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# OBITUARY

"I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever" (Psalm 23:6)



The Lord is my Shepherd

## **Most Rev. Jeromedhas Varuvel, SDB**

(Bishop Emeritus and First Bishop of Kuzhithurai Diocese)

### **Born**

**21.10.1951**

### **Death**

**24.03.2026**

### **Priestly Ordination**

**02.06.1985**

### **Episcopal Ordination**

**24.02.2015**

With profound sorrow and Christian hope, the Diocese of Kuzhithurai mourns the passing of Most Rev. Jeromedhas Varuvel, SDB, its beloved first Bishop.

A devoted shepherd after the heart of Christ, he guided the faithful with wisdom, humility, and pastoral zeal. His life of selfless service, deep faith, and fatherly care has left an enduring legacy in the life of the Diocese.

Entrusting his noble soul to the infinite mercy of God, we gratefully remember his tireless ministry and pray that the Risen Lord grant him eternal rest.

### **Deeply Mourned by**

**Most Rev. Albert G. A. Anasthas (Bishop of Kuzhithurai)**  
**Curia, Consultors, Priests, Religious and Lay Faithful**  
**Diocese of Kuzhithurai**

# Funeral Service of Most Rev. Jeromedhas Varuvel, SDB Bishop Emeritus and First Bishop of the Diocese of Kuzhithurai



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## VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD

Dear fathers, sisters, religious, and beloved faithful in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the Risen Lord!

The month of April invites us into the very heart of our Christian faith as we joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on April 5. Easter is not merely a feast among many; it is the foundation of our hope and the centre of our faith. The Resurrection proclaims that sin and death do not have the final word. In Jesus Christ, life triumphs over death, light conquers darkness, and hope rises from despair.

From a deep theological perspective, Easter reveals the fullness of God's saving plan. Christ, in His perfect obedience to the Father's will, accepted suffering and death on the Cross. His humility and self-emptying love became the path to glory. As Saint Paul reminds us, "He humbled Himself... therefore God exalted Him" (Phil 2:8–9). The Resurrection is thus the Father's affirmation of the Son's obedience and sacrifice. Jesus, the Lamb of God, offered Himself for our salvation, transforming suffering into redemption.

We, therefore, are truly an Easter people. This identity calls us to live the values of the Risen Christ in our daily lives—love that reaches out, forgiveness that heals wounds, peace that reconciles, justice that uplifts the oppressed, and joy that radiates hope. Easter is not confined to the liturgy; it must be reflected in our homes, our communities, and our society. Every act of kindness, every word of mercy, and every stand for truth becomes a proclamation of the Resurrection.

At times, we too encounter suffering, trials, and uncertainties. Yet Easter assures us that when we remain faithful and place our hope in God, He leads us to new life. Just as Christ's suffering was not the end but the path to glory, so too our struggles, when united with Him, become seeds of grace and transformation. The Resurrection invites us to trust in God's providence and to journey forward with courage and faith.

## **Voice of the Shepherd**

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As we celebrate this sacred season, let us also remember April 14, the remembrance day of B. R. Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Constitution of India. Dr. Ambedkar was a visionary leader who dedicated his life to upholding the dignity, equality, and rights of every human person. His tireless efforts laid the foundation for a just and inclusive society, reminding us of the importance of standing for truth and justice, especially for the marginalized and oppressed.

In this context, we recall the recent statement of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India during its 37th General Body Meeting, calling all the faithful to live our identity as authentic Christians and responsible citizens of India. Genuine Christian living urges us to be law-abiding citizens who promote peace and defend human rights. Our fidelity to the Constitution of India flows from our faith in Christ and our commitment to the common good, to freedom of conscience, and to the dignity of every person.

At a time when freedom and human rights are often challenged, we reaffirm our faith in the Constitution of India, which envisions our nation as a sovereign, socialist, secular, and democratic republic securing justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity for all. We are called to be vigilant and courageous in safeguarding these values, especially for the poor, the marginalized, the dalit and tribal communities, and all those whose rights are denied.

Rooted in Christ and faithful to the Constitution, let us recommit ourselves to active participation in nation-building, guided by truth, compassion, and moral courage, and move forward in solidarity with all people of goodwill, striving to build a just, inclusive, and fraternal society.

Constitutional values and Gospel values, though expressed in different ways, share a common vision for the well-being of humanity. Both uphold justice, equality, dignity, peace, and compassion as essential for building a harmonious society. Recognizing this unity, we are called to respect and faithfully live these values, so that together they may guide us in promoting the common good and fostering a just and humane world.

As we journey through this blessed season of Easter, may the Risen Lord renew our hearts and strengthen our commitment to live as witnesses of His love, making us people of hope, instruments of peace, and builders of a just and compassionate society.

May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes.

