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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
15 August 2025



FEAST OF
ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY
04 AUGUST 2025



With Gratitude and Hope: Welcoming our New Archbishop

It is with profound joy and fraternal respect that the Diocese of Kottar, united with our Bishop, clergy, and faithful, extends our heartfelt congratulations to Your Grace on your appointment as the seventh Metropolitan Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Madurai.

Your elevation to this significant role is a clear testament to your devotion to pastoral care, your wise spiritual guidance, and your tireless commitment to the Church's mission. The faithful of Madurai are truly blessed to welcome a shepherd whose leadership is marked by wisdom, humility, and years of dedicated service to God's people.

As you embrace this sacred responsibility, we pray for divine grace, wisdom, and strength to guide you. May the Holy Spirit uphold you as you lead the Archdiocese in unity, peace, and renewed spiritual vigor. We assure you of our continued prayers and wholehearted support for this blessed chapter of your episcopal ministry.

Diocesan Pastoral Council - 12.07.2025



Bishop's Message

Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,
Greetings of peace and joy to you all!



Every year on August 15, we celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, at the end of her earthly life, was taken up body and soul into the heavenly glory. This solemnity, so rich in meaning and mystery, offers us a vision, not just of Mother Mary's glory, but of God's dream for humanity, and in particular, for the women of our world. It also reminds us of the fact that Mary of Nazareth, a poor, humble and socially invisible woman is glorified by God, not only for her purity but for her courage, her wisdom and her radical obedience to God's liberating plan. Hence, this feast is not only a celebration of Mary's glory, but a prophetic challenge to how we see and treat women in our society, in our homes, and even within the Church itself.

In India, women remain among the most oppressed and silenced. Despite legal guarantees, gender inequality persists in education, employment, access to health care, and above all, safety and respect in public and private life. Violence against women ranging from domestic abuse to sexual exploitation remains rampant. Tamil Nadu is no exception to this. Atrocities and violations against women are on the increase over the past few years. It is reported that, in Tamil Nadu, POCSO cases increased from 4581 in 2023 to 6969 in 2024 with a sharp 52% increase. According to Tamil Nadu's official policy note, sexual harassment cases rose by 109% in one year (2023-2024); molestation rose from 1650 to 1885 and rape increased from 406 to 471 annually. Even though there is Tamil Nadu Policy for Women (2024), it remains largely unimplemented. It is said that the High-level Women's Empowerment Committee has not met since its launch; district-level oversight is inactive, and action plans are still incomplete.

While overt acts of violence may be absent, there is unmistakable evidence of inequality in how women's dignity and rights are regarded within the Catholic Church. Even though women make up the vast majority of participants in the life and ministry of the Church, both universal and local, yet their voices are often unheard in decision-making structures like Diocesan and Parish Pastoral Councils and finance councils. They are not given leadership roles in proportion to their faith, intelligence and commitment. Their gifts are underutilized and their leadership potential is left unexplored in church-related administration. It is heart-soothing to note that the proportion of women in Vatican roles rose from -19% to 23.4% under Pope Francis. For the first time, women were allowed to vote at the 2023-2024 Synod on Synodality, a landmark milestone in inclusion. The *Motu Proprio Spiritus Domini* (2021) permitted women to be instituted as lectors and acolytes, previously reserved to men. Sadly, there remains a noticeable absence of sustained and proactive

initiatives, as far as our diocese is concerned, to integrate women into key roles within diocesan and parish participatory structures.

Mary of Nazareth was no stranger to danger or marginalization in the Jewish society of her time. She said 'yes' to God knowing it could cost her everything and she was not a passive and docile figure, but as a prophetic and radical disciple. Her voice in the Magnificat rings across history as a hymn of divine justice: "He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Lk 1:52-53). In this revolutionary proclamation, Mary declares that God is on the side of the poor, the voiceless and the excluded. Her Assumption is not a pious escape from the world of suffering, but God's powerful affirmation of a woman's body, life and mission. It is a divine endorsement of that prophetic vision: a world where the lowly are lifted up and is a crowning of a simple life that was courageous, discerning and active.

If we truly honour Mary, then we must be ready to listen to her prophetic voice today especially in the pain and longing of women who are denied their dignity in our homes, parishes and institutions.

Let us ask:

- Are we forming girls and young women with courage, confidence and faith like Mary?
- Do we recognise and welcome the gifts of women in all areas of Church life and ministry, from catechesis to leadership, from administration to theological reflection?
- Do we treat women in our families and parishes with respect, equality and dignity?

On this feast day of our beloved Blessed Mother, I urge all of you to make a renewed commitment to the dignity and full participation of women. Let us teach our children in our families, parishes and schools in our diocese the sacredness of every human person. Let us jointly work to create spaces where women feel safe, respected and heard. Let us open our ears to the Marys among us, those who speak with wisdom, who serve with quiet strength, and who bear Christ in the world with grace and fidelity. Let us therefore look at our Mother not only as Queen of Heaven, but also as our companion and model on the journey, a woman of radical faith and prophetic vision. May the Assumption inspire us to build a Church and a society where dignity of every woman is not only acknowledged but actively uplifted, protected and celebrated.

Wish you all a happy feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary and happy Independence Day!

In the mind of Christ,
Sd/-

+ Nazarene Soosai (Bishop of Kottar)

DIOCESAN CIRCULAR LETTERS

No.C.15/2025

15.07.2025

A Celebration of Service and New Beginnings

Dear Fathers,

The Diocese of Kottar warmly invites you to join for Jubilarians' Day & New Priests' Day 2025 on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

This special annual gathering at the Bishop Arokiasamy Animation Centre, Bishop's House, Nagercoil, is a cherished opportunity to honour the enduring legacy of our Jubilarian priests, who have dedicated decades to faithful service of Christ and the diocese. It's also a joyful occasion to welcome our newly ordained priests as they embark on their sacred ministry, shaping the future of our diocese. Your presence will be a profound sign of our unity, gratitude, and shared mission.

Schedule

- 10.30 a.m : Coffee
- 11.00 a.m : Brief Sharing by Jubilarians and New Priests
- 12.00 p.m : Solemn Mass & Lunch
- 02.00 p.m : Jubilee Celebrations

Golden Jubilarians

Fr. Michael Raj A.S : 04.02.1975

Silver Jubilarians

- 1) Fr. Benziger P. : 30.04.2000
- 2) Fr. John Rufus T. : 30.04.2000
- 3) Fr. Raj C. : 30.04.2000
- 4) Fr. Selvaraj L. : 30.04.2000

- 5) Fr. Soosai Antony J. : 30.04.2000
 6) Fr. Stephen M. : 30.04.2000

New Priests

- 1) Fr. Ball Kalvert S. : 27.04.2025
 2) Fr. Doege Reuson I. : 27.04.2025
 3) Fr. Justin Avinash A. : 27.04.2025
 4) Fr. Stefin Ruslin Raj M. : 27.04.2025
 5) Fr. Yesu Pravin B. : 27.04.2025

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity” (Ps 133:1)

Yours in Christ,

Sd/-

Fr. T. John Rufus (Vicar General)

From the Chancellor's office Appointments - July & August 2025

Sl.No.	Name	Designation	W.e.f
1.	Fr. Marconi Ravichandran G.	Priest Helper - Sathankulam, Diocese of Tuticorin	July 19, 2025
2.	Fr. Tharsius Raj L.	Judge for matrimonial cases - Ecclesiastical Tribunal of the Diocese of Kottar	August 01, 2025
3.	Fr. Ajith M.	Assistant Parish Priest - Rajakamangalamthurai	August 01, 2025
		Defender of the Bond for matrimonial cases - Ecclesiastical Tribunal of the Diocese of Kottar	August 01, 2025
4.	Fr. Arputha Xavier D. (St. Aloysius Seminary)	Defender of the Bond for matrimonial cases - Ecclesiastical Tribunal of the Diocese of Kottar	August 01, 2025

Fr. G. Maria Gladston
 Chancellor, Diocese of Kottar



The Holy See

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE 5th WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2025

[27 July 2025]

Blessed are those who have not lost hope (cf. Sir 14:2)

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realize that hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age. When that hope has also been tempered by fire over the course of a long life, it proves a source of deep happiness.

