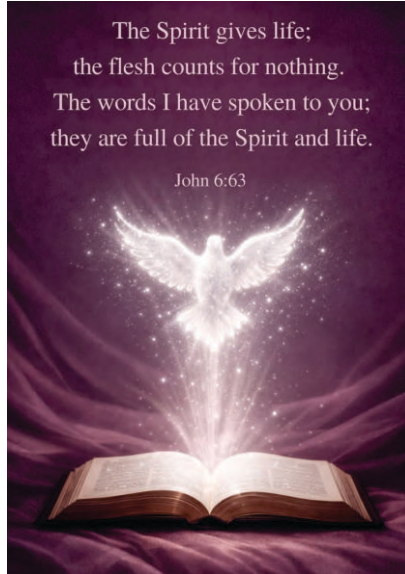
பங்குத்தந்தையின் கனிவான கவனத்திற்கு:

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 கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறோம். அவர்களுக்கும் நாங்கள் சான்றிதழ் வழங்குகிறோம். எனவே அதை கொண்டு வரச்சொல்லி சரிபார்க்கவும்.

உங்களின் ஒத்துழைப்புக்கு நன்றி

அருட்பணி D.ஆண்டனிஜேசுராஜ்,
அருட்பணி மைய இயக்குநர்



"In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my bretheren, ye have does it into me" Math 25:40



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Date: 27/4/26

கோயமுத்தூர் கத்தோலிக்க சங்கத்தின் பொதுக்குழு கூட்டமானது 26/04/2026 ஆம் தேதி காலை 9:30 மணிக்கும் ஆன்ம இயக்குனர் Rev. Fr. ஆண்டனி யேசுராஜ் அவர்களின் திருப்பலியுடன் தொடங்கியது. திருப்பலிக்கு பின் 10:30 க்கு பொதுக்குழு கூட்டம் தலைவர் M. வின்சென்ட் வேதராஜ் தலைமையில் நடைபெற்றது. கூட்டத்தில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக கத்தோலிக்க சங்கத்தின் பரிபாலரும் கோவை மறை மாவட்டம் மேதகு ஆயர் L. தாமஸ் அக்குவினாஸ் M.A., D.D., D.C.L., அவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டார்கள். கூட்டத்தில் 2024 - 2026 க்கான அறிக்கையை பொதுச்செயலாளர் Dr. D. செல்வநாதன் வாசித்தார். வரவு செலவு கணக்கை பொருளாளர் திரு. I .P. லிங்கன் சமர்ப்பித்தார்.

மேதகு ஆயர் அவர்கள் கத்தோலிக்க சங்கத்தின் செயல்பாடுகளை பாராட்டினார். மேலும் பேசும்போது இன்றைய காலகட்டத்தில் கத்தோலிக்க மக்களுக்கு அரசு வழங்கும் சிறுபான்மையருக்கான சலுகைகளை பெற்றுக் கொடுக்க வேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக் கொண்டார். FCRA பற்றி விளக்கம் அளித்து உறுப்பினர்களுக்கு யிடையே கலந்துரையாடல் நடத்தி பல விளக்கங்களை அளித்தது மிகச் சிறப்பாக இருந்தது. மேதகு ஆயர் அவர்களுக்கு பொன் துகில் மற்றும் நினைவு பரிசு வழங்கி கௌரவிக்கப்பட்டது.

மேலும் கடந்த பல ஆண்டுகளாக கத்தோலிக்க சங்கத்தில் தலைவர் பதவியில் பணியாற்றிய திரு. அருள்தாஸ் அவர்களுக்கும் பொதுச்செயலாளர் திரு. லாரன்ஸ் லட்சுமி நாராயணன் அவர்களுக்கும் பொன் துகில் அளித்தும் நினைவு பரிசு வழங்கி ஆயர் அவர்கள் வாழ்த்தினார்.

