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## Rev. Fr. Soosai Antony J.

1972 – 2026



With deep sorrow, the Diocese of Kottar announces the passing of our beloved priest, Rev. Fr. J. Soosai Antony, at the age of 54.

Fr. Soosai Antony was a man of extraordinary generosity and compassion, whose devotion to Mother Mary guided his ministry and inspired countless faithful. He was not only a spiritual leader but also a true friend to all who crossed his path, always ready with a listening ear and a caring heart.

His parishioners cherished him deeply, for he led them with faith, humility, and love. He was well-connected with people from all walks of life, building bridges of understanding and kindness wherever he went. Beyond his pastoral duties, he dedicated himself to uplifting the younger generation, encouraging and supporting many to pursue higher studies and achieve their dreams.

Fr. Soosai Antony's life was a living witness to the Gospel—marked by service, devotion, and a profound commitment to nurturing both faith and education. His legacy will continue to shine through the lives he touched and the seeds of hope he planted in so many hearts.

May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may we honour his memory by carrying forward his spirit of generosity, devotion, and faith.

### His Life Journey

Native Parish : Muttom  
Date of Birth : 12.01.1972  
Parents : Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Angel Mary  
Priestly Ordination : 30.04.2000 at Kottar by Most Rev. Leon A. Tharmaraj

### Priestly Ministries

Parochial Administrator: Manjalumoodu (2000 - 2001)  
Parish Priest : Kovalam (2001-2005), Pillaithepe(2010-2015),  
Alanchy (2016-2017), Pallam (2018-2023),  
Konam (2023-2026)  
Director : CPD (2005-2010)  
Co-Ordinator : Medical College Project (2017-2018)  
Member : Senate (2020-2023)  
Demise : 11.04.2026  
Burial : 13.04.2026 at Priests' Cemetery, Muttom

## Bishop's Message

Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers, Greetings of the Season!

It has been the cherished annual grace of our diocese to celebrate priestly ordinations on Mercy Sunday, the Sunday following Easter. With hearts full of gratitude, we, as the Diocese of Kottar, thank God for the gift of seven new priests to our diocese this year. It is truly a grace-filled moment for our diocese made possible by the loving sacrifice of their parents, the exemplary life and guidance of the parish priests, the dedication of formators and all those who accompanied them on their journey to the altar of the Lord. As they begin their sacred ministry, we assure them of our priestly fraternity and encouragement that their lives may bear abundant fruit in the vineyard of the Lord (cf. Jn 15:16). We also pray that the Risen Lord who called them by name may bless them richly and make them faithful shepherds after His own heart.

Thinking about the number and need for future priests as well as their formation at this crucial juncture, I believe, must be one of the foremost concerns of our diocese. It is true that God has abundantly blessed us with a considerable number of priests over the years. However, the present situation suggests that the once widely held belief of Kottar being a fertile ground for priestly vocations is gradually fading. The years ahead may witness a significant decline in the number of ordinands along with a noticeable reduction in vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. This emerging reality calls for a renewed sense of responsibility among all of us, clergy, religious and laity alike, to foster a culture that nurtures and supports vocations. I think that we must invest more intentionally in the spiritual, pastoral and human formation of young people. It is indeed a sign of the times that calls us to read the present reality with discernment encouraging them to listen attentively to God's call and to respond with generosity.

In light of the above, it is fitting to recall the words of Pope Leo IV in his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – April 26, Sunday. He said: “I invite everyone, in families, parishes and religious communities, as well as bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, educators and all the faithful, to commit themselves more fully to creating conditions that allow this gift to be embraced, nourished, protected and accompanied, so that it may bear abundant fruit. Only when our surroundings are illumined by living faith, sustained by constant prayer and enriched by fraternal accompaniment can God's call blossom and mature, becoming a path of happiness and salvation for individuals and for the world. By embarking on the path that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, shows us, we come to know more deeply both ourselves and the God who calls us.” As

he cautions, we cannot lament over or remain complacent by merely explaining away or justifying the decline of vocations in our families and parishes. Rather, the real challenge lies in our failure to take responsibility for fostering such conditions. We are therefore called to renew our commitment with sincerity and urgency to actively promote and support genuine vocations.

All of us must be aware of the diocesan vocation camp held last weekend. The selection of new seminarians took place on April 27, Monday. It was disappointing and disheartening to note that only eighteen candidates attended the selection, most of them in the tenth standard. To best of our knowledge, this may be the lowest number of candidates so far. What does this indicate? Is it a lack of interest among the youth in the priesthood or is it due to the decreasing number of children in families? It is also noteworthy that, among those who attended, except for two, the others came from families with only one or two children. How are we to understand this situation? At the same time, many of the boys mentioned that their parents were supportive of their choice of priesthood. Hence, it is clear that what matters most is the proactive involvement of families, parish priests and the faithful in fostering vocations.

It is important here to highlight the vital role of the parish priest in fostering vocations. As Pope John Paul II reminds us, “Every priest is responsible for promoting vocations through example, word and prayer” (Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 1996). Likewise, Pope Benedict XVI offers a practical insight: “Priest must cultivate a special sensitivity to recognise the seeds of vocation in young people and help them to grow.” In a similar spirit, Pope Francis emphasises that a good shepherd knows his young people and patiently accompanies them in discovering God's plan for their lives (Address to the Parish Priests, 2018).

The above reflections underline that vocations do not emerge in isolation but are nurtured through attentive pastoral care, authentic witness and prayerful support. Therefore, dear brother priests, let us renew our commitment to encourage and promote vocations in our parishes, through our lives, our ministry and our closeness to the young, remembering always that every vocation is God's gift, a blessing of His grace entrusted to our care. To conclude, we entrust our prayers to Blessed Virgin Mar, Mother of priests, asking her to intercede for an abundance of vocations in our parishes. May she inspire many hearts to say “yes” to God's call, for every vocation is truly His blessing and grace!

In the mind of Christ,  
Sd/-

+ **Nazarene Soosai** (Bishop of Kottar)

## தொழிலாளர் நாள் - மே 01, 2026

### ஆயரின் சுற்றுமடல்

அன்பிற்கினிய சகோதரிகளே சகோதரர்களே,

உயிர்த்த ஆண்டவர் இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் அருளும் அமைதியும் அன்பும் உங்கள் அனைவரோடும் தங்குவதாக!

அன்றாடக் கூலித் தொழிலாளர்கள், படித்து பல்வேறு அலுவல்களில் இருப்பவர்கள், சொந்தமாகத் தொழில் வைத்திருப்பவர்கள் என பல தரப்பினர் நம் மத்தியில் உண்டு. உங்கள் குடும்பத்தின் முன்னேற்றத்திற்காகவும் சமூக வளர்ச்சிக்காகவும் நீங்கள் செய்துவரும் தியாகத்தையும் உங்கள் அயராத உழைப்பையும் நான் உளமகிழ்ந்து பாராட்டுகின்றேன்.

உழைப்பின் மேன்மையை நினைவுகூரும் மே 1ஆம் நாளை ஒவ்வோர் ஆண்டும் தொழிலாளர் நாளாக நாம் பெருமையுடன் கொண்டாடுகிறோம். நம் ஆண்டவர் இயேசு அன்றாட வாழ்வில் ஒரு தச்சுத் தொழிலாளர். அவர் தச்சுத் தொழிலை ஆர்வமுடன் செய்து மனித உழைப்பின் தேவையையும் மேன்மையையும் உலகிற்கு உணர்த்தினார்.

### இன்றையத் தொழிலாளர் நிலை:

தொழிலாளர்கள் இன்று உலகமெங்கும் பல்வேறு சவால்களை எதிர்கொள்கிறார்கள். வேலைவாய்ப்பு இன்மை, குறைந்த சம்பளம், வேலை நிரந்தரமின்மை, பாதுகாப்பற்ற பணிச்சூழல், பணியிடங்களில் பாலியல் சுரண்டல், அதிக நேர வேலை, மாண்புடன் நடத்தப்படாமை, புலம் பெயர்தல் போன்ற கடுமையானச் சூழல்கள் தொழிலாளர்களின் வாழ்வை அழுத்துகின்றன.

முதலாளிகள் வர்க்கத்திற்கு சார்பாகக் கொண்டுவரப்படும் சட்டங்கள் தொழிலாளரின் சமையை மேலும் அதிகரிக்கின்றன. கடந்த ஆண்டு 2025 நவம்பர் 21ஆம் நாள் ஒன்றிய அரசால் கொண்டுவரப்பட்ட நான்கு புதிய தொழிலாளர் சட்டங்கள் 8 மணி

நேர வேலையை 12 மணி நேரமாக அதிகரிக்கவும், தொழிற்சங்க உரிமைகளைக் குறைக்கவும், தொழிலாளர்கள் ஒன்றிணைந்து போராடும் உரிமையைக் கட்டுப்படுத்தவும், எளிதில் பணிநீக்கம் செய்யப்படவும் வழிவகைச் செய்து கூடுதல் நெருக்கடிகளை தொழிலாளர் வாக்கத்தின்மேல் சுமத்துவதாக உணரப்படுகின்றன.

“உங்கள் வயலில் அறுவடை செய்த வேலையாளர்களுக்குரிய கூலியைப் பிடித்துக் கொண்டீர்கள். அவர்களின் கூக்குரல் படைகளின் ஆண்டவருடைய செவிக்கு எட்டியுள்ளது” (யாக் 5:4) என யாக்கோபு திருமுகம் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு எதிரானப் போக்குகளைக் குறித்து நம்மை எச்சரிக்கிறது.

### எழுச்சி - ஒற்றுமையின் தேவை:

உரிமைகள் அனைத்தும் போராடிப் பெறப்பட்டவையே. அவற்றை எளிதில் தொலைத்துவிடக் கூடாது. ஒற்றுமைதான் தொழிலாளர்களின் ஒரே மூலதனம்! விழிப்புணர்வுதான் தொழிலாளர்களின் பாதுகாப்பு! இயக்கமாக்கப்படுதல்தான் வெற்றிக்கானப் பாதை! எனவே, தொழிலாளர்களின் உரிமையை முதன்மையாக நம் வீட்டிலும், நமக்குச் சொந்தமான நிறுவனங்களிலும், நமது நாட்டிலும் பேணிக்காக்க மே தினத்தில் நாம் உறுதியேற்போம்!