Sacred Scripture offers us many examples of men and women whom the Lord called late in life to play a part in his saving plan. We can think of Abraham and Sarah, who, advanced in years, found it hard to believe when God promised them a child. Their childlessness seemed to prevent them from any hope for the future.

Zechariah's reaction to the news of John the Baptist's birth was no different: "How can this be? I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years" (*Lk 1:18*). Old age, barrenness and physical decline apparently blocked any hope for life and fertility in these men and women. The question that Nicodemus asked Jesus when the Master spoke to him of being "born again" also seems purely rhetorical: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (*Jn 3:4*). Yet whenever we think that things cannot change, the Lord surprises us with an act of saving power.

The elderly as signs of hope

In the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was already eighty years old (*cf. Ex 7:7*).

God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope. Augustine asks, “What do we mean by old age?” He tells us that God himself answers the question: “Let your strength fail, so that my strength may abide within you, and you can say with the Apostle, ‘When I am weak, then I am strong’” (*Super Ps. 70, 11*). The increasing number of elderly people is a sign of the times that we are called to discern, in order to interpret properly this moment of history.

The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God’s promises will be fulfilled (*cf. Gen 48:8-20*). If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance.

Signs of hope for the elderly

From biblical times, the Jubilee has been understood as a time of liberation. Slaves were freed, debts were forgiven and land was returned to its original owners. The Jubilee was a time when the social order willed by God was restored, and inequalities and injustices accumulated over the years were remedied. Jesus evoked those moments of liberation when, in the synagogue of Nazareth, he proclaimed good news to the poor, sight to the blind and freedom for prisoners and the oppressed (*cf. Lk 4:16-21*).

Looking at the elderly in the spirit of this Jubilee, we are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment. This year is a fitting time to do so. God's fidelity to his promises teaches us that there is a blessedness in old age, an authentic evangelical joy inspiring us to break through the barriers of indifference in which the elderly often find themselves enclosed. Our societies, everywhere in the world, are growing all too accustomed to letting this significant and enriching part of their life be marginalized and forgotten.

Given this situation, a change of pace is needed that would be readily seen in an assumption of responsibility on the part of the whole Church. Every parish, association and ecclesial group is called to become a protagonist in a "revolution" of gratitude and care, to be brought about by regular visits to the elderly, the creation of networks of support and prayer for them and with them, and the forging of relationships that can restore hope and dignity to those who feel forgotten.

Christian hope always urges us to be more daring, to think big, to be dissatisfied with things the way they are. In this case, it urges us to work for a change that can restore the esteem and affection to which the elderly are entitled.

That is why Pope Francis wanted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated primarily through an effort to seek out elderly persons who are living alone. For this reason, those who are unable to come to Rome on pilgrimage during this Holy Year may "obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they

visit, for an appropriate amount of time, the elderly who are alone... making, in a sense, a pilgrimage to Christ present in them (*cf. Mt 25:34-36*)” (APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, *Norms for the Granting of the Jubilee Indulgence, III*). Visiting an elderly person is a way of encountering Jesus, who frees us from indifference and loneliness.

As elderly persons, we can hope

The Book of Sirach calls blessed those who have not lost hope (*cf. 14:2*). Perhaps, especially if our lives are long, we may be tempted to look not to the future but to the past. Yet, as Pope Francis wrote during his last hospitalization, “our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope” (*Angelus*, 16 March 2025). We possess a freedom that no difficulty can rob us of: it is the freedom to love and to pray. Everyone, always, can love and pray.

Our affection for our loved ones – for the wife or husband with whom we have spent so much of our lives, for our children, for our grandchildren who brighten our days – does not fade when our strength wanes. Indeed, their own affection often revives our energy and brings us hope and comfort.

These signs of living love, which have their roots in God himself, give us courage and remind us that “even if our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day” (*2 Cor 4:16*). Especially as we grow older, let us press forward with confidence in the Lord. May we be renewed each day by our encounter with him in prayer and in Holy Mass. Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age.

From the Vatican, 26 June 2025

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Tamil Nadu Bishop's Council (TNBC)

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15-07-25

Your Grace / Your Excellency,

Greetings from Bishop Neethinathan, Moderator of the Census Team.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your cooperation in the census project which has reached the half way mark of the desired target. In our private discussion during the TNLBC annual meeting, it was unanimously decided to complete the project and get a clear picture of socio-economic status of people in Tamil Nadu. I wish to bring to your kind attention the following resolutions that emerged from the TNLBC Meeting held on the 9th of July, 2025, concerning the Socio-Economic Survey of Catholics in Tamil Nadu:

1. **Unanimous Endorsement:** The bishops collectively reaffirmed their commitment to continue and complete the Socio- Economic Survey in their respective dioceses, recognizing its importance for pastoral renewal and strategic interventions.
2. **Action towards completion:** In dioceses where the survey remains unfinished - namely Dindigul, Sivagangai, Palayamkottai, Madras-Mylapore, Vellore, Coimbatore, Salem, Madurai, Kuzhithurai, Pondicherry-Cuddalore, Chengalpattu, Kumbakonam, Dharmapuri, and Kottar - the respective bishops are kindly requested to convene a meeting of all the concerned Parish Priests, urging them to assume direct responsibility for completing the data collection. The Diocesan Coordinator is to diligently follow up with the respective priests to ensure the survey's timely and successful completion. (Sincere appreciation to the dioceses of Trichy & Thanjavur for completing the survey).
3. **Special Clergy Meetings:** Two dioceses, namely, Tuticorin and Ooty, have agreed to conduct exclusive meetings of all priests, specifically to address and expedite the survey.