மதிய உணவிற்குப் பின் 2026 - 2028 கான பொறுப்பாளர்களுக்கு தேர்தல் நடைபெற்றது. அதில் தலைவராக Dr.D. செல்வநாதனும் பொதுச்செயலாளராக திரு. ரொனால்டு ஆரோக்கிய சாமியும், பொருளாளராக I.P. லிங்கனும், உதவி தலைவர்களாக பியோ வித்யாசாகர், திரு. ஜான் பீட்டர், உதவி செயலாளர்களாக திரு. ஹிலாரி A. சகாயராஜ் அவர்களும், அமைப்பு செயலாளராக திரு. ஆல்பர்ட் அலெக்சாண்டரும், பெண்கள் பிரதிநிதியாக திருமதி. லீமா ரோஸ் (சௌரிபாளையம்) அவர்களும் தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்டனர். பொதுச் செயலாளர் திரு. ரோனால்டு ஆரோக்கியசாமி நன்றி கூற கூட்டம் இனிதே முடிவுற்றது.

27/4/26
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News from Education Commission

கோவை மறைமாவட்டப் பங்குத் தளங்களில் உள்ள அனைத்து பங்குப் பணியாளர்களுக்கும், அனைத்து நிறுவனங்களின் அருட்தந்தையர்களுக்கும் கோவை மறைமாவட்ட கல்விப்பணி குழுவின் சார்பாக வணக்கமும், வாழ்த்துகளும்!

நமது கல்வி நிறுவனங்களில், வேலை வாய்ப்பு வழங்கும் வண்ணமாக, 13/04/2026 முதல் விண்ணப்பங்கள் பெறப்பட்டு, புதிய பதிவுகளும், பழைய பதிவுகளின் புதுப்பித்தல் பணியும் 25/04/2026 ஆம் நாள் வரை சிறப்பாக நடக்க உதவிய அனைத்து அருட்தந்தையர்களுக்கும் நன்றிகள் பல.

உங்களுடைய முழு ஒத்துழைப்பையும், சீரான ஆலோசனைகளையும் நாங்கள் என்றென்றும் வரவேற்கிறோம்.

நன்றி!

இவண்

அருட்பணி. முனைவர். P. ஆரோக்கிய ததேயுஸ்

கோவை மறைமாவட்ட

பள்ளிகளின் கண்காணிப்பாளர்.

பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு:

கோவை மறைமாவட்ட பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு

29.3.26 கவுண்டம் பாளையம் பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு கருணை இல்லம் சென்று சிற்றுண்டியும் பொருட்களும் வழங்கினர்.



15.4.26 அன்று பொள்ளாச்சி லூர்து அன்னை ஆலயத்தில் பங்கு தந்தையின் ஆசீரோடு பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டது.



19.4.26 அன்று N.G.G.O காலனி புனித யூதா ததேய ஆலயத்தில் பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டது.



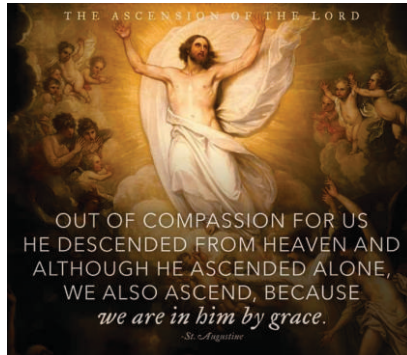
காட்டுர் கிறிஸ்து அரசர் பேராலயத்தில் பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு ஒருவருக்கு மருத்துவ உதவி செய்தனர்.



பணிகள் நடைபெற ஊக்குவித்த பங்கு தந்தையர்களுக்கும் உதவி செய்த தன்னார்வலர்களுக்கும் பாராட்டுக்களும் வாழ்த்துக்களும்.

நன்றி

அருட்சகோதரி .ரெஜினா
பெண்கள் பணிக்குழு செயலர்





News from CDYC

Dear Fathers,

I express my sincere sentiments of gratitude to our beloved Bishop Most. Rev. Dr. L. Thomas Aquinas, 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. I would like to bring to your notice of all the programs of CDYC.