- வேலையாளர்களுக்கு நியமான கூலி வழங்கப்படுவதையும், அது காலந்தாழ்த்தப்படாமல் வழங்கப்படுவதையும் நாம் உறுதிசெய்ய வேண்டும்.
- பெண்கள், ஒப்பந்தப் பணியாளர்கள், கடைநிலை ஊழியர்கள் ஆகியோரின் பாதுகாப்பை கிறித்தவர்கள் தங்களுக்குச் சொந்தமான நிறுவனங்களில் உறுதிசெய்ய வேண்டும்.
- தொழிலாளர்களின் உரிமைகளுக்காக இணைந்து குரல்கொடுக்க தொழிற்சங்கங்களையும் தொழிலாளர் இயக்கத்தையும் பங்கு மக்களிடையே வலுப்படுத்த வேண்டும்.
- வெளியூரிலும் வெளிநாடுகளிலும் பணி செய்யும் தொழிலாளர்கள் குறித்த விபரங்களை பங்களவில் சேகரித்து, அவர்களின் அருள்வாழ்வுக்கானத் தேவைகளையும் இக்கட்டானக் காலகட்டங்களில் அவர்களுக்கு வழிகாட்டவும் பங்கு நிர்வாகம் துணைநிற்க வேண்டும்.

- கூலித்தொழில் செய்து பல ஆண்டுகள் தங்கள் குடும்பத்தைக் காப்பாற்றியத் எளிய தொழிலாளர்களை பங்குத் திருவிழாக்களின்போது கௌரவித்து நல உதவிகளை வழங்க வேண்டும்.
- தொழிலாளர் நல சிறப்பு நிதியை பங்குகளில் உருவாக்கி வயது முதிர்ந்த தொழிலாளர்கள், நோயுற்ற தொழிலாளர்கள், விபத்துக்குள்ளானத் தொழிலாளர்கள் ஆகியோருக்கான பங்கு ஓய்வூதியத் திட்டத்தை உருவாக்கி செயல்படுத்த வேண்டும்.
- இளைஞர்களுக்கு புதிய வேலைவாய்ப்புகளை உருவாக்க வேண்டும்.
- குடும்பப் பொருளாதாரத்தை வளர்த்தெடுக்கும் விதத்தில் பெண்களும் வேலைக்குச் செல்வதை குடும்பங்களில் ஊக்குவிக்க வேண்டும்.
- தொழிலாளர்களின் உழைப்பின் பயனை விரயமாக்கும் போதைப் பழக்கத்திலிருந்து குடிநோயாளிகள் விடுபட சிறப்பு முயற்சிகளை அன்பியங்கள் வாரியாக முன்னெடுக்க வேண்டும்.
- அரசு வழங்கும் சலுகைகள் தகுதியுள்ளத் தொழிலாளர்கள் அனைவரையும் சென்றடைகிறதா என்பதைக் கண்காணித்து பங்களவில் வழிகாட்ட வேண்டும்.
- தொழிலாளர் நலப்பணிகளை ஒருங்கிணைக்க தொழிலாளர் இயக்கம் இதுவரை இல்லாத பங்குகளில் இவ்வமைப்பை உருவாக்க வேண்டும்.

இப்பணிகளை முன்னெடுப்பதில் தொழிலாளர்களின் பாதுகாவலராம் புனித யோசேப்பின் அருள்துணையும், அன்னை மரியாவின் பரிந்துரையும் நமக்கு ஆற்றல் அளிப்பனவாக !

கிறிஸ்துவின் மனநிலையில்,

Sd/-

**ஆயர் நசரேன் சூசை**

கோட்டாறு மறைமாவட்டம்

**குறிப்பு :** இச்சுற்றுமடல் எல்லா ஆலயங்களிலும் வருகின்ற ஞாயிறு 26.04.2026 அன்று திருப்பலியின்போது வாசிக்கப்பட வேண்டும்.

# **DIOCESE OF KOTTAR**

## **POLICIES & GUIDELINES WITH REGARD TO SENDING DIOCESAN PRIESTS TO HIGHER STUDIES AND MINISTRIES ABROAD**

### **Introduction**

- 1.1 Considering the large number of priests with which God has blessed our diocese, and in view of the increasing demands and challenges to priestly ministry arising from the complex socio-economic, political, and cultural context of our district, there is an urgent need for our diocesan priests to be well-qualified intellectually and adequately equipped pastorally and professionally, and to continually update themselves in the various areas related to their ministry.
- 1.2 In gratitude for the hundreds of missionaries from abroad, beginning with St. Francis Xavier, our beloved patron, and from our neighbouring state of Kerala, who planted and nurtured the faith in our land, our diocese shall be generous in offering the services of our priests to other dioceses in India and abroad that experience a shortage of priests.

### **Higher Studies**

- 2.1 All our diocesan priests are encouraged to attend periodic short term courses in order to acquire up-to-date knowledge and expertise in various areas of their ministry, relevant to the present and future needs of the diocese. Such course shall not exceed two months in duration. Each priest may undertake such a course once every three years. Shorter courses lasting up to two weeks may also be undertaken annually.
- 2.2 Proposals to attend such short-term courses may be submitted by interested priests to the PP Board, which may recommend them to the Bishop, who shall make the final decision. If permission is granted, 100% of the tuition fee shall be borne by the diocese, in addition to the regular remuneration (congrua). For courses lasting for more than one month, substitute priests may be arranged, if necessary, for Sunday Mass by the diocesan administration.
- 2.3 With the written permission of the Bishop, priests may also pursue higher studies in ecclesiastical or secular disciplines through distance education. For studies in ecclesiastical sciences or in fields related to pastoral ministry (such as pastoral care, pastoral management, counselling, media, fine arts, law, etc.), the diocese shall meet 50% of the tuition fee.
- 2.3.1 With the written permission of the Bishop, priests may also pursue higher studies in ecclesiastical or secular disciplines through regular,

full-time study. The application of the interested priest shall be recommended to the Bishop by the Priests' Personnel Board, indicating its preferences and the reasons for its recommendation. For studies in ecclesiastical sciences or in fields related to pastoral ministry (such as pastoral care, pastoral management, counselling, media, fine arts, law, etc.), the diocese shall meet 50% of the tuition fee.

- 2.4 Depending on the need of the diocese, the diocesan administration shall seek to send the required number of priests for full-time Master's level studies in ecclesiastical sciences or in disciplines closely related to various areas of ministry in the diocese.

The selection of priests for such studies shall be made according to the following procedures and conditions:

- 2.4.1 The Priests Personnel Board shall invite applications from interested priests who have completed at least three years of ministry. It shall then examine and present them to the Bishop, indicating its preferences and the reasons for its recommendations, with regard to the suitability of the applicants.
- 2.4.2 Such preferences shall be recommended by the Board on the basis of the applicants' seminary reports, dedication and creativity in pastoral ministry, especially in the area of specialization chosen, commitment to the diocesan vision, and their general conduct.
- 2.4.3 Those selected shall pursue their Master's level studies preferably in India, provided such courses are available in India. This is due to the easier availability of scholarships, as well as the high quality and greater pastoral relevance of the courses offered in India.
- 2.5 A select few among those who have completed their Master's level studies and demonstrated commitment in ministry may be permitted to pursue doctoral studies, in accordance with the needs of the diocese. They may be given the option to pursue such studies in India or abroad.
- 2.6 In cases where our diocesan priests are invited to join the staff of regional or national seminaries, commissions, or Institutes of Philosophy or Theology, they may be permitted to do so after due consultation with the Diocesan Council of Consultors, even if they have not completed the ordinarily required period of ministry in the diocese.

### **Ministry in Other States and Abroad**

- 3.1 Our diocese shall seek to enter into agreements with other dioceses in India that experience a shortage of priests, so that our priests may be encouraged to serve there in order to contribute to the evangelization

of the country and to be enriched by exposure to a different pastoral context and culture. They shall ordinarily serve for a period of two years, at the end of which they may be given the option to continue their ministry there, with or without incardination in that diocese.

- 3.2 Our diocese shall seek to enter into agreements (“contracts”) with dioceses abroad that experience a shortage of priests, so that our diocesan priests may be sent there to assist them in pastoral ministry. Priests who have completed at least six years of pastoral ministry in the diocese may apply for such ministry abroad.
  - 3.2.1 Their applications will be examined by the Diocesan Council of Consultors, taking into consideration their seniority as determined by the date of application, their commitment to ministry, their ability to relate well with others, proficiency in the required language, and their freedom from any addiction or sexual misconduct. The final decision will be made by the Bishop.
  - 3.2.2 They shall be permitted to minister there for the period stipulated in the agreement established between the dioceses, which shall not exceed ten years. This time limit will be carefully observed so that a greater number of our priests may benefit from such pastoral exposure and also to safeguard them from the possible alienation that may result from an excessively prolonged stay abroad.
  - 3.2.3 In such cases, excardination from our diocese should be ruled out from the very outset and such a clause should be part of any contract signed in this regard with all the parties concerned.
  - 3.2.4 Since our priests are sent at the request of another diocese, the receiving diocese shall make an annual contribution to our diocese for the welfare of the diocese. If the receiving diocese does not make such a contribution, the priests concerned are obliged to disclose their monthly salary each year and to contribute half of their salary to our diocese.
- 3.3 In the case of those priests of our diocese who themselves seek and arrange ministry abroad, the Bishop may grant the necessary recommendation letter upon the fulfilment of the following conditions:
  - 3.3.1 They must have already completed 6 years of ministry in the diocese.
  - 3.3.2 They should be free from any misdemeanor, debt or addiction.
  - 3.3.3 Permission for ministry abroad shall be granted for a period not exceeding 5 years, excluding one year for language proficiency.
  - 3.3.4. During the period of their ministry abroad, they are obliged to disclose their monthly salary each year and to contribute one third of

their salary to our diocese, unless the diocese where they serve is in a developing country.

- 3.4. There shall be a written agreement between the Diocesan Chancery and the priests who go abroad for ministry.
- 3.4.1 Priests who fail to honour the agreement to contribute for more than one year will be asked to return to the diocese.
- 3.5 Upon their return to the Diocese, the priests shall surrender to the Diocese of Kottar any retirement funds, pensions, or other financial benefits accrued during their ministry abroad. They will be provided for by the Diocese of Kottar in the same manner and according to the same standards as all other diocesan priests, ensuring equity and fraternal support.

### **Serving in a Secular or Religious Institution**

- 3.6 Priests who serve in a secular or religious institution, whether in India or abroad, and who receive a regular monthly salary shall disclose such income to the diocese and, in consultation with the Bishop, determine the monthly contribution to be made to the diocese.

### **One Month Leave**

4. Priests may, with the permission of the Bishop, utilize the annual one-month leave to which they are entitled according to Canon Law, to undertake ministry in other dioceses, whether in India or abroad. They may also accumulate such leave and avail themselves of two or three months of leave after two or three years, respectively. However, due to the nature of their office, Secretaries of Diocesan Commissions and Directors of Diocesan Departments shall not be eligible for such extension.