4. **Second Phase Rollout:** The second phase of the survey is set to begin on 1st August 2025 and conclude on 31st October 2025. QR codes for digital data entry will be shared with the Parish Priests through the respective Diocesan Coordinators.
5. **Timeline Summary:**
- **Data Collection:** 1st August to 31st October 2025
 - **Parish Fact Sheets (PFS)** will be shared with each Bishop as soon as they are prepared.
 - **Report Preparation** (Parish, Diocesan, and Regional): November-December 2025
 - **Final Presentation:** All compiled reports will be submitted during the January 2026 TNBC Meeting in Chennai.
6. **Additional Financial Support:** In view of the extended timeline and additional needs-such as the Kobo Toolbox subscription, and the preparation of Parish Fact Sheets, Diocesan Reports, and the Tamil Nadu State Report-each diocese is kindly requested to contribute an additional sum of 2,00,000 towards the operational expenses.
- A/C No: **0149053000012281**; Bank: **South Indian Bank, Mylappore Branch**; IFSC: **SIBL0000149**
7. **Support and Assistance:** Dear bishops, should you or any of your diocesan coordinators require guidance or technical support, please feel free to reach out to us.
- **Mobile:** +91 80153 94452
 - **Email:** tnbclisstar@loyolacollege.edu

May this collective effort, driven by our shared pastoral concern, lead to a deeper understanding of our people's realities and help us respond with renewed Gospel fervour. With every prayerful good wish and fraternal esteem,

Yours devotedly in Christ,



✠ **Most Rev. Neethinathan**
Moderator, Census Team

Coordination of Commissions

Special Activities - June 2025

1. Commission for De-addiction (Fr. Francis Xavier Nelson J)



(Photo : International Drug Awareness Day celebrations)

Date	Place	Special activities
23, 25	Office, Xavier Hall	Introduced Special Drug Awareness Event Through QR Code Digital Media. Press conferences and promotions were conducted. The event was honoured by the presence of Nagercoil Mayor Mr. Mahesh, Fr. Jayapathy SJ and Fr. Nelson. 210 People keenly attended these events.
26	Stadium, Nagercoil	International Drug Awareness Day was celebrated. Jothi Run began from 31 locations within our District and arrived at the stadium. This was elevated by the presence of the Tamilnadu state Minister Mano Thangaraj, Kanyakumari District Collector Mrs. Azhagu Meena, Mayor Mr. Mahesh, DCPO Sakela Banu and others. 1000 students from schools and colleges and 200 LGPDC Course actively participated.
10 13 - 15	Nanjil Catholic College, Carmel School Campus	Facilitator training on 'Work and Life Balance' and 'Emotions and Addictions' by Fr. Nelson. 60 college professors and 34 Drug addicts benefited by this session.
22	St. Antony's Hall, Azhakappapuram	A special training on Strengthening the newly married couple within a year of marriage was given by Fr. Nelson and Mrs. Parimala Selvi.

2. Commission for Prison Ministry (Fr. Arul Eugene Roy)



(Photo: Renovation of a house of prisoner)

Special activities
A hut belonging to one of the prisoners was renovated at a cost of Rs. 65,000/-
Rs. 10,000 was given as study help to the children of prison inmates.
Volunteers visited prisoners' families.

3. Commission for Family (Mr. Alphonse Polycarph L.)

Special activities
The Third Phase training of forming new resource team was conducted on 16.06.2025.
Special training under the topic “ Positive handling of Media” was conducted. 80 participated.
Visited couples at the verge of divorce, widows and the elderly.
Awareness program on Eye donation was conducted at Parvathipuram.
Charity helps worth of Rs. 24,500 were given to poor families and students.

4. Commission for Youth (Fr. Simon J.)



(Photo: Youth explored Valliyar environment at Kadiapattinam)

Date	Special activities
22	Herb garden was formed at chekkadi parish.
22	Rehabilitation work after the heavy rainfall in Kandavilagam.
29	Plantation of Trees at Puthenthurai parish
29	Visited the Valliyar estuary in Kadiapattinam.

5. Commission for Social Communication (Fr. Gnana Dhas S.)

Date	Special activities
9, 13	Stage Programs at Akarakattu, Anjukuttuvilai.
1, 20-29	Nanjil Natham Live Telecast of feast masses at Arockiapuram and Saral
14	Mass recording for Madha TV at Devasahayam Mount parish.
1-30	Creation and telecast of Vatican II teachings in collaboration with the Laity Commission.

6. Commission for Proclamation (Fr. S.P. Lawrence)

Special activities
Visited homes, Elderly. Brought 6 persons back to catholic faith.
Offered daily prayers for peace over international conflicts.
Charity helps worth of Rs. 20,500 were given to poor students.
Trainings were arranged on the following topics: Fulfilling your desires, Jesus offers peace, The power of the Holy Spirit & Power of God. 167 participated.

7. Commission for Children (Fr. Rudolf Sangith U.)



(Photo: Awareness Rally on Plastic Pollution at Thadikarankonam parish.)

Date	Special activities
	Central topic for June month training: Conservation of natural resources of Kanyakumari district.
29	Awareness Rally on Plastic Pollution was undertaken on 29.06.2025 at Thadikarankonam parish.
14,29	Annual day was celebrated at Colachel and Alanchy parishes.
18	Ongoing training for the animators of children groups was led by Mrs. Sangitha on 'Personality Development of Children'. 70 animators participated.
25	The importance of home garden is insisted. Children engaged themselves in forming vegetable gardens at their homes.

8. Commission for Women (Mrs. Mary Indira A.)

Special activities
Rs. 6,500/- given to the poor students.
Trainings were given on the following topics: Women as Pilgrims of hope, Gender equality, Current Politics by Mrs. Parimalar Selvi, Mrs. Agnes Glory, Mrs. Punitha. 136 women participated.
Kurusadi women commission members participated in "Productivity development training" organised by Vincent de Paul Society. Kurusadi women commission organised social and political awareness weeks.

9. Commission for Laity (Ms. Marsalin Rajula K)

Special activities
A total number of 31 trainings were organised by various pious associations on the following topics: Good will, Jubilee 2025, Mission as the need for the hour, Spirituality of involvement, Team Dynamics, Church in today's world, God's call, Humility leads to glory, Mother Mary & Social Equality, Who is St. Ignatius, A deeper meaning of our father, Values of Better World Movement, Drug Awareness, Love of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Home Management, Duties of the Leading workers in the association, Catholic mission associations – an introduction, Importance of Jesus experience to the field work, Life from experiences, 1166 participated.
Charity works: Constructed a house for a widow worth of Rs.5,00,000 at Ettamadai Region (Marthal sub council). Men and women associations of Muttom (Periyavilai region) donated Rs. 1,00,000/- towards the wedding of a poor girl. Vaniyakudi men's association (Ritapuram region) established a bus stop. Sarel region offered Rs. 5000/- for the medical expenses of a cancer patient.

10. Commission for Christian Life (Fr. John Jore Henson S.)



(Photo: Training on Catechetics lesson planning)

Date & Place	Detail	Participants
07.06.2025 (St. Joseph School, Bishop's House)	The commission conducted Short Film competition on the topic "CHRISTHUVIN VIZHUTHUGALAI"	21 Parishes
	Catechetics Annual Day celebration headed by Most Rev Bishop Nazaren	800
Trainings on teachers at the	Catechetics lesson planning for Catechetics vicariate level:	
	Kottar Vicariate On 22 nd at St. Joseph School, Bishop's House	307
	Devasahayam Mount Vicariate on 22 nd at Christunager	273
	Colachel Vicariate on 29 th at St. Mary's HSS, Colachel	268
	Alanchy Vicariate on 29 th at St. Helena HSS, Enayam	249

11. Commission for SC/ST (Fr. Jelbarin M.)

Date	Special activities
23	Talk on Social affairs by Fr. Jelbarin.
12	Awareness talk on environmental protection was given by Mrs. Rosely.
	Assistance provided to students who were in need to get admissions in the colleges.