On 15.01.2026, Youth of St. Mary's Church, Vellakoil celebrated pongal which brought the values of the culture. I share my sincere gratitude to all the youth, youth representatives. Special thanks to Rev. Fr. Ranjithkumar who organized the program and guiding the youth in a meaningful way.



On 15.02.2026, youth of Christ the King Church, Kattoor organized stalls featuring snacks, juices and games in commemoration of Mission Sunday. They collected around 30,000 from youth stalls and offered towards the mission initiatives. I thank sincerely the youth representatives and all the youth who participated actively in the mission Sunday program. I express my sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr. Thaddeus Amaladoss, Parish Priest for his ample guidance and opportunities given to youth.





On 08.03.2026, the youth of St. Joseph the Worker Church, Ondipudur celebrated Youth Mass with the Relic of St. Carlo Acutis. Rev. Fr. Alex, Director, RRC presided over the Holy Eucharistic celebration and seminar. My sincere gratitude goes to all the representatives and all the Youth who participated in this. I thank Rev. Fr. Patrick, Parish Priest, for his ample guidance to the youth for their welfare.

During lent, many parishes celebrated youth Lenten retreats in the parish level. I express my sincere gratitude to all the parish priests, who arranged the retreats for the spiritual welfare of our youth, Youth representatives for coordinating the programs, and all the youth who participated in all the Lenten retreats. All these programs helped the youth to grow in spirituality. Many of our youth team conducted way of the cross, participated in confessions and celebrated the meaningful Easter.



On 17.03.2026, Youth adoration and youth way of the cross were conducted with the youth of St. Theresa's Church, Othakalmandapam. I thank all the youth representatives and Youth for the active participation. My sincere gratitude goes to Rev. Fr. Joy Jeyaseelan, Parish Priest for all beautiful and meaningful initiatives for the spiritual welfare of the youth.



Our youth of St. Thomas Church, Avinashi spent a day with people of Mercy Home on 29.03.2026. They started the Holy week really holy by the merciful deeds. I express my sincere gratitude to all the youth who participated, Youth

representatives for coordinating and Rev. Fr. Maria Joseph, Parish Priest, who is the backbone of all the preparations.



Our youth of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Sowripalayam have conducted a virtual way of the cross for the parishioners on 30.03.2026. It was enlightening, enthusiastic and spiritually elevating our spirits. I express my hearty wishes to the youth representatives and all the youth who participated in this. My sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr. George Rosario, Parish Priest and Rev. Fr. Arul Irudayaraj, Asst. Parish Priest for guiding the youth effectively.



Our youth of Annai Velankanni Church, Palladam participated in the way of the cross with the heavy cross that they carried on 03.04.2026. They participated in an hour Holy Eucharistic adoration.

On 19.04.2026, in St. John De Britto's Church, RS Puram, Youth mass was celebrated which was presided over by Rev. Fr. S. Gnanapragasam, Secretary, CDYC and youth seminar on 'Inner Child and Trauma Healing' was conducted. I sincerely thank all the youth representatives, coordinators for arranging such a program. For the last year they have conducted 10 seminars for the youth on useful topics. The topics included finance, law, human rights, Personality Development, which enhanced the youth in different spheres. All these possibilities have become a reality because of Rev. Fr. Paulraj, Parish





Priest, and Rev. Fr. Naveen Rosario, Asst. Parish Priest. I express my sincere gratitude to the parish priests.

On 19.04.2026, quiz competitions were conducted for our youth by presentation nuns for the youth of St. Joseph's Church, Ondipudur, Annai Velankanni Church, Palladam and St. Antony's Church, Mettupalayam on the very same day.

On 23.04.2026, our youth have successfully casted their votes as the citizens of this democracy.



On 26.04.2026, a day of retreat for youth in our Rosary Retreat Centre, Karumathampatti was conducted with the theme "Emmaus Experience" there were around 50



youth who participated in the program. Talks on scripture, psychology of modern problems of present day youth, confession, Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Rosary, Holy Eucharistic Adoration, and Holy

Eucharistic celebration were there for the youth. All the youth felt that it was a meaningful day to be with the Lord. Rev. Fr. Alex, Director, Rosary Retreat Centre prepared very well for our youth. The talks were really touching the youth. They participated in a wonderful confession which made this Emmaus experience possible for them. It was really meaningful and joyful occasion.