### **Sabbatical Updating**

5. Priests who have completed seven years of pastoral ministry in the diocese may, with the permission of the Bishop, be granted a sabbatical leave of one year, to be utilized for their spiritual renewal, theologico-pastoral updating, or for a research or writing project. Subsequent sabbatical leave may be granted after each further period of seven years of ministry. If they undertake a program of spiritual renewal or theologico-pastoral updating in India, approved by the PP Board, the full course fees shall be borne by the diocese, in addition to the regular remuneration (congrua). At the conclusion of the Sabbatical, the priests shall submit a written evaluation of their experience to both the Priests' Personnel Board and the Diocesan Chancery.

07-04-2028

**Most Rev. Nazarene Soosai**  
Bishop of Kottar

# COORDINATION OF COMMISSIONS

## Special Activities - March 2026

### 1. Commission for Education (Fr. John Benitto L.)



(Photos: Career guidance programme for 12th students at St. John's Collage, Ammandivilai)

#### Special activities

- வெற்றிப் பாதை Career Guidance Programme :
- On 28<sup>th</sup> March, வெற்றிப் பாதை Career Guidance Programme was conducted at St. John's College. A total of 1007 students attended.

#### Training Sessions

- On 16<sup>th</sup> March, a session on *Who can attend the Career Guidance programme* was conducted by Fr. John Benitto at Superintendent of School Office, benefiting 25 Teachers.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> March, a session on *Way to success* was conducted by Mr. Cyril Rose.

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



(Photo: Addiction Awareness Rally at Konnakuzhivilai & Aruguvilai)

#### Special activities

- Fr. Nelson and his team conducted a series of training and awareness programmes across multiple institutions and parishes.
- **Special Addiction Awareness Seminar and Pledge on the theme of Intoxicants Free Society** at Konnakuzhivilai, Kuzhithurai Diocese, by Fr. Nelson and 3 TATM Team Members, for 500 parishioners of all ages.

- **Annual Lenten 12 Step AA Retreat for Recovering Priests** for the participations of 14 Recovering Priests of Tamilnadu at Mount Don Bosco, Kotagiri by Fr. Nelson.
- **Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training** at Arul Vazhvu Retreat Centre, Kanyakumari by the collaboration of TATM and NIMHANS, Bangalore benefiting 340 participants from all over Tamil Nadu.
- **Public Addiction Awareness Seminar, Pledge and Rally on the theme of Intoxicants Free Society** at St. Theresa of Little Flower Church, Aruguvilai (Puthukudieruppu Parish), by Fr. Nelson and 10 TATM and JMAADD Team Members, for 300 parishioners of all ages.
- **Session on “Emotions and Addictions”** at Jesuit Ministry to Drug Dependents, Carmel Nagar, for 32 Alcohol and Drug Dependents.
- **The Challenges Guidance Psychotherapies Diploma Course**
- **The 11<sup>th</sup> class, " Psychotherapies for Couples with Marital Frictions," from the Challenges Guidance Psychotherapies Diploma Course** at Holy Cross College, Nagercoil, by Dr. Fr. Wilson OFM Cap, Anugraha, Dindigul benefiting 350 participants.
- **The 12<sup>th</sup> class, "Psychotherapies for Suicide Ideation," from the Challenges Guidance Psychotherapies Diploma Course** at Holy Cross College, Nagercoil, by Dr. Ratna Robinson, Silverlining Centre, benefiting 350 participants.
- **The 13<sup>th</sup> class, "Psychotherapies for Terminally Ill, Bedridden & Dying," from the Challenges Guidance Psychotherapies Diploma Course** at Holy Cross College, Nagercoil, by Dr. Fr. Xavier Benedict, Vicar General, Kuzhithurai Diocese, benefiting 350 participants.
- **The 14<sup>th</sup> class, "Psychotherapies for Conflict, Crisis & Trauma," from the Challenges Guidance Psychotherapies Diploma Course** at Holy Cross College, Nagercoil, by Dr. Sr. Selvi, Principal, Holy Cross College and Dr. Fr. Lawrence OFM Cap, ROME, benefiting 350 participants.

### 3. Commission for Women (Mrs. Mary Indira A.)



(Photo: Women's Day conference)

#### Special activities

##### Women's Day:

- On 9<sup>th</sup> March, Women participated Rally and the conference at Anna Stadium, Nagercoil.
- An article about History of Women's Day written and handed over to Anbiya Adithalam.

- On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Women's Day Mass, Rally, Debate was conducted in Kottar Parish.
- In Manakudy parish, women's day celebration was conducted. 140 members participated.
- A special training was conducted on the topic Women's Day Celebration & Women's Day History by Mrs. Parimalaselvi & Mrs. Elin Thang Vino at Kurasady & Alanchy parishes. 108 women actively participated.

**Spiritual Initiatives:**

- Conducted a prayer service to stop Iran – Isreal War.
- Lenten way of the cross was conducted.

**Charity Assistance:**

- A total of ₹ 6500 was provided to support the poor, the sick, ensuring timely assistance for those facing financial and social challenges.

**Trainings:**

- Training sessions were organized on themes including Election Awareness 2026, Women Rights, The current situation of women, Lesson from Bible Women and Iraitakkal Peravai 2024.
- A total of 75 women participated, gaining valuable guidance, awareness, and practical tools to address social challenges and promote safety and women empowerment.

**4. Commission for Proclamation (Fr. S.P. Lawrence)**



(Photo: A three-day Special diocesan level Lenten prayer service at Muttom)

**Special activities**

**Charity and Pastoral Care Activities**

- During the month, charitable assistance amounting to ₹ 70,000 was given to poor families, students and patients in need of medical care & Funeral service. Along with this support, commission members visited the sick, offering comfort, prayerful presence, and encouragement to those facing health challenges.

**Spiritual Enrichment Training Programmes**

- A three-day Special Lenten Evangelization programme was conducted at Muttom from March 6 to 8, with participation of more than 1,000 faithful.

- On 10<sup>th</sup> March, Family counselling training was conducted by Fr. Alwin Mathan. 20 people benefited.
- Reconciliation: Pathway to God's Grace training was conducted in some parishes. 427 people benefited.
- A Leadership training was conducted on 07.03.2026 for Kurumpanai parish people. 115 people participated.
- On 07<sup>th</sup> March, Couple's Retreat was conducted at Assisi parish, 50 attended.
- The Youth Retreat was conducted at Christunagar parish. 135 Youth benefited.
- A two-day Diocesan Retreat was conducted. 85 people participated.
- On 13<sup>th</sup> March, Lenten Retreat was conducted in Puthugramam parish. 125 people benefited.
- Training sessions were organized on themes such as the real repentance, Lenten days, Our body is the temple of the Holy spirit and the final decisions of the diocesan synod. A total of 143 participants took part in these sessions.

House Visits	185
Visits to Sick People & given counseling	50
Hospital Visits	70

### 5. Commission for Labour (Mr. Maria Sebastian Selvaraj)



(Photo: Special camp for Welfare workers at Alanchy)

#### Special activities

##### Strengthening:

- In Devasahayam Mount Vicariate, new executive members were elected. Diocesan members also participated in the meeting. A total of 32 members attended the meeting.
- A Diocesan level Meeting was conducted to discuss about May 1<sup>st</sup> meaningful Labour Day celebration.
- Labour commission members participated the Women's Day Rally conducted by Women's Commission.
- Special camp for Welfare workers took place at Alanchy Parish.

## 6. Commission for Laity (Ms. Marsalin Rajula K.)



(Photos: Training sessions)

### Special activities

#### Special Training Session:

- Fr. A. S. Anand conducted a training session on 19<sup>th</sup> March at Devasahayam Laity Training Centre, Assisi Campus on the Topic: “I have loved You”. 65 participated.
- On the occasion of the feast of Annunciation a training on the topic 'Do the Pious Associations motivate the growth of hero worship?' was organised.
- Kottar vicariate Laity commission elected its new office bearers. The diocesan Secretary Miss. Marsalin Rejula explained the duties of the office bearers.

#### Trainings:

- Around 20 training sessions were conducted by various pious associations.
- **Topics:** Political Awareness: Assembly Election & Secularism, The Feast of Annunciation, Dedication of Mary, Ignatian Spirituality, The History of CLC, Journeying together in God's ways, Journeying together towards a new life, Present challenges in the society, The impact of War in the Gulf countries, The after effects of War, The chosen Royal Priesthood, Progressive Movement's Activities for Social Change, 800 years commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, The Childhood of St. Francis of Assisi and his passion for Nature, Child Abuse, Challenges faced by the Youth, Leading a Life pleasing to God, Duties in the Society, New Life by the Resurrection. Helping Hands, Lets receive a new vision with hopeful hearts.
- A total of 2721 participants benefited.

## 7. Conference of Religious India (Sr. Chinnarani SCC)

<b>Special activities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On 21<sup>st</sup> March, recollection was conducted on the Topic “Radicality of St. Francis Assisi” at Carmel Higher Secondary School, Nagercoil.</li> <li>● Simplicity, Humility and Commitment to Gospel values in the spirit of St. Francis Assisi.</li> <li>● Reconciliation, enabling the participant to experience spiritual renewal and grace.</li> <li>● Eucharist celebration brought a meaningful spiritual climax.</li> <li>● A total number of 100 participants attended.</li> </ul>

## 8. Commission for Family (Mr. Alphonse Polycarph L.)

<b>Special activities</b>	
<p><b>Training Programmes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On 1<sup>st</sup> March, a special training session for couples was conducted at Nagercoil Parish, with the participation of 76 couples.</li> <li>● On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, a special training session for couples was conducted by Fr. Felix Alexander at Parvathipuram Parish, with the participation of 33 couples.</li> <li>● On 13<sup>th</sup> March, the Child rearing and care training was given by Mr. Felix (KSSS group) at Christunagar Parish. 27 people participated.</li> <li>● On 15<sup>th</sup> March, Elderly Patient Care training was conducted at Colachel by Sr. Sheeba. 33 people participated.</li> <li>● The Family Commission organized a series of training sessions on themes such as Families: The Foundation of Virtues, Steps to Overcome Drug Addiction, Accept the Poor families in the society, Family Dignity and Values. A total of 127 participants benefited.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Charity Assistance to Families and Students:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Charity assistance worth ₹5,000 and grocery items were provided to needy families.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Visits to the Elderly and Sick:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Homes were visited providing care, companionship and support, bringing comfort and encouragement to those in need.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Promotion of Family Prayer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More than 72 families were visited and the habit of family prayer was insisted.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Participants of Marriage Preparation Class, Animation Centre, Bishop's house</b></p>	<b>47</b>
<p><b>Participants of Marriage Preparation Class, Assisi campus, Nagercoil</b></p>	<b>74</b>
<p><b>Participants of Marriage Preparation Class, Colachel</b></p>	<b>68</b>
<p><b>Total number of Registrations at the Matrimonial Centre</b></p>	<b>78</b>
<p><b>Number of marriages took place through Matrimonial Centre</b></p>	<b>7</b>

## 9. Commission for Prison Ministry (Fr. Arul Eugene Roy)



(Photo: Lenten Retreat & visit Assisi Ashramam)

### Special activities

- **Lenten Retreat :** On 19th, Lenten retreat was conducted by Fr. Jerry with 20 participants.