**- Most Rev. Albert G.A. Anasthas D.D., S.T.D.,  
Bishop of Kuzhithurai.**

### **Heartfelt Wishes on Your Priestly Ordination Anniversary**



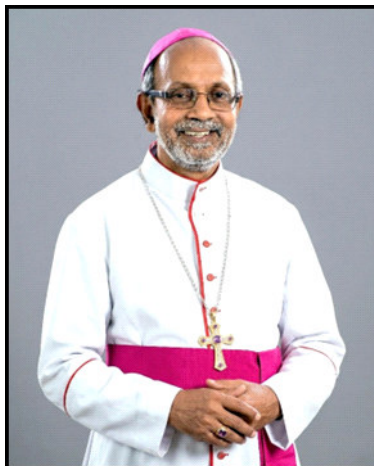
**D**ear and loving Bishop Albert G.A. Anasthas,

We, the faithful, priests, and religious of the Kuzhithurai Diocese, extend our heartfelt wishes on your priestly ordination anniversary on April 26. May the Risen Lord bless you abundantly and grant you good health, wisdom, and the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide our Diocese with renewed vision and spirit. We offer our prayerful wishes to you on this sacred occasion.

## Engagements of the Bishop: April 2026

| Date | Event                                   | Place           | Time     |
|------|---|-----------------|----------|
| 01   | Curia                                   | Bishop's House  | 09.30 am |
|      | Inauguration of KIDSS website           | Unnamalaikadai  | 04.00 pm |
| 02   | Maundy Thursday Mass                    | Thirithuvapuram | 06.30 pm |
| 03   | Good Friday service                     | Thirithuvapuram | 03.00 pm |
| 04   | Easter vigil Mass                       | Thirithuvapuram | 10.00 pm |
| 05   | Holy Mass                               | Chunkankadai    | 05.15 pm |
| 06   | Community Hall blessing                 | Puthenkadai     | 06.30 pm |
| 07   | Curia                                   | Bishop's House  | 09.30 am |
|      | Requiem mass of Bishop Jerome dhas      | Thirithuvapuram | 05.00 pm |
| 10   | Centenary mass of a Primary school      | Madathattuvilai | 09.00 am |
| 11   | Diaconate Ordination                    | Trichy          | 10.00 am |
| 12   | House blessing                          | Iruthayapuram   | 11.30 am |
|      | Inauguration of career guidance program | Annai Ada       | 04.00 pm |
| 14   | House blessing                          | Kappiyarai      | 07.30 am |
|      | Curia                                   | Bishop's House  | 09.30 am |
|      | Engineering College board meeting       | Chunkankadai    | 04.00 pm |
| 15   | Meeting at TNBCLC                       | Tindivanam      |          |
| 17   | B.Ed College graduation                 | Mulagumoodu     | 10.00 am |
| 18   | Finance Committee meeting               | Bishop's House  | 03.00 pm |
| 19   | Priestly Ordination                     | Thirithuvapuram | 04.30 pm |
| 21   | Curia                                   | Bishop's House  | 09.30 am |
| 25   | Nanjil College graduation day           | Kaliakkavilai   | 10.00 am |
| 28   | Consult                                 | Bishop's House  | 09.30 am |

## **Demise of Most Rev. Jeromedhas Varuvel, SDB First Bishop of the Diocese of Kuzhithurai**



Born : 21-10-1951  
Priestly Ordination : 02-06-1985  
Episcopal Ordination : 24-02-2015  
Death : 24-03-2026

**T**he Diocese of Kuzhithurai announces with deep sorrow the demise of Most Rev. Jeromedhas Varuvel, SDB, its first Bishop, who was called to his eternal reward on March 24, 2026, at 12:10 a.m., at the age of 74.

Most Rev. Jeromedhas Varuvel was born on 21 October 1951 in Sahayanagar Parish, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, India. He did his initial seminary studies for the Diocese of Kottar and later completed his philosophical studies at Sacred Heart Seminary, Chennai.

He pursued his higher studies at Arulanandar College, Madurai, under Madurai Kamaraj University. Drawn by a deep missionary zeal, he joined the Salesian Congregation and pursued his theological studies at the Pontifical Salesian University (UPS), Rome. He was ordained a priest on 2 June 1985 in Rome by Pope John Paul II.

## **Demise of Most Rev. Jeromedhas Varuvel, SDB**

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Following his ordination, he served the Church in various capacities with dedication and distinction. He began his priestly ministry as Assistant Parish Priest in Chennai–Mylai. Over the years, he rendered valuable service as an administrator, director, coordinator, and spiritual guide.

He was deeply committed to priestly formation, generously accompanying and guiding seminarians. In a special way, his ministry among the poor, the marginalized, and rural communities was remarkable, bringing them hope, dignity, and a renewed sense of purpose in life.

The Diocese of Kuzhithurai was erected on 22 December 2014 by His Holiness Pope Francis, bifurcated from the Diocese of Kottar. Rev. Fr. Jeromedhas Varuvel, SDB, was appointed as its first Bishop. With zeal and pastoral vision, he laid a strong foundation for the growth of the new Diocese.

He personally visited all parishes and communities, strengthening the faith and enthusiasm of the people. He reorganized the Diocese into six vicariates to ensure better pastoral care and effective coordination. From the beginning of his episcopal ministry, he fostered unity among priests and the faithful, promoting collaboration and shared responsibility.