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



News from CMSSS

CMSSS Election Campaign for Safeguarding Young Girls in Tamil Nadu

The CMSSS undertook a focused election campaign to advocate for the safety and empowerment of young girls across Coimbatore district. As part of this initiative, CMSSS prepared formal election petitions outlining urgent protective measures and essential needs



for young girls in Tamil Nadu, including access to education, healthcare, legal safeguards, and safe public spaces. These petitions were compiled into a six-page brochure, which served as an informational and advocacy tool. The brochure highlighted key demands such as stronger enforcement of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, gender-sensitive school environments, and skill development programs for adolescent girls. The brochure was systematically distributed to all regions of Coimbatore district,



reaching rural and urban blocks alike. Copies were submitted to MLA candidates, ward councillors, and local party leaders to ensure that the protection of young girls remained a priority in their electoral agendas. During the

election period, CMSSS conducted awareness drives emphasizing the need for political commitment to girls' empowerment. Through these efforts, CMSSS successfully placed the issue of young girls' safety at the forefront of local political discourse, urging leaders to take actionable steps post-election.



Training Program for Coordinators: Government Schemes and Digital Registration

A two-day training program for coordinators on government schemes and smartphone-based beneficiary registration was conducted with the objective of empowering coordinators to effectively facilitate access to welfare schemes for women Self-Help Groups (SHGs). The program featured Mrs. Rosy and Mrs.



Dhanalakshmi as resource persons. The training comprised input sessions and hands-on workshops. Day one focused on an overview of various central and state government schemes, covering eligibility criteria, application procedures, and the socioeconomic implications and benefits for SHG members. Coordinators were sensitized to the transformative potential of these schemes in enhancing livelihoods, health, and education. Day two was dedicated to practical workshops wherein coordinators were

trained to utilize smartphones for beneficiary registration. Sessions covered downloading official applications, data entry, document upload, and troubleshooting common technical issues. Participants engaged in simulated registration exercises to ensure proficiency. Mrs. Rosy provided expert insights into scheme documentation and community mobilization strategies. Mrs. Dhanalakshmi led the digital training component, emphasizing accuracy and data security. Interactive discussions enabled coordinators to clarify doubts and share field experiences. The program concluded with a commitment from all coordinators to implement the learning within their respective SHG clusters, ensuring that eligible women are enrolled in relevant schemes. The training successfully enhanced both the conceptual understanding and technical capacity of the participants.

One-Day Awareness Program on Girl Child Upliftment

Coimbatore, March 31, 2026 – A one-day training and awareness program, coordinated by the Snehidhi Movement, was held at Plaza Inn, Coimbatore. The event witnessed the participation of approximately 50 NGO coordinators from across the district.



The primary objective was to underscore the critical importance of prioritizing the needs and protection of young girls. Input sessions highlighted existing social, educational, and safety-related challenges faced by girls in the district, urging participants to systematically

formulate and articulate these concerns. Through collaborative discussions, the attending coordinators identified key obstacles hindering the holistic development of young girls. A significant outcome of the program was the decision to work collectively with a core group of five NGOs. This consortium is tasked with drafting a comprehensive representation—detailing the identified challenges and proposed remedial measures—to be formally presented to candidates contesting the upcoming 2026 elections. The program concluded with a firm resolve to place sustained emphasis on the upliftment of young girls' lives as a non-negotiable agenda for the district's future governance.

Training Program for Coordinators: Pilot Study and Youth Survey

A structured training program was conducted by the Pratham team to equip coordinators for a pilot study and large-scale survey targeting youth aged 18 to 35 years. The survey, administered via Zoho Forms, covered four designated areas: Kinathukadavu, Anamalai, Pollachi South, and Pollachi North.



To ensure uniform implementation, two orientation programs were held. The first orientation took place in Coimbatore, focusing on overall survey objectives, digital data collection protocols, and ethical considerations. The second orientation was conducted in Kinathukadavu, with an emphasis on field logistics, troubleshooting Zoho Forms, and engaging youth respondents effectively.