12. Commission for Inter Faith (Mrs. Ansaline A.)



(Photo: A detailed evaluation to strengthen the commission)

Special activities
An engaging discussion took place on the theme 'Nature is God' highlighting the divine presence in nature by Mr. Suren Joel on 22 nd at Kattuvilai parish. 32 people from Christian fraternities and others benefited.
A detailed evaluation was conducted to strengthen the functioning of the commission on 10.06.2025.
Initiatives were undertaken to form Interfaith Commissions in Kottar, Devasahayam Mount and Colachel vicariates.

13. Conference of Religious India (Sr. Chinnarani SCC)

Special activities
The Diocesan Executive meeting was held on 21.06.2025. Year plan for the new academic year was proposed. Sharing of responsibilities among the members took place.

14. Commission for Labour (Mr. Maria Sebastian Selvaraj)

Date	Special activities
15	Discussed about the upcoming National Labour commission meeting.
June	Labour commission executive members were newly elected at Thalavaipuram Parish.

15. Commission for Basic Christian Communities (Fr. Sahaya Glacin H.)

Special activities
BCC Vicariate executive members participated in the State level meeting.
Parish level coordination in 32 parishes were visited.

Trainings were given on the following topics: Goals and Purpose of BCC, Media Awareness, Relationship in Families. Analysis of the kinds of activities in units.

Charity activities worth of Rs. 6,56,350 were carried out.

16. Commission for Education (Fr. John Benitto L.)

Date	Special activities
06,19,20,23	Special trainings were organized on the following topics: New Education Policy, Benefits of Sports and Games, Students Psychology and Counselling, How to make the students to speak English, Life is not always about winning but it is about learning and enjoying. 189 students participated.

17. Commission for Counselling (Fr. Felix Alexander S.)



(Photo: Awareness of Career Choice)

Date	Special activities
22, 22,29	Awareness on Career Choice at Alanchy by Fr. Felix. 75 students benefited. Ms. Kalai Selvi gave a training on Health & Hygiene at Karunya Children's Home, Child upbringing training to Parents at North Konam. Totally 94 people participated.

Report by
Fr. Edmond A.,
Coordinator of Commissions

KOTTAR SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (KSSS)

Monthly Report

1. KSSS – Change the Way We Care (CTWWC)

Activity:

Date	Place	Activity	Participants
08.06.2025	Thirunayanarkurichi	Parish Council	14
11.06.2025	Siluvainager	WCPE Formation	16
19.06.2025	Vethanager	WCPE Follow-up	8
19.06.2025	Perunthalaikaadu	WCPE Follow-up	10
29.06.2025	Thellanthi	WCPE Follow-up	24
June 2025	All Villages	Family visit, Donar visit, Champion Visit, Parish leaders visit, Parish priest visit	152

2. KSSS- Fr. James Tombuer mobile Palliative Care

Date	Place	No. of patients
2.06.2025	Annai Nager	6
	Pallam	1
4.06.2025	Kovalam	7
6.06.2025	Kanniyakumari	4
	Vavathurai	2
9.06.2025	Vanniyakudi	3
	Kodimunai	1
	Periyavilai	1
11.06.2025	Pillaitthoppu	5
13.06.2025	Kanniyakumari	4
	Vavathurai	3
16.06.2025	Annai Nager	5
	Pallam	1
23.06.2025	Vanniyakudi	1
	Kodimunai	3
	Periyavilai	1
30.06.2025	Kanniyakumari	4
	Vavathurai	2
Total		60

3. KSSS – Gille Marine Products and Skill Development Programme

Date	Place	Activity	Participants
02-06-2025	Kesavanputhen thurai	Plastic Collection Day and hub started to function	Total collection on the month of June 110kgs.

07.06.2025	Pozhikarai	2 nd Level training program for hub formation to the volunteers	25
08.06.2025	Pillaithoppu	Coastline Cleaning and Restoration movements	120
14.06.2025	Rajakkamangalam thurai	Training on Craft maintenance and Collection of Floating plastics	42
15.06.2025	Azhikal	Training on Establishment of Marine Plastic Collection Hubs and Linkages with recycling Unit.	32
16.06.2025	Annainager	2 nd Level training program for hub formation to the volunteers	13
20.06.2025	Pillaithoppu	2 nd Level training program for hub formation to the volunteers	18
21.06.2025	Puthenthurai	Training on Craft maintenance and Collection of Floating plastics	32
23.06.2025	Pozhikari	Plastic Collection Day and hub started to function	54kgs collected on the day.
28.06.2025	Pillaithoppu	Plastic Collection Day and hub started to function	26kgs collected on the day.

4. KSSS – கடலோர அமைதி மற்றும் வளர்ச்சி (CPD)

பயிற்சிகள்:

நாள்	இடம்	தலைப்பு	எண்ணிக்கை
17.06.2025	மிடாலம்	புலன்பெயர் தொழிலாளர்கள் நலன்கள்	150
20.06.2025	இராஜாக்கமங்கலம் துறை	குழந்தைகள் கைபேசி பயன்படுத்துவது பற்றிய விழிப்புணர்வு	150
24.06.2025	மேல்மிடாலம்	புலன்பெயர் தொழிலாளர்கள் நலன்கள்	200
26.06.2025	இராஜாக்கமங்கலம் துறை	சைபர் பாதுகாப்பு பற்றிய விழிப்புணர்வு	150
29.06.2025	குளச்சல் வட்டார அலுவலகம்	இயற்கை குறித்த பயிற்சி	20

செயல்பாடுகள்:

தியதி	இடம்	செயல்பாடுகள்	பங்கேற்பாளர்கள்
03.06.2025	ஆரோக்கியபுரம் முதல் மணக்குடி வரை	பங்கு நிர்வாகத்தை சந்தித்து மீனவர் வாழ்வாதாரப் பாதிப்புகள் தொடர்பாக விழிப்புணர்வு வழங்கப்பட்டது.	10
04, 05.06.2025	CPD அலுவலகம் மீனவர் நலத்துறை அலுவலகம்	கடிப்பிட்டணம் மீனவர்கள் முட்டம் ஊரில் தொழில் செய்ய அனுமதி மறுப்பு தொடர்பான பேச்சு வார்த்தை நடத்தப்பட்டது.	
06.06.2025	இராஜாக்க மங்கலம்	இராஜாக்கமங்கலம்துறை கிராமத்தில் தோழமை சங்க உறுப்பினர்களுக்கு அரசு ஆரம்ப சுகாதார நிலையம் வழியாக சித்த மருத்துவர் கொரோனா தொற்று பற்றிய விழிப்புணர்வு மற்றும் உறுப்பினர்களுக்கு நிலவேம்பு கசாயம் வழங்கப்பட்டது.	140
11.06.2025	மணக்குடி	மீன்பிடித் தடைக் காலத்திற்கு விழிப்புணர்வு கூட்டம் மீன்வளம் மற்றும் மீனவர் நலத்துறை, கடலோர காவல் படையுடன் இணைந்து மீனவர்களுக்கு நடத்தப்பட்டது.	50
12.06.2025	CPD அலுவலகம்	முள்ளூர்துறை பகுதியில் மீன் பதப்படுத்தும் நிலையம் அமைப்பது குறித்து பேசப்பட்டது.	5
13.06.2025	பள்ளம்	மீன்பிடித் தடைக் காலத்திற்கு விழிப்புணர்வு கூட்டம் மீன்வளம் மற்றும் மீனவர் நலத்துறை, கடலோர காவல்படையுடன் இணைந்து மீனவர்களுக்கு நடத்தப்பட்டது.	40
13.06.2025	அழிக்கால்	மீன்பிடித் தடைக் காலத்திற்கு விழிப்புணர்வு கூட்டம் மீன்வளம் மற்றும் மீனவர் நலத்துறை, கடலோர காவல்படையுடன் இணைந்து மீனவர்களுக்கு நடத்தப்பட்டது.	50
14.06.2025		செவிலியர் படிக்க விரும்பும் மாணவ, மாணவிகளுக்கும், பெற்றோர்களுக்கும் அரசு கலந்தாய்வு வழியாக இடம் பெருவதற்கான வழிகாட்டுதல்கள் வழங்கப்பட்டது.	40
16.06.2025	கடலோர கிராமங்கள்	இஸ்ரேல் - ஈரான் போர் தீவிரமடைந்துள்ளதால் அங்குள்ள குமரி மாவட்ட மீனவர்களை பாதுகாக்க வேண்டியும், ஈரானில் உள்ளவர்கள் விபரம் சேகரிக்க நடவடிக்கை மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டது.	50
15.06.2025	CPD அலுவலகம்	CRZ - பாண்டிச்சேரி, மீன் அருங்காட்சியகம் மற்றும் கடல் சார்ந்த ஆய்வு திட்டம் பற்றி திரு. சரவணன் குழுவினரோடு பேசப்பட்டது.	7