During his episcopal ministry, he established five new parishes and two sub-parishes. He was instrumental in building numerous institutions, including 16 churches, 8 community halls, 5 presbyteries, 5 convents, 3 schools, 6 parish houses, 5 bank branches, 2 libraries, and a diocesan office, contributing significantly to both spiritual and social development.

He also served as the head of youth ministry at the Tamil Nadu level, inspiring and guiding young people. He initiated several institutions and participatory bodies to enhance the life and functioning of parish communities. He also established a Happy Home to ensure dignified care for elderly and ailing priests.

Demonstrating his concern for the poor and the sick, he established St. Xavier's Multi-Specialty Hospital to provide quality healthcare. He promoted pilgrimage centers and spiritual renewal programs, and initiated the construction of diocesan offices and the bishop's residence with a clear vision for future development. Because of his earnest efforts, St. Mary's Church, Mulagumoodu, was elevated to the status of a Basilica.

During the challenging period of the COVID-19 pandemic, he guided the faithful with hope, encouraging families to transform their homes into places of prayer and worship. He ensured that pastoral activities continued effectively through well-organized councils and community initiatives.

After serving the Diocese faithfully for five years, he took voluntary retirement due to declining health and was undergoing treatment at the Salesian residence in Chennai. He was lovingly cared for by the members of the Salesian Congregation during this time.

Bishop Jeromedhas, known for his simplicity, compassion, and pastoral zeal, endeared himself to people from all walks of life. His passing is an irreparable loss to the Diocese of Kuzhithurai and to the Salesian Congregation. As the first Bishop of the Diocese, he will always be remembered for fostering unity, strengthening faith, and rendering selfless service for the welfare of the Church.



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## மாணவர் சேர்க்கை அறிவிப்பு

அன்பான அருள்பணியாளர்களே, அருள்சகோதரிகளே, இறைமக்களே!

நம் ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் அருளும், கடவுளின் அன்பும், தாய் ஆவியாரின் நட்புறவும் உங்களுக்கு உரித்தாகுக.

நமது குழித்தறை மறைமாவட்டத்தின்கீழ் செயல்பட்டுவரும் முளகுழுடு போப் இரண்டாம் ஜாண்பால் கல்வியியல் கல்லூரியில் 2026-2027 கல்வியாண்டிற்கான முதலாம் ஆண்டு பயிற்சி ஆசிரியர்களுக்கான (B.Ed.) சேர்க்கை நடைபெற்று கொண்டிருக்கிறது. மாணவர்களின் திறமைகளை வளர்க்கவும், வேலை வாய்ப்புக்கான தகுதியை வளர்க்கவும் பல்வேறு சிறப்புப் பயிற்சிகளும் வழங்கப்படுகின்றன. அரசும் TET மற்றும் TRB மூலம் ஆசிரியர்களுக்கான பணி நிர்ணயம் செய்து வருவதால் நமது பிள்ளைகளை நம் கல்லூரியில் சேர்த்து பயன்பெற அன்போடு கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றோம்.

கீழ்க்காணும் பாடப்பிரிவுகளில் மாணவர் சேர்க்கை நடைபெற்று வருகிறது.

### Subjects Offered :

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|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Tamil       | 4. Physical Science   | 7. Economics |
| 2. English     | 5. Biological Science | 8. History   |
| 3. Mathematics | 6. Computer Science   | 9. Commerce  |

- இளங்கலை (B.A./ B.Sc./ B.E.) முதல்கலை (M.A./ M.Sc./ M.Com./ M.E.) பட்டப்படிப்பு முடித்தவர்கள் சேர்ந்து படிக்கலாம்.
- கூடுதல் விபரங்களுக்கு நமது கல்வியியல் கல்லூரி அலுவலகத்தைத் தொடர்பு கொள்ளவும்.
- ஏழை எளிய மாணவ மாணவியருக்கு சிறப்பு கட்டணச்சலுகை வழங்கப்படும்.

இறையாசீர் உங்களோடு என்றும் இருப்பதாக!

**Circular: 1**

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கிறிஸ்துவில் உங்கள் அன்புள்ள,

+ *J. J. J.*



மேதகு ஆயர் ஆல்பர்ட் G. A. அனஸ்தாஸ்,

குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்டம்.

**குறிப்பு:** இத்தகவலை குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்டத்தின் அனைத்துப் பங்குகளிலும், கிளைப் பங்குகளிலும் மார்ச் 08, 2026 அன்று ஞாயிறு திருப்பலியில் அறிவிக்கவும்.





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கடந்த சில நாட்களாக மத்திய கிழக்கு நாடுகளில் நடைபெற்று வரும் போரும் வன்முறை சம்பவங்களும் அப்பகுதிகளில் பணிபுரியும் நமது மக்களின் வாழ்வை வெகுவாக பாதித்துள்ளதை நாம் அறிவோம். இப்போர் உடனடியாக நிறுத்தப்படவும் அமைதி ஏற்படவும் மார்ச் 06, 2026, வெள்ளிக்கிழமையை அமைதிக்கான நாளாகக் கடைபிடித்து சிறப்பான இறைவேண்டல் செய்ய கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன். இப்போரில் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட மக்களுக்கு உதவுவதற்கான வழிகாட்டுதலை அடுத்த கடிதம் வழியாக விரைவில் உங்களுக்கு அறிவிப்பேன்.