During the sessions, coordinators were trained to supervise surveyors, verify data accuracy, and address technical issues in real-time. Emphasis was placed on maintaining neutrality, ensuring informed consent, and capturing reliable responses from the target age group across the four regions.

Post-training, coordinators successfully conducted a pilot study to test survey flow and form functionality. Feedback from the pilot informed minor refinements before the full-scale rollout. The program strengthened coordination capacity and standardized data collection practices, ensuring consistency across all four zones. The Pratham team remains committed to ongoing technical support and periodic review meetings to uphold data quality and survey efficiency.

KOLPING

KOLPING VISIT

On April 9th, the Kolping coordinator conducted an official visit to the Poondi Madha Kolping family at Puliyakulam. The primary objective of the visit was to assess the functioning of the group and ensure the smooth maintenance of its bank account. During the interaction, the coordinator meticulously verified all relevant documents and records pertaining to the group's financial operations. The loan status of individual members was examined, and compliance with established procedures was confirmed. Members were given the opportunity to raise their concerns; accordingly, their doubts regarding account

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repayment schedules,
and interest calculations
were clarified on the
spot. The meeting also



focused on the future planning of the Kolping family. Discussions were held on strengthening internal savings, improving loan recovery mechanisms, and expanding member participation in upcoming formation programs. The coordinator emphasized the importance of transparency and collective responsibility in sustaining the group's financial health.

Overall, the visit was constructive and reaffirmed the commitment of the Poondi Madha Kolping family to the principles of mutual support and sound financial management. Further follow-up is planned to ensure continued progress.

Valparai Kolping Families' Day Out with Retired Priests

On April 13th, a group of fifteen members from the Valparai Kolping Family visited the Bishop's House to spend a meaningful day with the retired priests of our diocese. The day commenced with a solemn Eucharistic



celebration, fostering a spirit of unity and prayer. Following the Mass, an interactive session was held, during which the Kolping



members and the retired priests shared thoughts and experiences. This exchange proved to be a moment of mutual enrichment, blessing the visitors with the priests' wisdom and offering the clergy the joy of pastoral connection. Subsequently,

a fraternal agape was shared by all present, deepening the bonds of fellowship. I extend my sincere gratitude to the coordinator and the entire Kolping Family of Valparai for their generosity. They graciously spent their time and provided a hearty lunch for our retired priests, making the event a resounding success. Their thoughtfulness and devotion brought immense joy to our senior clergy. May God bless their continued apostolate.

KOLPING VISIT AT PODANUR

A cordial visit to the Kolping family in Podanur was conducted on April 11th. The coordinator's presence brought a spirit of encouragement and warmth to the gathering. During the visit, the coordinator carefully checked and verified the registers and records, appreciating the family's effort in maintaining systematic documentation. Following this, he patiently clarified various doubts raised by the members, ensuring everyone felt heard and supported. A meaningful interaction followed, focusing on the community's future plans. The coordinator listened attentively to their ideas and aspirations, offering gentle guidance and practical suggestions to strengthen their upcoming initiatives. The atmosphere remained respectful and collaborative throughout. The visit concluded on a positive note, with renewed commitment from the Kolping family to work together under the coordinator's thoughtful leadership. Overall, the meeting was productive, reassuring, and deeply motivating for all present.



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The Kolping family at Podanur



KOLPING VISIT AT CATHEDRAL

The monthly supervisory visit to the Kolping family unit was conducted on April 13th at the Cathedral. The coordinator systematically verified and checked all Kolping family records and registers, confirming their accuracy and compliance with established guidelines. A detailed review of internal loans and corresponding repayments was also undertaken; all financial transactions were found to be in order.