16.06.2025	CPD அலுவலகம்	மாதாந்திர வழிகாட்டிகள் கூட்டம்	42
18.06.2025		UG முடித்த மாணவர்களுக்கு PG படிப்பதற்கு வழிகாட்டுதல்கள் மற்றும் குறைந்த கல்விக் கட்டணத்தில் இருக்கைகள் பெற்று கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.	15
19.06.2025	மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் அலுவலகம்	குவைத் நாட்டில் தொழிலுக்கு சென்று ஈராக் நாட்டில் கைது செய்யப்பட்டுள்ள மீனவர்களை மீட்க வேண்டி குடும்பத் தாருடன் மனு அளிக்கப்பட்டது.	10
24.06.2025		சத்தியபாமா கல்லூரியில் 20 மாணவர்களுக்கு இருக்கைகள் பெற்றுக் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.	20
20 & 21.06.2025	மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் அலுவலகம்	ஈரான் நாட்டில் உள்ள குமரி மீனவர்களை மீட்பதற்கான அமைச்சர்கள், MP, MLA, ஆட்சியர் மற்றும் தூதரக அதிகாரிகளுடன் பேச வழியாக நடவடிக்கைகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டது.	5
25.06.2025	CPD அலுவலகம்	உள்நாட்டு மீனவர்களுக்கு தனி மீன்வளம் மற்றும் மீனவ நலத்துறை உதவி இயக்குநர் நியமிக்க வேண்டி உள்நாட்டு மீனவ அமைப்புகளின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பு கூட்டம் நடத்தப்பட்டது.	15
27.06.2025		ஈரான் - இஸ்ரேல் போர் காரணமாக ஈரான் நாட்டில் உள்ள அசனே, ஜீரோ பகுதியில் உள்ள 7 மீனவர்களை மீட்டு கொண்டு வரப்பட்டுள்ளது.	7
28.06.2025		ஈரான் நாட்டில் உள்ள அசனே, ஜீரோ பகுதியில் உள்ள 21 மீனவர்களை மீட்டு கொண்டு வரப்பட்டுள்ளது.	21
29.06.2025	CPD கூட்ட அரங்கம்	CPD பொதுக்குழு கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது.	10
30.06.2025		சத்தியபாமா கல்லூரியில் பல்வேறு பாடபிரிவுகளில் பயிலும் 6 மாணவர்களுக்கு தங்கும் விடுதி மற்றும் உணவு இலவசமாக பெற்றுக்கொள்ள வழி வகை செய்யப்பட்டது.	6

5. KSSS - கிராமிய விழிப்புணர்வுத் திட்டம் (RMP)

தேதி	இடம்	செயல்பாடு	பங்கேற்பு
11.06.2025	கிறிஸ்துநகர், கோணம்	சங்கங்களின் செயற்குழு	185
12.06.2025	கண்டர்விளாகம், ரீத்தாபுரம், சரல்	ஒருங்கிணையம் திட்ட இயக்குநர் அவர்களால் சந்திக்கப்பட்டது.	
13.06.2025			

16.06.2025	தடிக்காரன்கோணம், எட்டாமடை தேவசகாயம் மவுண்ட், இராஜாவூர்		
12.06.2025	RMP மக்கள் அரங்கம்	இல்லம் தேடி மண்வாசம் கூட்டம் நடத்தப்பட்டது.	35
14.06.2025	RMP மக்கள் அரங்கம்	கிராம குழந்தைகள் மன்ற வழிகாட்டிகளுக்கான திட்டமிடல் கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது.	40
16.06.2025 18.06.2025 19.06.2025 20.06.2025 21.06.2025 23.06.2025 25.06.2025 26.06.2025 27.06.2025 30.06.2025	களிமார் ரீத்தாபுரம் தடிக்காரன்கோணம் அழகியபாண்டியபுரம் (எட்டாமடை) கானாவூர் ஆலஞ்சி மங்கலகுன்று எட்டாமடை மறவன்குடியிருப்பு தென்தாமரைகுளம்	குடும்ப பொருளாதார திட்டமிடல் பயிற்சி வழங்கப்பட்டது.	1061
16.06.2025 18.06.2025 20.06.2025 23.06.2025 25.06.2025 26.06.2025 30.06.2025	திருநயினர்குறிச்சி இராமனாதிச்சன்புதூர் தேவசகாயம் மவுண்ட் தென்தாமரைகுளம் தளவாய்புரம் சடையால்புதூர் கோணம்	மாவட்ட குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அலகு வழியாக குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு பற்றிய விழிப்புணர்வு வழங்கப்பட்டது.	793
20.06.2025	புத்தேரி முத்திணை பொழில்	பெருந்தலைக்காடு சங்க செயற்குழு நிர்வாகிகளுக்கு சமூக பொறுப்புகளும் கடமைகளும் என்ற தலைப்பில் பயிற்சி வழங்கப்பட்டது.	30
21.06.2025 28.06.2025 29.06.2025	மேலப்பெருவிளை தென்தாமரைகுளம் மேல்கரை	கிராம குழந்தைகள் மன்றம் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டது	142
21.06.2025	அழகியமண்டபம்	புன்னைநகர் பெண்கள் கிராம முன்னேற்ற சங்க உறுப்பினர்கள் இணைந்து அழகியமண்டபம் எம்மாவுஸ் மனநல காப்பகம் சென்று காலைநேர உணவு மற்றும் ரூ.30,000 செலவில் பொருட்களும் வழங்கினர்.	35
22.06.2025	அழகியமண்டபம்	புன்னைநகர் ஆண்கள் கிராம முன்னேற்ற சங்க உறுப்பினர்கள் இணைந்து அழகியமண்டபம் எம்மாவுஸ் மனநல காப்பகம் சென்று ரூ.38,000 செலவில் பொருட்கள் வழங்கினர்.	25