அமைதியான இறைவன் அனைவருக்கும் நல்வாழ்வினை தந்தருள்வாராக! கிறிஸ்துவில் உங்கள் அன்புள்ள,

+ *Albert*

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குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்டம்.



## PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2026

### For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



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## மத்திய கிழக்கு நாடுகளில் அமைதி நிலவ

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கடந்த சில நாட்களாக ஈரான், அமெரிக்கா, இஸ்ரேயல் மற்றும் மத்திய கிழக்கு நாடுகளில் நடைபெற்று வரும் போரும், வன்முறை சம்பவங்களும் உலக அமைதியையும் இயல்பு வாழ்வையும் அதிகமாக பாதித்துள்ளன. போர்குழுந்துள்ள பகுதிகளில் நம் மக்கள் பலர் வாழ்ந்து வருகின்றனர். போர் சூழலில் அவர்களின் பாதுகாப்பு, வேலை, உணவு, அடிப்படை வசதிகள் முதலியவை குறித்து அவர்களிடமும் அவர்கள் குடும்பத்தினரிடம் பயமும் பெரும் கவலையும் நிலவி வருகிறது.

நம் திருத்தந்தை லியோ அவர்கள் இப்போர் சூழலில் அமைதியைத் தேடுவதற்கான தார்மீகப் பொறுப்பை உலக நாடுகள் நினைவுகூர வேண்டும் என்று வேண்டுகோள் விடுத்துள்ளார். கட்டுப்பாடுகளை மீறி வன்முறை அதிகரித்தால் பெரும் அவலம் ஏற்படும் என்று எச்சரிக்கையும் விடுத்துள்ளார். அமைதியைத் தேடுவதற்காக உலக நாடுகள் மீண்டும் உரையாடலுக்குத் திரும்ப வேண்டும் என்று திருத்தந்தை வேண்டுகோள் விடுத்துள்ளார்கள்.

அமைதியின் கருவியாகவே வாழ்ந்த புனித அசிசியார் ஆண்டினைக் கொண்டாடுகிற இந்தத் தருணத்தில் அமைதிக்குக் களங்கம் ஏற்படுத்துகிற இந்தப் போர் ஏற்பட்டுள்ளது மிகுந்த வருத்தத்திற்குரியதாகும். மேலும் நமது பொது இல்லமாகிய இந்தப் பூமியையும் சுற்றுச்சூழலையும் பேரழிவுக்கு உட்படுத்துகிற இந்தப் போர் கடவுளின் திருவுளத்திற்கும் புனித அசிசியாரின் முதன்மைக்கும் முரண்பட்டதாகும்.

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‘ஆயுதங்களால் அமைதி உருவாகாது’. போர் அழிவை மட்டுமே உருவாக்கும். அமைதி ஒன்றே மறுக்குலத்தை வாழச் செய்யும். எனவே ஐக்கிய நாடுகள் சபையின் தலைவர்கள் சர்வதேச அமைதிக்குழுக்களை ஒருங்கிணைத்து, மனிதநேயமான தீர்மானங்களை மேற்கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்பதுதான் நமது வேண்டுகோளாய் அமைகிறது.

இந்தச் சூழலில் தமிழ்நாடு அரசின் ‘அயலகத் தமிழர் நலன் மற்றும் மறுவாழ்வுத்துறை’ வேண்டுகோளுக்கு இணங்க வளைகுடா நாடுகளில் வாழும் மக்களின் விபரங்களைச் சேகரிக்க கிறிஸ்தவத் தொழிலாளர் இயக்கம் முன்னெடுத்துள்ள முயற்சிக்கு விரைந்து உதவிட கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன். மேலும் இந்திய கத்தோலிக்க ஆயர் பேரவை விடுத்துள்ள வேண்டுகோளுக்கு இணங்க இன்று மார்ச் 8 ஆம் நாள் திருப்பலியை அமைதிக்கான இறைவேண்டல் நாளாக கடைபிடிக்கவும், மார்ச் 8 ஆம் தேதி முதல் மார்ச் 14 ஆம் தேதி வரை திருச்செபமாலை ஒப்புக்கொடுத்து, இறையன்ணையின் பரிந்துரையை நாடவும், மார்ச் 13 ஆம் தேதி ஒருசந்தி அனுசரிக்கவும் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

உலக அமைதிக்காக எல்லைகளைத் தாண்டி ஒற்றுமையுடன் குரல் கொடுக்க நல் மனதினர் அனைவரையும் அன்போடு அழைக்கின்றோம். அமைதிக்காக இறைவேண்டல் செய்வோம். அமைதியின் அரசி அன்னை மரியின் பரிந்து பேசுதல் நமக்கு என்றும் கிடைப்பதாக.