Following the verification, an interactive session was held with family members to discuss their future plans. Members outlined initiatives focused on skills training and expanded community outreach. The coordinator provided constructive feedback and encouraged adherence to sustainable financial practices. No discrepancies were noted during the inspection. The visit concluded with a mutual commitment to strengthen record-keeping and support the group's upcoming projects. A follow-up review is scheduled for next month.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

A training workshop on skill development in pre-pleating of sarees was conducted for women by Kolping India at the CMSSS Animation Centre. The programme aimed to equip participants with a practical, income-generating skill tailored to the needs of homemakers. A total of 15 women participated in the workshop. The training focused on hands-on practice, with each participant working directly with sarees, iron boxes, and clips under expert guidance. The pre-pleating technique enables the creation of neatly folded, ready-to-wear sarees, saving time for daily users and offering a small-scale business opportunity for trained individuals. The three-hour session emphasized practical application, ensuring that every attendee gained proficiency in the method. Upon successful completion of the training, all 15 participants were awarded certificates recognizing their



achievement and competence in the skill. The workshop proved highly beneficial for housewives, as it provided a flexible, home-based avenue to earn supplemental income without disrupting domestic responsibilities. By learning a marketable craft, the women are now empowered to take on orders from neighbours, local shops, or community members. Kolping India and CMSSS remain committed to organizing further such initiatives to promote women's economic self-reliance at the grassroots level.

MONTHLY VISIT TO VINNARASI KOLPING FAMILY

A monthly visit was conducted by the Coordinator to the Vinnarasi Kolping Family, assembled at the Cathedral premises. The primary objective was to review the family's



operational compliance and provide necessary guidance. During the visit, the coordinator systematically checked and verified all statutory registers and records, ensuring they were accurately maintained. Members were given the opportunity to raise concerns, and the coordinator clarified their doubts regarding procedural and administrative matters. A detailed interaction was held concerning the status of internal loans, including repayment schedules and disbursement practices. The discussion further extended to future plans, focusing on sustainable initiatives to strengthen the family's financial and social activities. Constructive suggestions were offered to enhance transparency and collective participation. The visit concluded with an encouraging note, reaffirming the Kolping family's commitment to its core values. The members appreciated the coordinator's guidance, which is expected to facilitate smoother operations and goal-oriented progress in the coming months.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



On April 18th, an assistance program was organized at the CMSSS Animation Centre to support deserving and marginalized women.

Through the collaborative efforts of Kolping, a total of 15 women were provided with sarees and ration kits. The initiative aimed to address both material and nutritional needs, offering dignity through traditional attire and essential food supplies. Each beneficiary was carefully identified by Kolping to ensure that support reached the most vulnerable members of the community. The distribution proceeded in an orderly and respectful manner, with beneficiaries expressing sincere gratitude. No operational difficulties were reported. In conclusion, the program successfully fulfilled its objective of extending timely, compassionate assistance. Continued collaboration with Kolping is recommended to sustain and expand such welfare efforts in the future.

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.	Divine Mercy church, Kuniamuthur	36250/-
2.	St. Sebastian's church, Sitra	38554
3.	Holy Rosary church, Karumathampatty	38360/-
4.	St. Anne's church, Marianallur	15600/-
5.	St. Paul the Hermit church, Iyerpady	1020/-
6.	Our Lady of Lourdes church, Lourdhipuram	3850/-
7.	St. Pius X church	7300/-
8.	Church of Our Lady of Velankanni	13580
9.	Carmel ashram, Puliakulam	27400/-
10.	St. Mary's church, Pallapalayam	7790/-
11.	Infant Jesus shrine, Kovaipudur	52089/-
12.	St. John de Britto church, R.S.Puram	35000/-
13.	Church of St. Therese of child Jesus, O.K.Mandapam	10500/-
14.	Church of St. Paul, Rathinapuri	28230/-
15.	Church of St. Francis Xavier, Puckkilipalayam	5450/-
16.	Christ the King Church, Kattoor	29550/-
17.	St. John Bosco church, Kavundampalayam	30000/-

UDHAYAM WOMEN FEDRATION TRUST (UWFT)
MONTH OF APRIL -2026

SL.NO	NAME OF THE MEMBER	NAME OF THE AREA	LOAN AMOUNT
1.	SHINY DE MARKARET	POLLACHI	45,000
2.	ESTHER	POLLACHI	45,000
3.	HEMALATHA	POLLACHI	45,000
4.	REJINA	POLLACHI	45,000
5.	L.SHANTHI	POLLACHI	45,000
		TOTAL	2,25,000