24.06.2025 முதல் 26.06.2025 வரை	பெருந்தலைக்காடு	பெருந்தலைக்காடு சங்கங்கள் இணைந்து சோப்பு பொருட்கள் செய்வதற்கான பயிற்சி நடைபெற்றது. திருமதி. மினி ராஜன் பயிற்சியளித்தார். 17 வகையான பொருட்கள் தயாரிக்க பயிற்சி வழங்கப்பட்டது.	20
ஜூன்-2025	வேதநகர்	பாளையங்கோட்டை மனநல காப்பகம் சந்தித்து ரூ.12,000 செலவில் உணவு வழங்கப்பட்டது.	30
ஜூன்-2025	அறுகுவிளை	புளியடி மனநலகாப்பகம் சந்தித்து ரூ.15,000 செலவில் உணவுப் பொருட்கள் வழங்கப்பட்டன.	35
ஜூன்-2025	தக்காளிவிளை, தடிக்காரன்கோணம்	சிலம்பக்கலை தொடர் பயிற்சி ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டது	49
ஜூன்-2025	பரமார்த்தலிங்கபுரம்	சுகாரத்துறைக்கு மனு கொடுத்து தெருக்கள் சுத்தம் செய்யப்பட்டது.	25
ஜூன்-2025	கானாவூர், கண்ணங்கோட்டை, களிமார், தென்தாமரைகுளம், பெருந்தலைக்காடு, இராஜாவூர், கண்டர்விளாகம், அறுகுவிளை	மருத்துவ உதவியாக ரூ.1,35,000 வழங்கப்பட்டது. கல்வி உதவியாக ரூ.28,000 வழங்கப்பட்டது.	20
ஜூன்-2025	இராமனாதிச்சன்புதூர்	50 புற்றுநோயாளிகளுக்கு உணவுப் பொருட்கள் வழங்கப்பட்டது	50
ஜூன்-2025	இரும்பிலி, தக்காளிவிளை, பெருந்தலைக்காடு, சடையன்விளை, அறுகுவிளை, தோமையார்புரம், சரல், எட்டாமடை, தடிக்காரன்கோணம்	சிறுநீரக செயலிழப்பு, புற்றுநோய் மற்றும் இருதய நோயினால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட 9 நபர்களுக்கு மாதாந்திர உதவித்தொகை தலா ரூ.3,000 வழங்கப்பட்டது	9

6. KSSS - உள்நாட்டு மீனவ மக்கள் அமைப்பு (IFO)

செயல்பாடுகள்:

நாள்	இடம்	செயல்பாடுகள்	பங்கேற்பு
02.06.2025	தெங்கம்புதூர்	இயற்கை உணவு மற்றும் இயற்கை மருத்துவம் பயிற்சி	20
03.06.2025	கீழப்பெருவிளை	தலைமை பண்பு/ நிர்வகித்தல் திட்டமிடுதல் பயிற்சி	18
05.06.2025	மைலாடி	பெண்களுக்கள் சுயமாக வருமானத்தை ஈட்டும் வழிமுறைகள்	28
09.06.2025	சேவியர்காலணி	பெண்கள் மற்றும் பெண் குழந்தைகளின் நலம் பேணுதல்	35

10.06.2025	கிருஷ்ணகோவில்	பெண்களுக்கள் சுயமாக வருமானத்தை ஈட்டும் வழிமுறைகள்	20
11.06.2025	ஆசாரிபள்ளம்	இயற்கை உணவு மற்றும் இயற்கை மருத்துவம் பயிற்சி	12
12.06.2025	முடங்கன்விளை	தலைமை பண்பு/ நிர்வாகித்தல் திட்டமிடுதல் பயிற்சி	23
13.06.2025	இளங்கடை	சுற்றுசூழல் பாதுகாப்பு	15
18.06.2025	திட்டுவிளை	பெண்கள் மற்றும் பெண் குழந்தைகளின் நலம் பேணுதல்	35
24.06.2025	வீரவிளைகாலணி	பெண்களுக்கள் சுயமாக வருமானத்தை ஈட்டும் வழிமுறைகள்	18

7. KSSS - கைகள் மாதர் தன்னம்பிக்கை இயக்கம்

செயல்பாடுகள்:

தேதி	இடம்	செயல்பாடு	எண்ணிக்கை
13.06.2025	கைகள் அலுவலகம்	பெண்களும் புத்தகங்களும்	33
17.06.2025	மேலப் பெருவிளை	பெண்களும் புத்தகங்களும்	65
ஜூன் 2025		அனைத்து சங்க உறுப்பினர்களின் விவரங்கள் சேரிக்கப்பட்டது	639
24.06.2025	சாஸ்தாங்கரை	ஊடகத்தின் தவிர்ப்பு	20

8. KSSS - தலித் மேம்பாட்டு திட்டம் (DDP)

தேதி	இடம்	செயல்பாடு	எண்ணிக்கை
01-06-2025	முட்டம்	முட்டம் மண்டல நிர்வாகிகள் கூட்டம்.	15
06-06-2025		தலித் கிறிஸ்தவர்களை பிற்படுத்தப்பட்ட வகுப்பினருக்கான BC இட ஒதுக்கீட்டில் 4.6% உள் ஒதுக்கீடு வழங்க வேண்டி 100 நபர்களிடம் கையெழுத்து பெற்று மாநில முதல்வருக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டது.	
12-06-2025	ஆலஞ்சி	ஆலஞ்சி குளச்சல் மண்டல நிர்வாகிகள் கூட்டம்.	9 பேர்
13-06-2025		காட்டுவிளை பங்கை சார்ந்த விதவை மகன் படிப்புக்காக பணிக்குழுக்களின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் வழியாக ரூ. 10000 பெற்றுகொண்டார்.	
16-06-2025		புனித சேவியர் பொறியியல் கல்லூரியில் CSC பாடப்பிரிவில் படிக்க கோவில்விளை பங்கை சார்ந்த மாணவி மதிப்பெண் தகுதி அடிப்படையில் படிக்க பரிந்துரை செய்யப்பட்டு குருகுல முதல்வர் அவர்களிடம் கடிதம் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.	

23-06-2025	அலுவலகம்	செயற்குழுக்கூட்டம். சமூக அக்கரை பற்றி கருத்துரை வழங்கப்பட்டது.	9 பேர்
24-06-2025		மாநில பணிக்குழு வழியாக 9 மாணவர்களுக்கு கல்வி உதவித்தொகை ரூ.24,300 பெற்றுக் கொள்ளப்பட்டது.	

9. KSSS - கோட்டாறு கோல்பிங் Training

Date	Place	Topic	Participants
03/06/2025	Animation Center, Nagercoil.	Training on Knowledge Various Government Schemes and Programmes	60
09/06/2025	Muttom	Training on Annual Planning and Activities for Kolping Groups	30
12/06/2025	Kurumpanai	Training on Annual Planning Kolping Groups	30

Special Activities:

Date	Place	Activity	Participants
10.06.2025	Kurumpanai	The members of Kurumpanai Kolping Sangham donated Rs.2000/-to the poor family.	20
18.06.2025	Vadasery	The members of Vadasery Kolping Sangam donated food items and groceries worth Rs. 5000/-to the young man family	15
18.06.2025	Sahayapuram	The members of Sahayapuram Kolping Sangam have given Rs. 1000 worth of medicine to the Cancer patient.	
20.06.2025	Vattakarai	The members of Vattakarai Kolping Sangam donated Rs.2100/-to support the poor family.	15
21.06.2025	Thenthamarikulam	The members of Thenthamarikulam Kolping Sangam donated Rs.5000/- to support family of a cancer patient.	30

Fr. T. Penno Raj
Executive Director,
Kottar Social Service Society.