கிறிஸ்துவில் உங்கள் அன்புள்ள,

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**குறிப்பு:** இத்தகவலை குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்டத்தின் அனைத்துப் பங்குகளிலும், கிளைப் பங்குகளிலும் மார்ச் 08, 2026 அன்று ஞாயிறு திருப்பலியில் அறிவிக்கவும்.



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**Dear Fathers,**

I am pleased to invite you for recollection in preparation for the renewal of our priestly commitment and the strengthening of our priestly solidarity. This will take place on the day of the Chrism Mass, Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026, at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Thirithuvapuram.

As we gather on this special day of priestly sanctification, we are offered a unique opportunity to come together in prayer and reflection, rededicating ourselves to the service of God and His people. I will be privileged to animate the recollection, guiding us through this time of renewal.

- 02.30 pm - Arrival – Refreshments
- 03.00 pm - Recollection talk
- 04.00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
- 05.00 pm - Tea and Preparation for Mass
- 05.30 pm - Chrism Mass
- 07.00 pm - Supper

Kindly notify your parishioners about the venue, date, and time of the Chrism Mass and encourage them to attend the mass. It is an opportunity for our faithful to be spiritually enriched as we come together in prayer and devotion.

Looking forward to our time together in the Lord's service.

**Sincerely yours in the Good Shepherd,**

*+ A. Anasthas*



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**தவக்கால முன்னெடுப்பு: பசிப்பிணி ஞாயிறு – 2026**

**மார்ச் 22, 2026**

**அன்பான அருள்பணியாளர்களே, அருள்சகோதரிகளே, இறைமக்களே!**

நம் ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் அருளும், கடவுளின் அன்பும், தூய ஆவியாரின் நட்புறவும் உங்களுக்கு உரித்தாகுக!

இவ்வாண்டு பசிப்பிணி ஞாயிறு 2026 ஐ “அமைதி, மாண்பு மற்றும் புவிபாதுகாப்பு நமது ஒருங்கிணைந்த இலக்கு” என்ற மையச்சிந்தனையில் சிறப்பிக்க அழைக்கப்படுகிறோம். உலக அமைதிக்கான முயற்சிகளை முன்னெடுக்கவும், மனித மாண்பை உயர்த்திடும் செயல்களுக்காய் உழைத்திடவும், புவி பாதுகாப்பை உறுதி செய்யவும் நம்மை ஊக்கப்படுத்தி வலியுறுத்துகிறது.

**அமைதிக்காக ஒன்றிணைவோம்**

ரஷ்யா-உக்ரைன் போர், அமெரிக்கா, இஸ்ரேல் மற்றும் ஈரான், வளைகுடா நாடுகளில் நடைபெறும் போர்கள் நம்மை கலக்கத்திற்கும் வேதனைக்கும் உள்ளாக்கி உள்ளது. வன்முறைகள், சாதிய மற்றும் மத சண்டைகள், இனப் பிளவுகள், கலாச்சார வேற்றுமைகள், ஆதிக்க மனநிலைகள் வளர்ந்து கலவரங்களும், போர்களும், வழக்குகளும், சண்டை சச்சரவுகளும் பிணக்கங்களும் கூடிக்கொண்டே செல்கிறது. பழிக்குப்பழி உணர்வுகள் மற்றும் போட்டி மனப்பான்மைகள் சகோதரத்துவத்தை பின்னுக்குத் தள்ளி பிரச்சினைகளை வளர்க்கிறது. இச்சூழலில் புனித பிரான்சிஸ் அசிசியாரின் 800 வது நினைவு ஆண்டை சிறப்பிக்கும் நாம் அமைதியின் தூதுவர்களாய் வாழ அழைக்கப்படுகிறோம். “அமைதி ஏற்படுத்துவோர் பேறுபெற்றோர், ஏனெனில் அவர்கள் கடவுளின் மக்கள் என அழைக்கபடுவர்.” (மத் 5: 9) என்கிறார் அமைதியின் ஆண்டவர் இயேசு கிறிஸ்து. எனவே அமைதிக்கான முன்முயற்சி, ஒத்துழைப்பு, உளமாந்த விருப்பம் இன்று நம்மில் மேலோங்க

வேண்டும். பிரச்சினைகளை வளர்ப்பதும், தூண்டி விடுவதும், தீர்வுகளைத் தேடாமல் முரண்டு பிடிப்பதும், ஒதுங்கி நின்று வேடிக்கைப் பார்ப்பதும் கிறிஸ்தவ மதிப்பீடுகளை கேள்விக்குள்ளாக்கும் செயல்பாடுகள் ஆகும். “இயலுமானால், உங்களால் முடிந்தவரை எல்லாரோடும் அமைதியுடன் வாழுங்கள்,” (உரோமையர் 12:18) என்கிறார் புனித பவுலடியார்.