NABFINS LOAN DETAILS MONTH OF APRIL -2026

SL.NO	NAME OF THE MEMBER	NAME OF THE AREA	LOAN AMOUNT
1.	Kavitha (Emergency Loan)	kinathukadavu	20,000
2.	Susila Bai (Emergency Loan)	Kinathukadavu	20,000
3.	Annakodi (Emergency Loan)	Kinathukadavu	20,000
4.	Uma Maheswari (Emergency Loan)	Coimbatore	20,000
		Total	80,000



COIMBATORE DIOCESE HEALTH COMMISSION ELDERLY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT ÉLUR

A dedicated help program was successfully conducted at Élur for the benefit of aged individuals, united with the support of lay people from the community. Recognizing the pressing needs of the residents at the local elderly home, the initiative was organized to provide essential material support to the vulnerable population. Groceries and clothing were systematically distributed to the residents, ensuring that basic necessities were met with dignity and care. This effort was made possible through the collaborative spirit of volunteers who took the initiative to identify the needs and coordinate the aid. The Health Commission extends its formal gratitude to all the volunteers whose selfless service was instrumental in the



execution of this program. Sincere appreciation is also conveyed to the donors whose generous contributions made this cause a success. Their collective efforts reflect a commendable commitment to the well-being of the elderly in our community.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AT KOLAPALUR

A special gathering for children was held at Kolapalur on March 22nd, beginning with a Eucharistic celebration dedicated to the young members of the community and all the faithful. The Holy Mass set a reverent and joyful tone for the day. Following the Mass,



a gathering brought together approximately 60 children from three parishes: Gobi, Kolapalur, and Karatadipalayam. A faith session was thoughtfully organized for the children, focusing on the importance of catechism in their spiritual growth. This session was led by Fr. Tellis Roch, who engaged the children with great care and clarity. After the session, a wholesome breakfast was arranged for all the children, followed by a screening of The Passion of the Christ, offering them an opportunity for reflection. I extend my heartfelt



gratitude to Fr. David Alexander for his dedicated efforts in organizing this meaningful day, and to the parishioners for their warm hospitality and support. I also sincerely thank Fr. Maria Antony, Parish Priest of Gobi, for his encouragement and support. As a token of remembrance, prayer cards and pens were distributed to the children. The gathering was a blessed occasion of faith, fellowship, and joy for all.

CHAT MEETING

A significant meeting of the CHAT (Catholic Health Association of Trichy) was convened on April 11th at Trichy,

bringing together all member institutions in a five-hour program. Representing the Coimbatore Diocese Health Association were Fr. Giles, Sr. Anthony Mary FMM, and Sr. Dhivya Princy FSPM. The event featured an insightful input session on the CommCare app, highlighting its practical relevance for healthcare units. This was followed by an interactive discussion focused on the upcoming Annual General Body meeting, scheduled for July 9th and 10th at Coimbatore. During this session, responsibilities were shared among the participating member institutions to ensure effective collaboration. The program was efficiently hosted by CHAT, fostering a productive environment for planning and skill development. Overall, the meeting strengthened inter-diocesan coordination and equipped members with useful digital tools for their healthcare mission.