### Visiting

- Visited Assisi Ashramam for Mentally challenged and met 62 inmates. Groceries worth of ₹15000/-, 7 Pasta boxes worth of ₹4000 and cash donation of ₹15000/-.
- Visited 17 Prisoners Families, distributed groceries worth of ₹2000 and cash donation of ₹2000/- per family.
- Totally ₹68000 spent for the Families.

## 10. Commission for Children (Fr. Rudolf Sangith U.)



(Photos: Lenten Retreat for Animators at Animation Centre/ New wing at Thittuvilai parish)

### Special activities

- **Spiritual Activities :** Way of the cross was conducted by Children and Animators in many parishes. A prayer was offered for the end to war and for peace to prevail.

### Training Programmes:

- Training sessions were conducted on topics such as Lenten Retreat, Why should I study with dedication?, Let go of anger, Share Love, Let us respect our parents, God's secret disciples, The importance of Reading, The true Disciple Mission, Guardian Mission, The Final Mission. A total of 500 children and animators participated
- On 15<sup>th</sup> March, Lenten Retreat was conducted for Animators at Animation Centre. 34 animators participated.
- **Progress in Action:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the Children commission was newly inaugurated at Thittuvilai parish.

(Photo: Meeting with Enayant puthenthurai parish Differently – Abled commission)

- The first meeting of children commission was conducted at Vellamadam Parish. 53 Children and 7 Animators actively participated.
- South Thamaraikulam parish celebrated Annual Day of the children commission.
- **Helping hands** : In Vadasery parish, notebooks and stationery items were distributed to the children in the Government Primary School. In Thadikkaranonam parish children commission visited the underprivileged children and provided them with whatever they brought. In Colachel Parish, food and clothing were provided to persons with disabilities.

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



(Photos: One-day diocesan-level pilgrimage at Velayuthapuram)

#### Special activities

##### Training:

- On 17<sup>th</sup> March, a training session titled “Do Not Harm Approach” was conducted by George Rajendren, with 15 participants in attendance.
- A meeting-cum-training was organized at the vicariate level. During the session, talks were delivered on Women's Day, Election Awareness, and Parent–Child Relationship. A total of 48 people attended.
- The region congratulated Mrs. Asmi on her selection as the Parish Pastoral Council Secretary of Kalimar Parish.

##### Lent in Action: A Journey of Faith and Giving:

- Our commission members collected a sum of ₹18,000 and handed it over to the Director of Mercy Home, Karungulam. Secretary Rev. Fr. Jelbarin led the Holy Mass, and the team offered prayers for the mentally challenged brothers.
- Under the guidance of South Zone Coordinator Mr. George Rajendran, the team organized and carried out a one-day diocesan-level spiritual pilgrimage at Velauthapuram.

### 12. Commission for Differently Abled (Mr. Sahaya George L)



### Special activities

- The secretary visited the Colachel Vicariate Secretary, Muttom Vicariate parish priests and the houses the Differently – Abled persons.
- Differently- Abled commission was formed at Enayam Puthenthurai Parish.
- Alanchy Vicariate Meeting was conducted.
- The Diocesan Level Differently abled commission provided a small funding to Ms. Jebarishika, a person with a disability from Kanavoor Parish, to support her in initiating poultry farming as a means of livelihood.

### 13. Commission for Catechetics (Fr. John Jore Henson S.)



(Photo: Training session/ Screening Biblical story)

### Special activities

#### Trainings:

- A Special training programme on Introduction to the Bible was conducted for the Catechetics Teachers of Alanchy and Colachel Vicariates. Fr. Clatton guided the training. 343 teachers benefited from this training.

#### Exam:

- On 14<sup>th</sup> March, School Catechetics and Moral merit exam was conducted at St. John's College Ammandivilai, 3225 students participated.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> March, School Catechetics and Moral Exam paper valuation was conducted at CPD office.

#### Parish Level:

- On 1<sup>st</sup> March, Cultural day for the catechetics students was celebrated in Kadiapattinam parish.
- On 02<sup>nd</sup> March Teachers and students of Azhikal catechetics visited the sick and old age people and distributed the necessary things to them.
- In Rajakamangalamthurai Parish, catechetics group as Lenten special activity visited the children home at Adaikalapuram and offered help.
- Kottar parish catechetics Teachers and students visited a home at Nithravilai and helped them with cash and groceries.
- On 15<sup>th</sup> March, a special training was given to Catechetics Teachers of Kattuvilai Parish by Fr. JJ Henson. 20 teachers attended.
- Catechetics teachers and students conducted the way of the cross & Lenten Retreat in the many parishes.

- A monthly on- going training on “The personality of Jesus” was conducted in many parishes.
- Biblical personality stories were screened in Manavilai, Pallam and Rajavoor.

#### 14. Commission for Liturgy (Fr. John Jore Henson S.)

##### Special activities

- On 15<sup>th</sup> March, a training on Let us be a new preacher was conducted at Kanavoor parish by Fr. Sahaya Belix. 80 people attended.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> March, training on Eucharist celebration was given to the members of Enayam parish liturgical commission by Fr. Babiyans. 40 people attended.
- On 19<sup>th</sup> March, a training was conducted on the History of Liturgy to the liturgy group of Kadiapattinam by Fr. Anbarasan. 47 people participated.
- A special Lenten retreat was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> March for liturgy group member of colachel vicariate by Fr. Clatton.
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Liturgy group of Mela Asaripallam parish visited Navajeevan Ashramam and help them with necessary things.
- Three sick people were helped by the Maravankudieruppu liturgy group. Monthly training was conducted in 19 parishes. Lenten Retreat was conducted to the members of the Liturgy group in many parishes.

#### 15. Commission for Counseling (Fr. Felix Alexander S.)

##### Special activities

- On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Lenten Retreat for the members of Counselling ministry was organised.
- A training on Intimacy vs Distance between couples was held by Fr. Felix Alexander at Assisi & Parvathipuram parishes benefiting 130 couples.
- Seminar on Insomnia was held for Kanyakumari Vicariate Parishes by Mr. Benz, benefiting 12 people.

Number of Individual Counselling	28
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Number of Family Counselling	4
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#### 16. Commission for Inter Faith Dialogue (Mrs. Ansaline A.)



(Photos: Training sessions)

## Special activities

### Training:

- On 26<sup>th</sup> March, based on the theme of World Interfaith Harmony Week, a training program titled 'Towards the Awakening of MINDS' was conducted by Dr. A.M. Arasu for the members of the women self-help group, who brought together people of all faiths. This program was held for the first time in the Muttom region at Kattuvilai. 100 people participated.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> March, Women's Day was celebrated with a focus on Interreligious Women's Leadership. On that day a training was conducted under the theme of Promoting unity and harmony by Dr. Subathra. 30 people from different religions actively participated in this programme held at the Animation Centre.
- **Charity:** As part of the Women's Day celebrations, financial assistance amounting to ₹ 5000/- was provided to a differently-abled woman.
- **National Training:** The secretary participated in the Interreligious workshop training programme organized by NCBI, Bangalore on 04<sup>th</sup> March.

## 17. Commission for Ecology (Fr. Curusu Carmel Y.)



(Photo: Training at Colachel Vicariate)

## Special activities

### Training:

- On 02<sup>nd</sup> March, A training on “Importance of Ecology” was conducted by Fr. Curusu Carmel for the Bible & Basic Christian Unity commission at Simon Colony Parish, with 12 participants attending.
- On 15<sup>th</sup> March, A training on “Importance of Ecology” was conducted for the Kodimunai Basic Christian Community. 40 people participated.

## 18. Basic Christian Communities (Fr. Sahaya Glacin H.)



(Photos: Training sessions)

## Special activities

### Trainings:

- Election Awareness was given to every unit.
- Trainings were conducted at Parish Level on the following Topics: Women's Day, Child Safety and Awareness, Leadership, The Aim of BCC, Love others just as I love you, Blood donation, The goal of BCC and strategies to have effective function.
- **Charity Assistance:** A total of ₹8,76,200 was provided to support the poor, the sick, students, and others in need, ensuring timely assistance for those facing financial and social challenges.
- **Parish BCC Coordination Visits :**Parish BCC Coordination were visited to strengthen collaboration, encourage active participation, and foster unity in various pastoral activities, enhancing the effectiveness of parish programs and overall community engagement.
- **Zonal Meeting :** On 08<sup>th</sup> March, zonal meeting was conducted at Tuticorin. The main Topics discussed were Assembly of God, Activities of BCC. Comments were also made about activities that affect BCC. 25 people participated.

## 19. Commission for Social Communication (Fr. Gnana Dhas S.)



(Photos: Short film broadcasting and film evaluation)

## Special activities

### Cultural Programmes & Initiatives:

- Government awareness programmes on the theme of “100% voting is our right and our pride” were performed through dramas and dances at Muttom, Colachel, Monday Market, Ettani, Nattalam, Palloor, Tholayavattam, Enayam, Midalam, Kanyakumari, Kovalam, Kil-Manakudi, Mela Manakudi, Pallam, Kadiyapattanam and Vaniyakudi.
- A book 'Colours of Passion' was launched by the Art and Heritage Center as a special initiative for the Lenten season.
- Short film broadcasting and film evaluation were arranged at Kottar & Simon Colony parishes.
- Nanjil Natham music and dance staff choreographed students of St. Joseph's Mat. H.S.S. studying vocal, Music and dances and the students performed their talents on the final day of ECA activities.

### Kalari Folk Heritage and Art Centre Activities:

- Art Retreat training was conducted at Assisi Church, Ponnappanadar Colony, Kanavoor, Elangadai & Chunkankadai parishes.

- The art class & Folk art Training was conducted with a focus on developing basic drawing skills and creative practice among students.