மேலும் “அமைதி ஏற்படுத்துவோர் விதைத்த அமைதி என்னும் விதையிலிருந்து நீதியென்னும் கனி விளைகிறது.” (யாக்கோபு 3:18) என்கிறார் புனித யாக்கோபு. எனவே நீதியையும் சகோதரத்துவத்தையும் சமத்துவத்தையும் விளைவிக்கும் அமைதிக்கான நமது கடமையை நாம் உணர வேண்டும். எங்கு ஏற்றத்தாழ்வு இருக்கிறதோ, எங்கு இல்லாமை இருக்கிறதோ, எங்கு துன்பம் இருக்கிறதோ, எங்கு வேதனை இருக்கிறதோ அங்கு அமைதி இல்லாமல் போய் விடுகிறது. சமத்துவம் நோக்கிய நமது பணிகள், வறுமை நீக்கும் நமது சேவைகள், துன்பம் களையும் உதவிகரங்கள் அமைதியை பிறக்கச் செய்கிறது. ஆகவே அமைதியை விதைக்க ஒன்றிணைவோம்.

### **மனித மாண்பு உயர ஒன்றிணைவோம்**

மனிதம் மலர வேண்டும், மனித மாண்பு உயர வேண்டும் என விரும்பியவர், போதித்தவர், உழைத்தவர் நம் ஆண்டவர் இயேசு கிறிஸ்து. மனிதரை இழிவு செய்யும் மடமையை மரபுகளை பழக்கங்களை கேள்விக்குட்படுத்தியவர். மனிதநேயப்பணிகளால் மக்களின் கவனத்தை பெற்றவர். சட்டத்தைவிட மனிதன் முக்கியம் எனவும் வழிபாட்டைவிட மனிதநேயம் முக்கியம் எனவும் வாதாடியவர். கண்ணால் காணக்கூடிய சகோதரனை அன்பு செய்யாமல் கண்ணால் காண முடியாத கடவுளை அன்பு செய்ய முடியாது எனக்கூறி மனிதத்தை முன்னிலைப்படுத்தியவர் நம் ஆண்டவர். ஏழைகள், கைவிடப்பட்டவர், ஓரங்கட்டப்பட்டவர்களை இலக்கு மக்களாய் கொண்டு பணி ஆற்றியவர்.

ஆனால் இலாபநோக்கு, நுகர்வு கலாச்சாரம், சமூகஅக்கறை அற்ற சுயநலப்போக்குகள், கண்டுகொள்ளாமை, சமூகமாற்றத்தை சிதைக்கும் ஆதிக்க சிந்தனைகள், சமூக ஈடுபாடு இல்லாமை, மனித நேய குறியீடுகளை புறந்தள்ளும் போலி வளர்ச்சி அளவீடுகள், போதை மற்றும் ஊடக மாயையில் சிக்கி எதிர்காலத்தை சூன்யமாக்கும் இளைய தலைமுறை, சமத்துவத்தை வேரறுக்கும் ஏற்றத்தாழ்வுகள், நல்லிணக்கத்தை உருகுலைக்கும் ஒற்றை

தன்மைக்கான பிரச்சாரம், ஏழைகளுக்கான நிலைப்பாடு இல்லாத திட்டங்கள், சிறுபான்மையினர் நலன் மற்றும் உரிமைகளை புறந்தள்ளும் பெரும்பான்மைவாதம் இவற்றால் மனிதன் மனிதனாக வாழ வழி அற்றவனாக மாறி வருகிறான். ஆனால் மனிதர் அனைவரும் கடவுளின் சாயலிலும் உருவிலும் படைக்கப்பட்டவர்கள் என்பதை தொடக்கநூல் நமக்கு கூறுகிறது. குறிப்பாக மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகள், நோய்வாய்ப்பட்டோர், திருநர்கள், முதியோர், ஆதரவற்ற குழந்தைகள், வறுமைப்பட்டோர், பழங்குடியினர், புலம்பெயர்ந்தோர், கைம்பெண்கள், பட்டியலினத்தார், பெண்கள், சிறைக்கைதிகள் மற்றும் மனநலம் பாதிக்கப்பட்டோர் மனிதர்களாகவும் மாண்புடையவர்களாகவும் மதிக்கப்பட வேண்டும். அவர்களின் தேவைகள் கண்டுகொள்ளப்படுவதுதான் உண்மையான மனிதநேயப்பணியாக மனிதத்தை போற்றும் பணியாக இருக்கும்.

எனவே, நமது பங்குத்தளங்களில் மனிதநேயப்பணிகளுக்கு முதன்மை இடம் அளித்து, நம்மிடையே வாழும் நலிவுற்ற மனிதர் மீதான அக்கறையும் அன்பும் மனிதநேயத்தின் உள்ளுணர்வு என்பதை உணர்ந்து செயல்பட வேண்டும். நமது மேய்ப்புப்பணி திட்டங்கள், செயல்பாடுகள் மனிதநேயப் பணிகளுக்கு முன்னுரிமை தர வேண்டும். வாழும் தூய ஆவியின் ஆலயங்களாகிய மனிதர்களின் வாழ்வியல் பிரச்சினைகளுக்கு முக்கியத்துவம் அளிப்பதும் உதவி செய்வதும் பொது நன்மைக்காகவே நம்மில் செயலாற்றும் தூய ஆவியின் (1கொரி 12 : 7) மாபெரும் செயல் ஆகும். நமது விழாக்கள் ஆட்பரங்களை கேளிக்கைகளை தவிர்த்து மனித மாண்பை உயர்த்தும் பிறரன்பு பணிகளை செய்ய முற்படுவது நல்மதிப்பீடுகளை வளர்க்கும் செயல் ஆகும். நமது பங்கின் வருவாயில் பத்து சதவிகிதத்தை மனித நேயப்பணிகளுக்காய் ஒதுக்கி அதை அ.மு.ச. வழியாக ஏழைகளுக்கு உதவ வலியுறுத்தி கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்.