Rev. Fr. Tellis Roch
Director, CMSSS

May God grant them eternal rest

01-05-1973	Rev. Fr. M. Lazare
04-05-1916	Rev. Fr. Pageault
05-05-1975	Rev. Fr. Maria Ambrose
06-05-1896	Rev.Fr. E. C. Bouchard
06-05-1934	Rev. Fr. G. Boulanger
06 -05-1996	Rev. Fr. S. Joseph Pragasam
07-05-2019	Very Rev. Fr. Kulandai Raj
09-05-1926	Very Rev.Fr. L. De Gelis, V.G
09-05-1995	Rev. Fr. Patrick D' Rosario
10-05-1891	Rev. Fr. T. Le Bonzec
12 - 05-2010	Rev. Fr. Maria Selvam
13-05-1876	Rev. Fr. Bochaton (Paul)
13-05-1986	Rev. Fr. Saveriar
14-05-1952	Rev. Fr. N. Madalainathar
16-05-1910	Rev. Fr. M. Ligier
18-05-1938	Most Rev. Fr. Maria Tournier
21-05-2018	Rev. Fr. C. S. Madalaimuthu
27-05-1882	Rev. Fr. Xavier
28-05-1922	Rev. Fr. P. P. Briand
30-05-1915	Rev. Fr. J. H. Blanchard



Highlights of previous Month



Catholic Association General Body Meeting,
Jeeva Jothi Ashram, Coimbatore



Renovated Church Blessing,
Jayarakini Madha Church,
M. Goundampalayam,
Sub-station to Puliampatti

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



3rd
Fr. Alex Antonymsamy



4th
Fr. Lourdu Irudayaraj



15th
Fr. A.M.A. Lawrence



18th
Fr. Maria Joseph. A



29th
Fr. George Sagayaraj



29th
Fr. John Yesu Shiju



29th
Fr. Jeraldin

May God Bless You on Your Feast Day



3rd
Fr. Philip



12th
Fr. Pancras



24th
Fr. Jony Sagayaraj

தாழ்நிலையில் இருப்போரை உயர்த்துகிறார். பசித்தோரை நலன்களால் நிரப்பிபுள்ளார். (லூக் 1:53)

புனித கத்தரீனம்மாள் ஆலயம்

திருப்பூர்

தேர் திருவிழா அழைப்பீழ் - 2026



கொடியேற்றம் 03.05.2026 - ஞாயிறு



காலை 8.00 மணிக்கு திருப்பலி
காலை 9.30 மணிக்கு கொடியேற்றம்

தலைமை : அருட்பணி. ஆண்டனி செல்வராஜ்
(போளூர், கோவை மறைமாவட்டம்)

திருவிழா ஆன்மீக தயாரிப்பு நாட்கள்

06.05.2026 புதன், 07.05.2026 வியாழன், 08.05.2026 வெள்ளி
மாலை 6.00 மணிக்கு திருப்பலி, சிறப்பு மறையுரை , நவநாள், ஆராதனை

தேர் திருவிழா 10.05.2026 - ஞாயிறு

காலை 7.45 மணிக்கு : ஆயர் அவர்களுக்கு வரவேற்பு
காலை 8.00 மணிக்கு
மேதகு ஆயர்.

லெ. தாமஸ் அக்குவினாஸ் M.A., D.D., D.C.L.,

அவர்களின் தலைமையில்

முதல் நற்கருணை மற்றும்

உறுதிப்பூசுதல் திருவருட்சாதனக் கொண்டாட்டம்
மற்றும் திருவிழாத் திருப்பலி நடைபெறும்.



மாலை 05.30 மணிக்கு

திருவிழாத் திருப்பலி

தலைமை. அருட்பணி. இராயப்பன்

ஈரோடு மறைவட்ட முதன்மைகுரு, பங்குத்தந்தை அமல அன்னை ஆலயம் , ஈரோடு
மற்றும் மறைவட்ட குருக்கள், தோழமை குருக்கள்
அலங்காரத் தேர் பவனி தொடர்ந்து
நற்கருணை ஆசீர் வழங்கப்படும்.



அனைவரும் வாருங்கள்! புனிததேவியின் ஆசிரியையும் அருளையும் பெற்றுச்செல்லுங்கள்!!

அருட்பணி. அருள்ஜெயமாலைராஜ்

அருட்பணி. நல்ல ஜேக்கப்ப்தாஸ்

பங்குத்தந்தையர்,

அருட்சகோதரிகள், பங்குப்பேரவைத்தலைவர், அன்யியப்பொறுப்பாளர்கள்
மற்றும் பங்கு மக்கள், புனித கத்தரீனம்மாள் ஆலயம், திருப்பூர்.