Diocesan Collections

Martyr Devasahayam From June 21, 2025 to July 20, 2025

Carried Forward	5,98,476
Surulacode (2019)	410
Surulacode (2020)	450
Surulacode (2021)	500
Total	5,99,836

Holy Childhood From June 21, 2025 to July 20, 2025

Carried Forward	2,72,277
Krishnankoil	2,882
Pozhikarai (2020)	2,500
Pozhikarai (2025)	2,500
Thengapattanam	2,982
Surulacode (2019)	450
Surulacode (2020)	575
Surulacode (2025)	850
Total	2,85,016

Communication Sunday From June 21, 2025 to July 20, 2025

Vattakarai	6,949
N.G.O. Colony	6,175
Thalavaipuram	4,150
Thellanthi	1,640
Mela Ramanputhoor	19,100
Kalimar	6,298
Vadasery	2,147
Nagercoil	16,726
Simon Colony	2,784
Midalakadu	8,171
Helen Nagar	809
Rajakkamangalamthurai	11,900

Mel Midalam	3,070
Chekkady	2,222
Kurusady	20,100
Thengapattanam	3,257
Ramanathichanputhoor	890
Surulacode (2018)	315
Surulacode (2025)	1,050
Sahayapuram	5,196
Vetha Nagar	9,212
Devasahayam Mount	9,768
Total	1,41,929

Bible Sunday From June 21, 2025 to July 20, 2025

Carried Forward	4,81,882
Surulacode (2017)	300
Surulacode (2018)	465
Surulacode (2019)	500
Surulacode (2020)	600
Total	4,83,747

Communio India From June 21, 2025 to July 20, 2025

Surulacode	535
Total	535

Prision Ministry From June 21, 2025 to July 20, 2025

Surulacode (2018)	285
Surulacode (2019)	435
Total	720

Holy Land From June 21, 2025 to July 20, 2025

Carried Forward	29,12,366
Pozhikarai	30,000

Surulacode (2018)	350
Surulacode (2019)	610
Surulacode (2021)	715
Surulacode (2025)	1,100
Total	29,45,141

Delhi Relief From June 21, 2025 to July 20, 2025

Pozhikarai	1,700
Total	1,700

Seminary Fund From June 21, 2025 to July 20, 2025
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S. Arul Mary, Enayam Puthenthurai	2,000
T. Margrat mary, Kandavilai	2,000
J. Charles Victoriyal , Nagercoil	2,000
B. Vimala, Carmel Nagar	2,000
S. Lilly, Seethapal	2,000
C. Selvarani, Enayam	2,000
K. Micheal Ammal.	
Keezha Kattuvilai	2,000
K. Marsalin Rajula,	
South Thamaraiikulam	2,000
A. Chinna Rani, North	
Ramanathichanputhooor	2,000
Mr. S. Joe, Kanyakumari	1,000
Kadiapattanam	10,000
Kodimunai	
(Confirmation Collection)	31,997
Nagercoil	5,000
Mr. Darney Tresaline,	
Thalavaipuram	4,000
Mrs. Anthoniammal Vimala,	
Nagercoil	3,000
Mr. Royar, Vattakarai	1,000
Mr. Germanuse Alex, Vattakarai	1,000
Mr. Anto Donatus Roy, Vattakarai	1,000

Pro. Immaculate Philip, Kurusady	1,000
Mrs. Ayneese, Kurusady	1,000
Mrs. Maria Sornam, Kottar	1,000
Mrs. Maria Rose, Kil Asaripallam	1,000
Mrs. Maria Celin Jerold,	
Kil Asaripallam	1,000
Mrs. Catherinal Joseph,	
Kil Asaripallam	1,000
Mrs. Pushpam, Kil Asaripallam	2,000
Mr. S. Joseph Sornadhas,	
Vattakarai	2,000
Vadasery	5,000
Total	90,997

Cumulated Masses From June 21, 2025 to July 20, 2025

Manakudy (May)	3,000
Muttom (Feb. to May)	10,500
Kurusady (May)	4,100
Puthoor	7,100
Kil Asaripallam	7,600
Maravankudieruppu	3,000
Enayam	1,800
Kandervilagam	700
Colachel	15,800
Rajavoor	1,65,200
Nagercoil	6,700
Vavathurai	600
Punnai Nagar	1,700
Kadiapattanam	7,500
Mela Ramanputhooor	4,800
Vattakarai	8,000
Thalavaipuram	1,600
Kottar	15,800
Mangalkuntu	8,200

Parvathipuram	800	Vadasery	22,000
N.G.O. Colony	1,500	Kil Asaripallam	17,000
Anandhan Nagar (May & June)	1,600	Kovalam	55,000
Vetha Nagar	2,000	Kottilpadu	75,000
Kalimar (May & June)	500	Vaniyakudy	1,40,000
Kesavanputhenthurai	5,600	Thamaraikulam	55,000
Sahayapuram	56,500	Thengamputhoor (Elankadai)	12,000
Kurumpanai	4,200	Ramanathichanputhoor	22,000
Siman Colony	2,300	Total	4,18,000
Thamaraikulam	3,300		
Total	3,52,000		

Parish Contribution
From June 21, 2025 to July 20, 2025

Ramapuram 20,000

From
Fr. J. Francis Xavier
Financial Administrator

KOTTAR SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY HUNGER AND DISEASE - 2025

Sl.No.	Parish Name	Amount	Sl.No.	Parish Name	Amount
	Carried forward	14,37,155	3	Puthenthurai	5,000
1	Azhikal	12,883	4	Pallavilai	4,111
2	Pozhikarai	5,000		Total	14,64,149

Important Days of August 2025

9th August

**International Day of the
World's Indigenous Peoples**

12th August

International Youth Day

13th August

World Organ Donation Day

15th August

Independence Day in India

15th August

**Day of the Assumption
of the Virgin Mary**

23rd August

**International Day for the
Remembrance of the Slave
Trade and its Abolition**

DIOCESAN CHRONICLES

July 2025

01	Bishop chaired the Board Meeting of Thiruvavur Peravai at the Bishop's House.
02	Bishop participated in the KSSS Board Meeting held at the Bishop's House.
04	Bishop graced the Diocesan Inter- School Sports Meet at Anna Stadium, where he encouraged and motivated the students to grow in their talents and sportsmanship.
	Bishop chaired the Joint Meeting of Nithi Ltd at the Bishop's House.
05	Bishop attended the TNLBC Youth General Body Meeting in Trichy, guiding them in their spiritual journey.
06-10	Bishop participated in the TNBC/TNLBC Meeting at Poondi.
11	Bishop chaired the English Medium Schools Joint Meeting at the Bishop's House.
12	DPC was held at the Animation Centre.
	Bishop graced the Convocation Programme organized by the Commission for De-addiction at Holy Cross College.
	Bishop presided over the Board of Management Meeting- DIFST at the Bishop's House.
13	Bishop participated in the Laity Day celebration at Erachakulam, engaging with faithful, and subsequently celebrated the Holy Mass.
14	Bishop chaired the School Management Committee Meeting at St. Joseph's Matriculation School, Bishop's House.
16	The election of the Superior and Counsellors at Adoration Convent was conducted in the presence of the bishop, who provided his blessings and guidance for the new leadership.
	Bishop presided over the Special Finance Committee Meeting at the Bishop's House.