### **New Releases, Recordings and Shootings**

- Commission for Proclamation and Social Communication Commission jointly prepared Lenten reflections and broadcasted in the YouTube and local NN Television channel.
- The Nanjil Natham live-telecast team broadcasted Palm Sunday Mass, Christ Mass and Holy Week liturgical celebrations.
- Mass for Madha TV were recorded at Devasahayam Mount and telecasted on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## **20. Commission for Youth (Fr. Simon J.)**



(Photos: Awareness training / Visit to Thomayarpuram village)

### **Special activities**

- **Training Sessions:** Trainings were organised on theme Assembly Election Awareness 2026 by Mr. Swaminathan, Miss. Divya Bharathi. A total of 40 youth actively participated.

#### **Other Initiatives:**

- On 01<sup>st</sup> March, youth visited Thomayarpuram village, Tuticorin diocese and had a dialogue session with them. 46 youth participated.
- On 08<sup>th</sup> March, Reader's Circle (2<sup>nd</sup> Session) was conducted at Youth office.
- Third Phase intensive Training for the youth was conducted on 20<sup>nd</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> of this month.
- 27 youth participated.
- In Kattuvilai Parish, the youth group visited the twin pond located in their village and discussed the possibilities to restore water.
- An exposure programme with the Chunkankadai pottery workers was undertaken.
- In Manakudy parish, the wandering forest was visited and the matters concerning the protection of the forest was discussed.
- During Lenten session, the way of the cross was conducted at the elderly people's houses in the villages and a Lenten talk was given on the topic "The purpose of fasting for 40 days"

**Fr. Edmond A.,**  
Coordinator of Commissions

# KOTTAR SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (KSSS)

## Monthly Report

### 1. Children's Development & Family Strengthening

Sl. No	Date	Place	Activity	Participants
1.	15.03.2026	Christhu Nager	Seminar on child protection for Vicariate level Family Commission Leaders	21
2.	17.03.2026	Elankadai	WCPE Followup Meeting on child protection	7
3.	21.03.2026	VF Office, Periar Nager	Seminar on child protection for Vicariate level BCC Leaders.	33
4.	22.03.2026	Irumpili	Gatekeeping Formation Meeting child protection	12
5.	24.03.2026	Kurumpanai	Seminar on child protection for SHG members	106
6.	March 2026	All Villages	Family visit, Donar visit, Champion Visit, Parish leaders visit, Children Commission leaders visit.	

### 2. Fr. James Tombuer mobile Palliative Care

Sl. No	Date	Name of the village	Number of patient
1	02/03/2026	Enayam	6
2	05/03/2026	Kanniyakumari, Vavadhurai	4, 3
3	09/03/2026	Annainager, Pallam	4, 2
4	11/03/2026	Vanniyakudi, Periyavilai Kodimunai	2, 1 2
5	16/03/2026	Enayam	6
6	18/03/2026	Annainager, Pallam	5, 2
7	20/03/2026	Kovalam	6
8	25/03/2026	Enayam	6
9	30/03/2026	Kanniyakumari, Vavadhurai	4, 4
<b>Total Patient</b>			<b>57</b>

### 3. Family Development

Date	Activity	Completed Beneficiaries
01.03.2026 to 31.03.2026	Correct & print fund withdrawal applications for active families	384
01.03.2026 to 31.03.2026	Fund transfer to the active families bank account by the project holder	384
01.03.2026 to 31.03.2026	Collect signatures on the corrected fund withdrawal applications, fund receipts, and collect data for the activity completion reports of active families	295
01.03.2026 to 31.03.2026	Upload the signed fund withdrawal applications & fund received receipts of active families in DDMS	50

### 4. கடலோர அமைதி மற்றும் வளர்ச்சி (CPD)

அரசு திட்டங்கள் மற்றும் சமூக நலன் :

தியதி	இடம்	செயல்பாடுகள்	பங்கேற்பாளர்கள்
02.03.2026	புதுடில்லி	இந்திய வெளியுறவுத்துறை அமைச்சர் அவர்களிடம் நேரடியாக சென்று ஈரான் உள்ள குமரி மீனவர்களை மீட்பதற்கான கோரிக்கை வைக்கப்பட்டது.	02
02.03.2026	CPD அலுவலகம் மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் அலுவலகம்	இஸ்ரேல், அமெரிக்கா, ஈரான் போர் காரணமாக குமரிமாவட்ட மீனவர்களை மீட்க மாவட்ட ஆட்சியருக்கும் 6 சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினர்களுக்கும், பாராளுமன்ற உறுப்பினருக்கும் கோரிக்கை வைக்கப்பட்டது.	04
03.03.2026	DD அலுவலகம் நாகர்கோவில்	ஈரான் நாட்டில் உள்ள குமரிமாவட்ட மீனவர்களை மீட்பது குறித்து தேங்காய்பட்டணம், குளச்சல் மற்றும் சின்னமுட்டம் AD-களுடன் திட்டமிடல் நடத்தப்பட்டது.	07
03.03.2026	குளச்சல் மீன்பிடித் துறைமுகம்	கலைஞர் கைவினைத்திட்டன் பயனாளிகளுக்கு வழிகாட்டுதல்கள் பற்றிய ஆலோசனைகள் வழங்கப்பட்டது	45
05.03.2026	CPD கூட்ட அரங்கம்	கலைஞர் கைவினைத்திட்டன் பயனாளிகளுக்கு வழிகாட்டுதல்கள் பற்றிய ஆலோசனைகள் வழங்கப்பட்டது	30
05.03.2026	CPD கூட்ட அரங்கம்	கேரளா மாநிலம் கொச்சி துறைமுகப்பகுதியில் தொழிலுக்கு சென்று கடலில் விழுந்து காணாமல் போன அண்ணைநகர் மீனவரை மீட்க வேண்டி	15

		குமரி மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர், னுனு மற்றும் யுனு-களுக்கு தகவல் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.	
06.03.2026	சென்னை	அயலகத்துறை அமைச்சர், அயலகத்துறை ஆணையர் மற்றும் இந்திய தூதரகத்துடன் ஈரான் நாட்டில் உள்ள குமரி மீனவர்களை மீட்பதற்கான நடவடிக்கை மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டது.	03
06.03.2026	தூத்துக்குடி	ஈரான் உள்ள குமரி மீனவர்களை மீட்பதற்கான கோரிக்கை தமிழ்நாடு மீன்வளம் மற்றும் மீனவர் நலத்துறை அமைச்சரிடம் வைக்கப்பட்டது.	04
09.03.2026	CPD அலுவலகம்	இராஜாக்கமங்கலம்துறை ஊர் நிர்வாகம் மற்றும் கடியப்பட்டணம் ஊர் நிர்வாகம் மற்றும் ஈரான் நாட்டில் உள்ளவர்களின் உறவினர்கள் அவர்களை மீட்பது தொடர்பாக சந்தித்தனர். பின்பு இயக்குநருடன் இணைந்து மாவட்ட ஆட்சியரைச் சந்தித்து மனு அளிக்கப்பட்டது.	100
14.03.2026	மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் அலுவலகம்	சுளாமி பட்டா வழங்கல் விடுபட்டவர்களுக்கான திட்டமிடல்	03
18.03.2026	மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் அலுவலகம்	கத்தாரில் இறந்த முட்டம் ஊரைச் சார்ந்தவரின் உடலை ஊருக்கு கொண்டு வர மாவட்ட ஆட்சியாளரிடம் மனு அளிக்கப்பட்டது.	05
23.03.2026	சென்னை	தமிழக அயலகத்துறை அமைச்சர், பாராளுமன்ற காங்கிரஸ் உறுப்பினர்கள், தொல் திருமாவளவன் மற்றும் வைகோ ஆகியோரிடம் ஈரானில் உள்ள மீனவர்களை மீட்க கோரிக்கை வைக்கப்பட்டது.	05
24.03.2026	திருவனந்த புரம்	ஈரான் உள்ள குமரி மீனவர்களை மீட்பதற்கான கோரிக்கை இந்திய மீன்வளத்துறை துணை அமைச்சர் அவர்களிடம் வைக்கப்பட்டது.	07

## II. பொருளாதார மேம்பாட்டுத்திட்டம் :

சங்க செயல்பாடுகள் :

தியதி	செயல்பாடுகள்	பங்கேற்பாளர்கள்
02.03.2026	மாதாந்திர வழிகாட்டிகள் கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் சங்க கணக்குகள் வாசிக்கப்பட்டு செயல்பாடுகள் கேட்கப்பட்டது. மேலும் வழிகாட்டுதல்கள் மற்றும் ஆலோசனைகள் வழங்கப்பட்டது.	44
05.03.2026	இயக்குநர் தலைமையில் அலுவலக மற்றும் களப்பணியாளர்கள் கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது.	10

20.03.2026	தோழமை சங்க உறுப்பினர்கள் விபரங்கள் கணினி பதிவேற்றம் செய்வதற்கான பணிகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டது.	5
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### III. வழங்கப்பட்ட பயிற்சிகள் :

நாள்	இடம்	தலைப்பு	பங்கெடுத்தவர்கள்	எண்ணிக்கை
03.03.2026	குளச்சல் மீன்பிடித்துறை அலுவலகம்	சிறுதொழில் செய்வது பற்றிய வழிமுறைகள்	கலைஞர் கைவினைத்திட்ட பயனாளிகள்	45
05.03.2026	CPD கூட்ட அரங்கம்	சிறுதொழில் செய்வது பற்றிய வழிமுறைகள்	கலைஞர் கைவினைத்திட்ட பயனாளிகள்	30

### IV. பிற இயக்கங்களுடன் இணைந்த செயல்பாடு

தியதி	இடம்	செயல்பாடுகள்	பங்கேற்பாளர்கள்
22.03.2026	சென்னை	சுனாமி வீடுகள் வேண்டி மாநில ஒருங்கிணையம் - R.K நகர்	55
	புதுக்கோட்டை	மாநில நெய்தல் ஆளுமைகள் திட்டமிடல் நடைபெற்றது.	25

தியதி	இடம்	செயல்பாடுகள்
13.03.2026	மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் அலுவலகம்	மீனவர் குறைதீர்ப்பு கூட்டத்தில் கலந்து கொண்டு கடலோர ஊராட்சிகள், வள்ளவிளை, இரவிபுத்தன்துறை இடப்பாடு சாலை, மீனவர்கள் குடியிருப்புக்கு CRZ விதி விலக்க வழங்குவது மற்றும் மீனவர்களின் தேவைகள், கோரிக்கைகள் குறித்து பேசப்பட்டது.