### **புவியைக் காக்க ஒன்றிணைவோம்**

“எல்லாருடைய தேவைகளையும் பூமியால் பூர்த்தி செய்ய முடியும், ஆனால் எல்லாருடைய பேராசையையும் அல்ல” என்கிறார் மகாத்மா காந்தி. வேகமான வளர்ச்சி என்ற பெயரில் அழிக்கப்படும் காடுகள், மலைகள், நீர்நிலைகள், விலங்குகளாலும் ஆபத்தான நெகிழி மற்றும் மின் கழிவுகளால் ஏற்படும் மாசுகளாலும் இயற்கை தன்னை இழந்துக் கொண்டே செல்கிறது. மனிதனின் “பயன்படுத்த மற்றும் வீசுதல்” கலாச்சாரத்தால் பூமி ஒரு குப்பை கிடங்காக

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மாறிக் கொண்டே இருக்கிறது. இறைவனின் அற்புத படைப்பின் பன்முகத்தன்மையை இழந்து நிற்கிறது. பருவநிலை மாற்றம், வெப்பநிலை உயர்வு, அதீத மழை அல்லது அதீத வறட்சி, புவியின் சமநிலை மாற்றம், கடல் மட்டம் உயர்வு இவை உயிர்வாழ்வை அச்சுறுத்தும் காரணிகளாய் மாறியுள்ளன. இயற்கையின் அழிவு மனித வாழ்வின் அழிவு ஆகும். “பூமியும் ஏழைகளும் நம்மை பார்த்து அழுகிறார்கள்” என்கிறார் திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ். இயற்கையும் உயிர்களும் இறைவனின் பரிசுகள் ஆகும். பூமி நம் அனைவரின் வீடு. பூமி பல்லுயிரை தாங்கிய ஒரு புதையல். இத்தகையச் சிறப்புமிக்க பூமியை பண்படுத்துவதும் பாதுகாப்பதும் நமது கடமை ஆகும். “படைப்பிற்குள் தங்களின் பொறுப்பையும் இயற்கை மற்றும் படைத்தவர்மட்டில் தங்களுக்குள்ள கடமையையும் இறைநம்பிக்கையின் அடிப்படை பகுதியாக உரை வேண்டும்.” (புகழணைத்தும் உமதே 64) என்கிறார் திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ். கொடையாக இறைவன் தந்த இயற்கையை பாதுகாக்க ஒன்றிணைவோம்.

இவ்வாறு அமைதிக்காக, மனித மாண்பிற்காக மற்றும் சுற்றுச்சூழலுக்காக ஒன்றிணைந்து பணி செய்வோம். குறிப்பாக வளைகுடா நாடுகளில் போர் பதற்றம் தணிந்து அமைதி திரும்ப இறைவேண்டல் செய்வோம். இயல்புநிலை திரும்பவும் பாதிக்கப்பட்டோர் மறுவாழ்வு பெற உதவி கரம் நீட்டுவோம். இன்று திருப்பலியின்போது சிறப்பு காணிக்கை எடுத்து போர்களாலும் இயற்கை சீற்றங்களாலும் பாதிக்கப்பட்டோருக்கு உதவும் வகையில் காணிக்கை தொகையை கிட்ஸ் அலுவலகம் உண்ணாமலைக்கடையில் செலுத்த கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறேன்.

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**குறிப்பு:** இச்சுற்றுமடலை குழித்துறை மறைமாவட்டத்தின் அனைத்துப் பங்குகளிலும், கிளைப் பங்குகளிலும் மார்ச் 22, 2026 அன்று ஞாயிறு திருப்பலியில் மறையுரைக்குப் பதிலாக வாசிக்கவும்.