18	Bishop celebrated the Funeral Mass of late Rev. Fr. Joseph Angelo at Kottar, praying for the repose of his soul, and subsequently joined the burial service at the Bishop's House Cemetery.
	Bishop celebrated the Feast Mass at Vadasery.
19	Bishop presided over the Finance Committee Meeting at the Bishop's House.
20	Bishop celebrated the Feast Mass at Kovalam.
21	Bishop participated in the Assisi Media Team Meeting at the Bishop's House.
22	Bishop chaired the Extended Curia II Meeting at the Bishop's House.
	Bishop led the Trust Hospital Board Meeting at the Trust Hospital, Nagercoil.
	Bishop celebrated the Feast Mass at Kurumpanai.
23	Bishop participated in the School Catechism Annual Day Celebration at the Animation Centre.
25-30	Classes at Sacred Heart Seminary, Chennai.

CONDOLENCES

- ✙ KNL condoles the demise of Mrs. Mary Antony (78), Sister of Rev. Fr. Maria Soosai P. on 02.07.2025 at Ponnappanadar Colony. May She Rest in Peace.
- ✙ KNL condoles the demise of Mr. Rajathurai (51), Brother of Rev. Fr. Antony Jayakodi D. on 25.06.2025 at Kurusady. May He Rest in Peace.

Bishop's House Holiday

Independence Day : 15.08.2025 (Friday)

Bishop's Programme - August 2025

Date	Time	Place	Program
02	10.00	St. Joseph's Matriculation School	Interschool Smart Exhibition
	16.30	Madurai	Installation of New Archbishop Most Rev. Antonysamay Savarimuthu
03		Pillaithope	Pastoral Visit
05	05.30	OLS Basilica, Tuticorin	Feast Mass
	10.00	Bishop's House	Jubilarians' & New Priests' Day
06	09.30	Puthalam	Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for the Nursing College
	16.00	Amanattantheri	School Management Committee Meeting- St. Mary's CBSE School
08	18.30	Konam	Feast Mass
09	18.30	Maravankudieruppu	Vespers
10	10.00	Thadikarankonam	Feast Mass
11	06.30	Adoration Chapel	Feast Mass
12	15.00	Bishop's House	Senate Meeting
14	10.00	Chennai	Priestly Ordination
15	17.00	Kaniyakulam	Church Blessing
16	15.30	Bishop's House	Self- Reliance Meeting
	18.30	Chithanthope	Feast Mass
17	06.30	Kesavan Puthenthurai	Feast Mass
22	17.00	St. Joseph's Matriculation School	Annual Day Celebration
23	09.00	Animation Centre	Seminar for Deacons of SHS, Chennai
	15.00	Bishop's House	Finance Committee
25	15.00	Bishop's House	Board Meeting - Nursing College
Aug 30 - Sept		Abroad	



Greetings and Prayers

August - 2025

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR FATHERS

Fr. Xavier Raja A.	03.08.1947
Fr. Joachim A.	04.08.1937
Fr. Nixon B.	04.08.1983
Fr. David Mani L.	06.08.1938
Fr. John Bellarmin T.	08.08.1963
Fr. Golridge Jim J.	09.08.1976
Fr. Benjamin L.	12.08.1984
Fr. Arul Joseph I.	13.08.1959
Fr. Johnson S.P.	14.08.1965
Fr. John Milton S.	15.08.1987
Fr. Sebastian S.	15.08.1978
Fr. Dunston A.	16.08.1978
Fr. Merlin Rengith Ambrose A.	16.08.1981
Fr. George Clement M.	16.08.1987
Fr. John Vino P.	16.08.1991
Fr. Answell Ralist K.R	16.08.1992
Fr. Antony Prabhu A.	17.08.1989
Fr. Ligorius M.	17.08.1987



Fr. Maria Gladston G.	17.08.1963
Fr. John Augustus M.	18.08.1967
Fr. Lawrence S.P.	19.08.1972
Fr. Jelbarin M.	21.08.1981
Fr. John Kennedy A.	22.08.1962
Fr. Gino Jose Prakash Mathew M.	25.08.1973
Fr. Antony Sahaya Anand A.	29.08.1977

HAPPY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Pascalies	29.08.1998
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NECROLOGY



Fr. Maria Victor Rodrigues	03.08.1937
Fr. Michael Cruz	09.08.1933
Fr. Peter L. Christian	10.08.1978
Fr. Tobias A.	16.08.2009
Fr. Vincent Rodrigo E.	19.08.2008
Fr. Eugene P.	21.08.1995
Fr. Paul Stephen	23.08.1957
Fr. Barnabas J. Nevis	24.08.1990
Fr. Thomas Fernando S.	25.08.1993
Fr. Wenceslaus C. F.	26.08.1987

LET US REMEMBER OUR DECEASED PRIESTS!

TRIBUTE TO REV. FR. JOSEPH ANGELO A.

1 NOVEMBER 1956 – 26 JUNE 2025

It is with deep sorrow that the Diocese of Kottar records the passing of Rev. Fr. Joseph Angelo, who was called to his eternal reward on 26 June 2025.

Fr. Joseph was a devoted servant of God, remembered for his pastoral zeal, steadfast commitment to truth, and profound compassion for the poor and the marginalized. His ministry was marked by integrity, humility, and a deep sense of mission rooted in Christ.

He served with distinction both in the Diocese of Kottar and in the Archdiocese of Perth, where he ministered faithfully for several years. His legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched, the communities he uplifted, and the hope he inspired.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Archdiocese of Perth, his family, friends, and all who mourn the loss of this remarkable priest. Thank you, Fr. Angelo, for your tireless service.



His Life Journey

Native Parish	: Kottar
Date of Birth	: 01.11.1956
Parents	: Mr. G. J. Angelo Fernandez & Mrs. P. Annammal
Seminary Studies	: St. Aloysius Seminary – Nagercoil St. Peter's Seminary – Madurai Christ Hall Seminary – Karumathur Sacred Heart Seminary – Poonamallee
Priestly Ordination	: 06.09.1984 at Kottar by Most Rev. Bishop M. Arokiaswamy.

Priestly Ministries

Assistant Parish Priest	: Kanniyakumari (1984-1985)
Team Ministry	: Kanniyakumari (1985-1987)
Parish Priest	: Kottilpadu (1987-1992), Pallam (1992-1994), Periakadu (1994-1996), Thengapattanam (1996-2001), Ramanathichenputhur (2001-2002), Pozhikarai (2002-2004)
Abroad Ministry	: Whitfords (2004-2006), Bunbury (2006-2008), Midland (2008-2011), Leederville (2011-2023)
Demise	: 26.06.2025
Burial	: 18.07.2025 at Priests' Cemetery, Bishop's House.

Diocesan Inter-Schools Sports Meet - 04.07.2025



பள்ளி மறைக்கல்வி, நன்னெறி ஆண்டுவிழா மற்றும் தொடக்கவிழா - 23.07.2025