### 5. கிராமிய விழிப்புணர்வுத் திட்டம் (RMP)

தேதி	செயல்பாடு	இடம்	பங்கேற்பு
07.03.2026	எட்டாமடை வட்டார பொதுக்குழு கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது. “எண்ணும் எழுத்தும் கண்ணெனத் தகும்” என்ற தலைப்பில் கருத்துரை வழங்கப்பட்டது. மண்டலங்களின் செயல்பாட்டு அறிக்கைகள் சமர்ப்பிக்கப்பட்டன.	தெள்ளாந்தி	250

14.03.2026	RMP Career Academy தேர்வு 9 மையங்களில் நடத்தப்பட்டது.	கண்டர்விளாகம், ரீத்தாபுரம், சரல், கோணம், கிறிஸ்துநகர், தேவசகாயம் மவுண்ட், இராஜாவூர், தடிக்காரன்கோணம், எட்டாமடை	345
18.03.2026	நாகர்கோவில் கிழக்கு வட்டார பொதுக்குழு கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது. “எண்ணும் எழுத்தும் கண்ணெனத் தகும்” என்ற தலைப்பில் கருத்துரை வழங்கப்பட்டது. மண்டலங்களின் செயல்பாட்டு அறிக்கைகள் சமர்ப்பிக்கப்பட்டன.	இராமனாதிச்சன்புதூர்	210
21.03.2026	களிமார் வட்டார பொதுக்குழு கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது. “எண்ணும் எழுத்தும் கண்ணெனத் தகும்” என்ற தலைப்பில் கருத்துரை வழங்கப்பட்டது. மண்டலங்களின் செயல்பாட்டு அறிக்கைகள் சமர்ப்பிக்கப்பட்டன.	களிமார்	185
22.03.2026	ஓலைச்சவடி முறையில் மூலிகைப் பொருட்கள் தயாரித்தல் பயிற்சி மருத்துவர் அதியன் அவர்களால் வழங்கப்பட்டது. இயற்கையாக எளிய முறையில் வீடுகளில் தயாரிக்கும் வகையில் 85 வகையான மூலிகைப் பொருட்கள் தயாரிப்பதற்கான பயிற்சி வழங்கப்பட்டது.	RMP மக்கள் அரங்கம்	35
28.03.2026	நாகர்கோவில் மேற்கு வட்டார பொதுக்குழு கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது. “எண்ணும் எழுத்தும் கண்ணெனத் தகும்” என்ற தலைப்பில் கருத்துரை வழங்கப்பட்டது. மண்டலங்களின் செயல்பாட்டு அறிக்கைகள் சமர்ப்பிக்கப்பட்டன.	மேல ஆசாரிப்பள்ளம்	180
மார்ச்	மருங்கூர் - அமராவதிவிளை சாலையில் இருந்த மதுக்கடையை மூடுவதற்காக நடைபெற்ற தொடர் உள்ளிப்பு போராட்டத்தில் அமராவதிவிளை சங்க மக்கள் அனைவரும் பங்கேற்றனர். மதுக்கடை அகற்றப்பட்டது.	மருங்கூர்	40
மார்ச்	மாவட்ட குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அலகு வழியாக குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு பயிற்சி வழங்கப்பட்டது	இராஜாவூர்	140

மாரச்	மருத்துவ முகாம் நெய்யூர் மருத்துவமனையுடன் இணைந்து நடத்தப்பட்டது	திருநயினாகுறிச்சி	127
மாரச்	மருத்துவ உதவியாக ரூ.56,000 சங்கங்கள் இணைந்து வழங்கியுள்ளனர்	பரமார்த்தலிங்கபுரம், காவலினை, மங்கலகுன்று, இராஜாவூர், பண்டாரவினை, கனிமார், சரல், காட்டுவினை	350
மாரச்	புற்றுநோய் மற்றும் சிறுநீரக நோய்களால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட நபர்களுக்கு ரூ.3,000 வீதம் மாதாந்திர உதவித்தொகை வழங்கப்பட்டது.	இரும்பிலி, தக்காளிவினை, மறவை, அறுகுவினை, தோமையார்புரம், சரல், எட்டாமடை, தடிக்காரன்கோணம்	9

## 6. உள்நாட்டு மீனவ மக்கள் அமைப்பு (IFO)

வ. எண்	நாள்	இடம்	செயல்பாடுகள்	பங்கேற்பாளர்கள்
1	03.3.26	நாகர்கோவில்	கோட்டாறு மண்டல கூட்டம்	30
2	05.3.26	மைலாடி	பெண்கள் மற்றும் பெண் குழந்தைகளின் நலம் பேணுதல்	26
3	06.3.26	இளங்கடை	அரசு நலத்திட்டங்கள்	15
4	10.3.26	கீழ்ப்பெருவினை	தலைமை பண்பு பயிற்சி	17
5	11.3.26	ஆசாரிபள்ளம்	பெண்கள் சுயமாக வருமானத்தை ஈட்டும் வழிமுறைகள்	10
6	12.3.26	முடங்கன்வினை	அரசு நலத்திட்டங்கள்	19
7	16.3.26	சேவியர்காலணி	பெண்கள் மற்றும் பெண் குழந்தைகளின் நலம் பேணுதல்	35
8	17.3.26	நாகர்கோவில்	மைலாடி மண்டல கூட்டம்	21
9	18.3.26	கோட்டாறு	குடும்ப உறவுகளின் முக்கியத்துவத்தை உணர்ந்து செயல்படுத்தல்	35
10	24.3.26	புதுக்குடியிருப்பு	பெண்கள் சுயமாக வருமானத்தை ஈட்டும் வழிமுறைகள்	10

### சிறப்பு செயல்பாடுகள்:

1	09.03.2026	நாகர்கோவில்	09.03.26 அன்று அருள்வாழ்வு இல்லத்தில் வைத்து மகளிர் தினம் சிறப்பாக கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. அனைத்து சங்கத்தின் நிர்வாகிகள் 90 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்பித்தனர். சங்க உறுப்பினர்களின் கலைநிகழ்ச்சிகள் நடைபெற்றன.
2	25.03.26	நாகர்கோவில்	

		17 சங்க உறுப்பினர்களின் மீனவர் நலவாரிய அட்டைகள் புதுப்பித்தல் செய்து வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.
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## 7. கைகள் மாதர் தன்னம்பிக்கை இயக்கம்

தேதி	இடம்	செயல்பாடு	எண்ணிக்கை
09.03.2026	கைகள் அலுவலகம்	நிர்வாககுழு கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது.	33
11.03.2026	பள்ளவிளை	பெண்களின் உரிமைகள்	45
23.03.2026	ஆலஞ்சி	பெண்களின் உரிமைகள்	18
24.03.2026	கைகள் அலுவலகம்	சங்கங்களின் கணக்குகள் தணிக்கைசெய்யப்பட்டது.	22

## 8. தலித் மேம்பாட்டு திட்டம் (DDP)

இடம்	கூட்டங்கள்	சிறப்பு நிகழ்வு	வருகை புரிந்தவர்கள்
முட்டம்	முட்டம் மண்டல நிர்வாகிகள் கூட்டம்	மகளிர் தினம் கருத்துரை	10
வெள்ளமடம்	தேவசகாயம் மலை மண்டல நிர்வாகிகள் கூட்டம்	தேர்தல் விழிப்புணர்வு கருத்துரை	9
சகாயபுரம்	கன்னியாகுமரி மண்டல நிர்வாகிகள் கூட்டம்	பெற்றோர் குழந்தைகள் உறவு பற்றிய கருத்துரை	12
அருள்வாழ்வு மையம்	கோட்டாறு மண்டல நிர்வாகிகள் கூட்டம்	கூட்டங்களை ஒழுங்காக நடத்த ஆலோசனை வழங்கப்பட்டது.	10
அருள்வாழ்வு மையம்	செயற்குழுக் கூட்டம்	மாணவர்களுக்கு பயிற்சி அடுத்த மாதம் வழங்க தீர்மானம் செய்யப்பட்டது. ஆதரவற்றோர் இல்லம் சந்தித்து உதவி செய்ய தீர்மானிக்கப்பட்டது.	13
வேலாயுதபுரம்		மறைமாவட்ட அளவில் ஒருநாள் ஆன்மீக பயணம் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டது.	22

## 9. கோட்டாறு கோல்பிங்

### Training

Date	Place	Topic	No. of Participants
4-3-2026	Enayam	Awareness on Tobacco	20
5-3-2026	Melmidalam	Awareness on Tobacco	40

8-3-2026	Asaripallam	Tress garden	16
8-3-2026	Ettamadaï	Awareness on Social forestry	20
9-3-2026	Kodimunai	Orientation on kolping values	20
9-3-2026	Muttom	Kolping Values	40
9-3-2026	Chinnavilai	Orientation on kolping values	22
10-3-2026	Kurumpanai	Orientation on kolping values	20
10-3-2026	Bishop Leon Nager	Orientation on kolping values	20
11-3-2026	Sadaiyalputhoo	Adolph Kolping values	40
11-3-2026	Rajakamangalam thurai	Awareness on Village development plan	20
11-3-2026	Kurumpanai	Orientation on kolping values	20
11-3-2026	Puthoor	Financial Management	20
12-3-2026	Kilmidalam	Adolph Kolping values	20
13-3-2026	Vedhanager	Health and hygiene	40
15-3-2026	Enayam	Leadership Quality	20
16-3-2026	Kodimunai	Strengthening the family values	20
16-3-2026	Annai Nager	Annual Planning	20
17-3-2026	Colachel	Leadership Training	20
17-3-2026	Kilamanakudy	Leadership Quality	15
17-3-2026	Kesavanputhen thurai	Health and hygiene	20
18-3-2026	Ramanthurai	Strengthening the family values	40
19-3-2026	Periyavilai	Strengthening the family values	42
19-3-2026	Puthenthurai	Leadership Training	30
22-3-2026	Kadiyapattinam	Awareness on Tobacco	60
22-3-2026	Claret mount	Health and hygiene	40
23-3-2026	Prince colony, Kodimunai	Orientation on kolping values	20
24-3-2026	Kurumpanai	Financial management	40
24-3-2026	Pallam	Strengthening the kolping values	50
27-3-2026	Maramady	Awareness on Tobacco	55
27-3-2026	Simoncolony	Orientation on kolping values	20

## Special Activities

Sl. no	Date	Place	Activity	Participants in number
1.	2-03-2026	Rajaka mangalamthurai	The sangam members donated Food worth Rs.10,000/- to Adaikalapuram Home	20
2	6-03-2026	Enayam	The sangam members donated cloth and Food worth Rs.15000/- to Manapadu church for poor people.	20
3	9-3-2026	Anjukootuvilai	The sangam members donated Rs.4000/- (Food Parcel) to poor people near Kanyakumari church.	20
4	14-3-2026	Sahayapuram	Donation of food for Thiruyaathiai people at Sahayapuram, church worth Rs.14,000/-	20
5	14-3-2026	Infant Jesus Nager. Colachel	Donation of food items worth Rs. 15000/- to a poor family at Pilankarai Old age Home	25
6	23-3-2026	Kesavanputhen thurai	The sangam members donated Rs.5000/- (Food Parcel) to poor people from Ramanputhoor, Nagercoil road.	30
7.	24-3-2026	Kurumpanai	Donated Rs. 3000/- for Poor family `medicine purpose	20
8.	26-3-2026	Claret mount	Donated Rs. 5000/- for Poor family `to medicine purpose	40
9.	29-3-2026	Karavilai	Donated Rs. 15000/- for palm Sunday food for church people	20
10.	30-3-2026	Alanchy	The sangam members donated Rs.6000/- (Food Parcel) to poor people from Erumpili to Mandaikadu surrounding.	10

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

# Diocesan Collections

## Martyr Devasahayam From March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026

Carmal Nagar (2018)	2,600
Carmal Nagar (2019)	2,800
Carmal Nagar (2020)	2,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,100</b>

## Holy Childhood From March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026

<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>2,51,178</b>
Punnai Nagar	3,000
Ritapuram	12,583
Enayam Puthenthurai	9,572
Karavilai	1,820
Surulacode	1,520
Helen Nagar	1,000
Irumpily	950
Midalakadu	10,480
Carmal Nagar (2018)	4,200
Carmal Nagar (2020)	4,000
Carmal Nagar (2026)	4,200
Ottayalkudy	1,500
Kesavanputhenthurai	3,163
Rajavoor (2025)	8,725
Rajavoor (2026)	10,226
Amaravathivilai	2,030
Manavilai	3,484
Kalimar	4,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,37,881</b>

## Communication Sunday From March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026

<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>4,91,262</b>
Punnai Nagar	3,000
Karavilai	1,260
Irumpily	780
Carmal Nagar (2018)	1,600
Carmal Nagar (2019)	1,800

Kesavan Puthenthurai	1,000
Rajavoor	12,605
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,13,307</b>

## Bible Sunday From March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026

<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>9,69,795</b>
Punnai Nagar	3,000
Karavilai	1,330
Surulacode	1,970
Irumpily	410
Carmal Nagar (2017)	3,500
Carmal Nagar (2018)	3,700
Carmal Nagar (2020)	3,600
Kesavanputhenthurai	1,000
Rajavoor	8,165
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,96,470</b>

## Communio India From March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026

Carmal Nagar	2,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,400</b>

## Prison Ministry From March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026

<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>4,83,054</b>
Punnai Nagar	3,000
Karavilai	1,170
Irumpily	770
Kesavanputhenthurai	1,000
Rajavoor	9,334
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,98,328</b>

## Mission Sunday From March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026

<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>25,84,221</b>
Rajakkamangalamthurai	1,81,320
Punnai Nagar	6,000
Thalavaipuram	1,000
Vavathurai	16,620
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,89,161</b>

<b>Delhi Relif</b>	
<b>From March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026</b>	

Carmal Nagar	1,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,900</b>

<b>Holy Land</b>	
<b>From March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026</b>	

Kottaram	7,675
Adoration Monastery	68,276
Ammandivilai	11,484
Mela Ramanputhooor	51,510
Kanyakumari	95,029
Konam	10,889
Thittuvilai	5,000
Sahayapuram	23,660
Kesavanputhanthurai	47,795
N.G.O. Colony	12,560
Kanyakulam	7,464
Thalavaipuram	7,130
Vattakarai	31,700
Alanchy	32,586
Karavilai	21,802
Surulacode	2,020
Seethapal	5,030
Helen Nagar	5,000
Thalavaipuram (Kattuvilai)	7,100
Annai Nagar	43,320
Thazhayankonam	5,000
Vetha Nagar	28,046
Midalakadu	24,761
Carmal Nagar	61,090
Vavathurai	14,700
Devasahayam Mount	46,679
Pallavilai	13,628
Parvathipuram	19,300
Ottayalkudy	6,100
Punnai Nagar	31,200
Kattuvilai	21,520
Mela Peruvilai	7,241

Pozhikarai	99,268
Rajavoor	57,358
Aral Arockia Nagar	7,500
Amaravathivilai	9,300
Thengapattanam	20,630
Ponnappa Nadar Colony	49,760
Manavilai	11,280
Elankadai	8,230
Thengamputhoor	7,290
Chinna Muttom	22,300
Anandhan Nagar	19,330
Ramapuram	21,530
Enayam Puthenthurai	1,20,981
Nagercoil	68,840
Christu Nagar	93,595
Erachakulam	6,435
Kalimar	25,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,25,622</b>

<b>Seminary Fund</b>	
<b>From March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026</b>	

Alanchy ( Pastoral Visit)	95,665
Mr. Joseph & Family, Matha Nagar, Alanchy	25,000
Mrs. Mary Stallaboy, Alanchy	5,000
Mr. S. Joe, Kanyakumari	1,000
S. Arul Mary, Enayam Puthenthurai	1,000
Mr. Benedict Joe & Rajeswari Family, Keezhakattuvilai	6,000
C. Selvarani, Enayam	1,000
B. Vimala, Carmal Nagar	1,000
J. Charlas Victorial, Nagercoil	1,000
S. Lilly, Seethapal	1,000
K. Micheal Ammal, Keezhakattuvilai	1,000
A. Chinna Rani, Ramanathichanputhooor	1,000
K. Rajula, Thamaraiikulam	1,000
Mr. Dennis G. Sahayam, Nagercoil	10,000

Gerdi Gutperle Agasthiyar Muni Child Care Centre, Vellamadam	10,000
Mr. Thatheuse, Ritapuram	5,000
Mr. Baskar, Kanyakumari	10,000
Mr. Darneey Tressilin, Thalavaipuram	4,000
Mr. Weslin, Muttom	6,000
Mrs. Anthoniammal Vimala, Nagercoil	3,000
Mrs. Ayneese, Kurusady	1,000
Mrs. Sornam, Kottar	1,000
Mr. Germanuse Alex, Vattakarai	1,000
Mr. Rayar, Vattakarai	1,000
Sahayagiri	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,97,665</b>

<b>Cumulated Masses From March 21, 2026 to April 25, 2026</b>
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**Alanchy Vicariate :**

Enayam	9,600
Mangalakuntu	3,000
Alanchy	4,050

**Colachel Vicariate :**

Vaniyakudy (Jan. & Feb.)	3,900
Kurumpanai	3,150
Colachel	18,000
Kottilpadu	2,850
Vaniyakudy (Mar.)	3,150
Simon Colony	3,600
Puthoor (Feb. & Mar.)	19,650
Muttom Vicariate :	
Sarel (Feb.)	7,050
Kadiapattanam	11,250
Annai Nagar	3,150
Sarel (Mar.)	8,100
Periakadu (Feb. & Mar.)	30,300
Kesavanpenthurai (Feb. & Mar.)	13,050

**Kanyakumari Vicariate :**

Thamaraikulam	6,900
Kovalam	6,450
Chinna Muttom	1,650
Vavathurai	750
Sahayapuram	72,000
Manakudy	4,500

**Kottar Vicariate :**

Kil Asaripallam	9,000
Maravankudieruppu	4,500
Mela Ramanputhoor	7,350
N.G.O. Colony	5,400
Vattakarai	15,600
Kottar	12,150
Nagercoil	18,600
Thalavaipuram	1,350
Carmal Nagar	5,550
Punnai Nagar	3,300

**Devasahayam Mount Vicariate :**

Vadasery	1,800
Christu Nagar	5,250
Devasahayam Mount	6,450

**Total: 3,32,400**

<b>Parish Contribution From March 21, 2026 to April 20, 2026</b>
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Punnai Nagar	80,000
Midalakadu	50,000
Vattakarai	50,000
Kalimar	30,000

**Total: 2,10,000**

<b>Priest Contribution - Abroad</b>
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06.04.2026 - Fr. Xavier Raj Sam	25,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>25,000</b>

From  
**Fr. J. Francis Xavier**  
Financial Administrator

## KOTTAR SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY HUNGER AND DISEASE - 2026

SI No	Parish Name	Amount
1	Thengapattanam for the year 2025	3,051
2	Helen Nager for the year 2025	1,000
3	Sarel for the year 2025	19,830
4	Amaravathivilai for the year 2025	8,110
5	Kottaram	10,051
6	Mela Ramanputhur	30,100
7	Keezha Asaripallam	1,620
8	Mr.Dominic Jeyapal, Keezha Asaripallam	2,000
9	Mr. Amal Raj, Keezha Asaripallam	1,000
10	Mr. Michael Leo, Keezha Asaripallam	500
11	Adoration Monastery, Nagercoil	4,350
12	Erachakulam	3,979
13	Mr. Alwin Jose - Mela Ramanputhur	50,000
14	Kottar	62,600
15	Punnai Nager	8,680

SI No	Parish Name	Amount
16	Anandan Nagar	6,150
17	Kattuvilai	21,530
18	Chekkady	5,619
19	Sahayapuram	19,604
20	Pallavilai	10,594
21	NGO Colony	9,485
22	Thazhayankonam	4,000
23	Muttom	13,450
24	James Nager	1,197
25	Kurusady	57,810
26	Periakadu	28,557
27	Annai Nager	26,010
28	Mel Midalam	11,380
29	Enayam Puthenthurai	14,793
30	Kesavanputhenthurai	47,360
31	Parvathipuram	22,940
32	Vedha Nager	30,325
33	Veerapuli	1,000
34	Asaripallam – Kil	14,200
35	Alanchy	23,430
36	Thellanathi	8,850
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,85,155</b>

### From the Chancellor's office Appointments - April 2026

Name	Designation	With effect from
Fr. Sahaya Belix A	Priest-in-charge, Konam	April 08, 2026

**Fr. G. Maria Gladston**  
Chancellor, Diocese of Kottar

# DIOCESAN CHRONICLES

April 2026

01	Bishop celebrated the Holy Mass at Sahayapuram. Bishop celebrated the Funeral Mass of Mrs. Nalini Bai, mother of Rev. Fr. Joy at Kurusady.
	Bishop celebrated the Funeral Mass of Mrs. Catherinammal, mother of Rev. Fr. Felix G at Ramanthurai.
02	Bishop conducted Maundy Thursday service at Keeriparai, sub-station of Thadikarankonam.
03	Bishop headed the Good Friday service followed by the Way of the Cross at Kottar.
04	Bishop celebrated the Easter Vigil Mass at Kottar.
05	Bishop celebrated the Easter Mass at Adoration Monastery.
06	Bishop participated in the Coordination of Commissions Meeting at St. Xavier's Hall.
07	Bishop participated in the seminar conducted for all the clergy of Kottar Diocese at Animation Centre.
	Bishop chaired the Diocesan Consult Meeting at the Bishop's House.
08	Bishop blessed the newly constructed Presbytery at Sahayagiri, sub-station of Mangalakuntu. The blessing was followed by a solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
11	Bishop participated in the Graduation Ceremony at St. John's College, Ammandivilai and delivered an inspiring address to the students and their parents.

11	Bishop held a brief meeting with the parents of the Ordinandi at the Bishop's House.
	Bishop celebrated the Funeral Mass of Mrs. Amala Pushpam, mother of Rev. Fr. Claret at Mel-Midalam.
12	Bishop presided over the Priestly Ordination Mass at Kottar.
13	Bishop celebrated the Funeral Mass of Rev. Fr. Soosai Antony .J at Muttom, and thanked the Lord for his dedicated service to the Church.
17	Bishop celebrated the Funeral Mass of Rev. Fr. Thomas Arulanandam .J at Kottar, and thanked the Lord for his Commitment and service to the Church and followed by the burial Service at the Bishop's House Cemetery.
19	Bishop celebrated the Holy Mass at James Nagar, substation of Muttom.
21	Bishop chaired the VFs' Meeting at the Bishop's House.
23	Bishop celebrated the Funeral Mass of Mrs. Jesinthal, mother of Rev. Fr. Kishore at Puthenthurai.
24	Bishop chaired the Finance Committee Meeting at the Bishop's House.
25	Bishop consecrated the newly constructed church at Paruthivilai, substation of Mela Asaripallam.
26	Pastoral Visit at Chinnavilai Parish.
27	Bishop participated in the selection process for seminary candidates at the Bishop's House. <sup>28</sup> Bishop chaired the Consult Meeting at the Bishop's House.

## Bishop's Programme - May 2026



Date	Time	Place	Program
01	18.30	Kattuvilai	Flag Hoisting
02	17.00	Ramapuram	Altar Blessing
03		Kottilpadu	Pastoral Visit
04	15.00	St. Xavier's Hall	Commissions Coordination Meeting
05	09.00	Bishop's House	Extended Curia
	15.00	Bishop's House	Senate Meeting
06	10.30	CTC Convent, Pampanvilai	Silver & Golden Jubilee Celebration
	18.30	Rajavoor	Feast Mass
08	18.30	Sahayapuram	Flag Hoisting
09	09.30	Holy Cross College	Diploma Course Classes
	15.00	Animation Centre	Nurses Day Celebration
10	08.00	Samayanallur	Feast Mass
11	10.00	Animation Centre	TN Regional Youth Animation Class
13	15.00	Muttom	B.Ed College Board Meeting
15	15.00	Bishop's House	Major Seminarians Meeting
16	16.00	Rajakkamangalam thurai	Silver Jubilee Celebration
17		Chinnamuttom	Pastoral Visit
20	15.00	Bishop's House	Major Seminarians Meeting
21- June 18		Abroad	

# Greetings and Prayers

May - 2026

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR FATHERS

Fr. John Amalanathan L. 01.05.1952  
Fr. Saleen Johnrose J. 01.05.1994  
Fr. Doege Reuson I. 01.05.1993  
Fr. Maria Soosai Vincent G. 02.05.1962  
Fr. Evangelian M. Besky 03.05.1975  
Fr. Eugene B. 04.05.1948  
Fr. Jose J. Besk  
(Duraismwamy) 06.05.1986  
Fr. Antony Pitchai C. 07.05.1974  
Fr. Stanly Sahayam T. 07.05.1966  
Fr. Jagan C. 10.05.1978  
Fr. Devadhas P. 10.05.1966  
Fr. Ubald M. 10.05.1963  
Fr. Michael George Bright A. 10.05.1987  
Fr. Arockia Austin J. 10.05.1990  
Fr. John Robert Julius J. 12.05.1975  
Fr. Vins Siju Bysingh V. 13.05.1990  
Fr. Servatius S. 16.05.1942  
Fr. Wilson L. 18.05.1990



Fr. Vincent B. Wilson 19.05.1955  
Most Rev. Peter Remigius 20.05.1939  
Fr. Sahaya Antony L. 20.05.1988  
Fr. Perpetual Antony M. 22.05.1968  
Fr. Antonydas Stalin D. 23.05.1972  
Fr. Arun Pravin A. 25.05.1993  
Fr. Antony Soosai S. 27.05.1960  
Fr. Dionysius L. 27.05.1975  
Fr. Ajith M. 27.05.1992  
Fr. John Rufus T. 29.05.1973  
Fr. John Nickson S. 30.05.1992  
Fr. Southan Star A. 31.05.1983  
Fr. Justin Avinash A. 31.05.1996

## NECROLOGY



Fr. Mariathason A. 03.05.2019  
Fr. Richard Rosario 05.05.1956  
Most Rev. T.R. Agniswamy S. J 07.05.1974  
Fr. Ubald Raj Fernando 08.05.1987  
Fr. Aseervatham A. 09.05.1987  
Fr. John Mary Vilavarayan 10.05.1991  
Fr. Lawrence S. 10.05.2014  
Fr. Viagulamuthu Soosai  
Arul Swornaraj 16.05.1984  
Fr. Varghese Fernandez 21.05.1982  
Fr. George J. 23.05.2007  
Fr. Ambrose Fernandez 27.05.1958

**LET US REMEMBER OUR DECEASED PRIESTS!**

# HAPPY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY



Fr. Gaspar A.	03.05.1978
Fr. Antony Rosario	03.05.2015
Fr. Curusu Carmel Y.	03.05.2015
Fr. Henry Philip Quin E.	03.05.2015
Fr. Jegan C.	03.05.2015
Fr. Jerry Vincent	03.05.2015
Fr. John Sibi F.	03.05.2015
Fr. Simon J.	03.05.2015
Fr. Sudharson J.	03.05.2015
Fr. Southan Star A.	03.05.2015

Fr. Joseph E.	06.05.2001
Fr. George Vincent W.	07.05.1980
Fr. Stanly Sahayam T.	07.05.1996
Fr. Arockia Ramesh J.	08.05.2016
Fr. John Milton S.	08.05.2016
Fr. Ligorius M.	08.05.2016
Fr. Maximiyam James M.	08.05.2016
Fr. Michael George Bright A.	08.05.2016
Fr. Rengith Kumar K.	08.05.2016
Fr. Sahaya Anand M.	08.05.2016
Fr. Sahaya Glacin H.	08.05.2016
Fr. Jeremias G.	10.05.1978
Fr. John Amalanathan L.	13.05.1979
Fr. Hilarius V.	14.05.1980
Fr. Eugene B.	16.05.1974
Fr. Henry N.M.	16.05.1974
Fr. Antony Alcander L.	26.05.1981
Fr. Francis De Sales J.	29.05.1981
Fr. Arockia Austin J.	29.05.202

## CONDOLENCES

- ✦ KNL condoles the demise of Mrs. Nalini Bai (84), Mother of Rev. Fr. Satheshkumar Joy J. on 31.03.2026 at Kurusady. May she Rest in Peace.
- ✦ KNL condoles the demise of Mrs. Catherinammal @ Leenamammal (93), Mother of Rev. Fr. Felix G. on 01.04.2026 at Ramanthurai. May she Rest in Peace.
- ✦ KNL condoles the demise of Mrs. Amala Pushpam (83), Mother of Rev. Fr. Antony Claret S. on 10.04.2026 at Mel-Midalam. May she Rest in Peace.
- ✦ KNL condoles the demise of Mrs. Jesintha (66), Mother of Rev. Fr. George Gabriel Kishore X. on 21.04.2026 at Puthenthurai. May she Rest in Peace.

# HOMAGE

## Rev. Fr. Thomas Arulanandam J. 1965-2026



It is with deep sorrow that the Diocese of Kottar announces the passing of our beloved priest, Rev. Fr. J. Thomas Arulanandam, at the age of 61.

Fr. Arulanandam was a man of remarkable simplicity whose fun-loving spirit brought joy and warmth to everyone he encountered. His courage in facing life's challenges, combined with his many talents, made him a source of inspiration to parishioners and friends alike. He was hardworking and dedicated, pouring himself wholeheartedly into his ministry and the service of the Church.

Fr. Arulanandam's life was a testament to faith lived with courage and joy. His legacy will endure in the countless lives he touched, the communities he strengthened, and the example he set of living with simplicity, resilience, and devotion.

Though he no longer walks among us, his memory will continue to inspire us to embrace life with the same courage, joy, and dedication that he embodied.

May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may we honour his memory by carrying forward his spirit of faith, hard work, and love.

### His Life Journey

Native Parish	: Vedhanagar
Date of Birth	: 08.03.1965
Parents	: Mr. Jeyaraj T. & Mrs. Lourdu Mary J.
Priestly Ordination	: 23.04.2006 at Kottar by Most Rev. Bishop Leon A. Tharmaraj

### Priestly Ministries

Assistant Parish Priest	: Muttom (2006-2007)
Parochial Administrator	: Manakudy (2007-2011)
Parish Priest	: Alanchy (2011-2016), Mangalakuntu (2016-2017 ) Christu Nagar (2017-2020)
Secretary	: Pastoral Commission for Dalits (2009 -2016)
Medical Leave	: (2020-2026)
Demise	: 16.04.2026
Burial	: 17.04.2026 at Priests' Cemetery, Bishop's House.

## WITH GRATITUDE TO MOST REV. LEOPOLDO GIRELLI APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO INDIA AND NEPAL

As Your Excellency departs for your new mission in Croatia, the Diocese of Kottar recalls with deep gratitude your gracious and dedicated service to the Church in India and Nepal.

In a special way, the Diocese of Kottar fondly remembers your generous support in making possible the canonization of St. Devasahayam in 2022, an event that fulfilled a long-cherished dream of the faithful. The subsequent declaration of St. Devasahayam as the Patron of the Laity in India in 2025 further reflects your pastoral concern and steadfast commitment to the people of this land. These historic milestones will remain a lasting testament to your fruitful ministry.

With heartfelt gratitude, we invoke God's abundant blessings upon you and wish you every success in your new mission.



In the mind of Christ,

**Most Rev. Nazarene Soosai**, Bishop of Kottar  
**The Clergy, The Religious and the Faithful of the Diocese of Kottar**



## Happy Birthday

On this joyous occasion of your birthday, Bishop Emeritus, Most Rev. Peter Remigius (born 20 May 1939), the Diocese of Kottar joins together in thanksgiving to God for the gift of your life and ministry. We cherish your years of dedicated service, pastoral guidance, and spiritual leadership that have enriched our community. With heartfelt prayers, we wish you continued health, peace, and blessings. May the Lord grant you abundant grace and joy in the years ahead.

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