# Contributions to the Diocese February 16, 2026 to March 15, 2026

## 1. Holy Childhood

| No | Parish                               | Amount |
|----|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1  | Alanvilai                            | 4,105  |
| 2  | Ambankalai (Kolvel)                  | 2,620  |
| 3  | Amsi                                 | 2,650  |
| 4  | Annainagar (Packiapuram)             | 1,200  |
| 5  | Aramannam (Nagacode) (2025)          | 1,100  |
| 6  | Aramannam (Nagacode) (2026)          | 1,100  |
| 7  | Chentharai                           | 4,370  |
| 8  | Chithenthope (Kandanvilai)           | 2,000  |
| 9  | Choozhal                             | 2,050  |
| 10 | Chunkankadai (Shrine)                | 2,752  |
| 11 | Eanchacode                           | 6,526  |
| 12 | Eraniel (Kandanvilai)                | 1,300  |
| 13 | Iruthayapuram (M)                    | 2,770  |
| 14 | Kaliakkavilai                        | 2,123  |
| 15 | Kalkurichy                           | 9,775  |
| 16 | Kallaravilai                         | 1,420  |
| 17 | Kandanvilai                          | 4,100  |
| 18 | Kanjiracode                          | 20,012 |
| 19 | Kannanvilai (Thundathuvilai)         | 500    |
| 20 | Kannode (Murasancode)                | 1,510  |
| 21 | Kappiarai                            | 3,156  |
| 22 | Kattuvilai (Cherukol Karumputhottam) | 1,700  |
| 23 | Kolvel                               | 7,420  |
| 24 | Komanvilai (Murasancode)             | 720    |
| 25 | Konnakuzhivilai                      | 5,030  |
| 26 | Koottamavu                           | 8,018  |
| 27 | Kurunthancode (Alanvilai)            | 2,000  |
| 28 | Kuzhivilai (Karekadu)                | 740    |
| 29 | Madathattuvilai                      | 14,010 |
| 30 | Malamari (Lourdugiri)                | 1,500  |
| 31 | Manali                               | 1,785  |
| 32 | Manali (Choozhal)                    | 1,350  |

## Contribution

### 1. Holy Childhood

| No | Parish                         | Amount          |
|----|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 33 | Manalikai                      | 10,667          |
| 34 | Manchakonam                    | 2,500           |
| 35 | Mancode (Cheruvallor)          | 800             |
| 36 | Mathapuram (Vizhunthayambalam) | 3,275           |
| 37 | Mathoorkonam (Ambalakkadai)    | 1,155           |
| 38 | Mela Alanvilai (Alanvilai)     | 1,088           |
| 39 | Moolachel (Manali)             | 1,854           |
| 40 | Mulagumoodu                    | 15,395          |
| 41 | Mulavilai                      | 6,125           |
| 42 | Mylacode                       | 5,000           |
| 43 | Pacode                         | 5,400           |
| 44 | Palayam (Murasancode)          | 1,230           |
| 45 | Pandaravilai (Kandanvilai)     | 1,500           |
| 46 | Parakunnu                      | 1,840           |
| 47 | Pechipparai                    | 2,500           |
| 48 | Pilavilai (Lourdugiri)         | 2,360           |
| 49 | Ponkinkalai (Kadayal)          | 1,950           |
| 50 | Sahayanagar                    | 2,720           |
| 51 | Saicode (Kuttaikadu)           | 1,564           |
| 52 | Soosaipuram (Vanniyoor)        | 4,510           |
| 53 | Soosaipuram (Vellicode)        | 2,230           |
| 54 | Thirithuvapuram                | 14,964          |
| 55 | Thottachani (Soosaipuram)      | 920             |
| 56 | Thumpali                       | 1,670           |
| 57 | Udavilai (Thumpali)            | 1,020           |
| 58 | Valvachagostam                 | 2,290           |
| 59 | Velliavilai                    | 6,533           |
|    | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>2,24,472</b> |

### 2. Cancer Patient Fund

| No | Parish           | Amount        |
|----|------------------|---------------|
| 1  | Chemparuthivilai | 25,100        |
|    | <b>Total</b>     | <b>25,100</b> |

## Contribution

### 3. Social Communication

| No | Parish                              | Amount        |
|----|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1  | Chithenthope (Kandanvilai) (2025)   | 1,300         |
| 2  | Kannanvilai (Thundathuvilai) (2024) | 250           |
| 3  | Kannanvilai (Thundathuvilai) (2025) | 250           |
| 4  | Mathapuram (Vizhunthayambalam)      | 2,280         |
| 5  | Parakonam (Melpuram) (2023)         | 2,286         |
| 6  | Parakonam (Melpuram) (2024)         | 2,396         |
| 7  | Thottachani (Soosaipuram)           | 1,500         |
|    | <b>Total</b>                        | <b>10,262</b> |

### 4. Shrine (Special Mass)

| No | Parish          | Amount        |
|----|-----------------|---------------|
| 1  | Mulagumoodu     | 2,000         |
| 2  | Thirithuvapuram | 6,000         |
| 3  | Vettuvenni      | 4,000         |
|    | <b>Total</b>    | <b>12,000</b> |

### 5. Mission Sunday

| No | Parish                         | Amount        |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1  | Alanvilai                      | 11,520        |
| 2  | Amsi                           | 3,210         |
| 3  | Kannanvilai (Thundathuvilai)   | 750           |
| 4  | Kuzhivilai (Karenkadu)         | 1,620         |
| 5  | Malamari (Lourdugiri)          | 1,000         |
| 6  | Mathapuram (Vizhunthayambalam) | 2,381         |
| 7  | Thumpali                       | 2,230         |
|    | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>22,711</b> |

### 6. New Bishop's House Building

| No | Parish       | Amount        |
|----|--------------|---------------|
| 1  | Kappukadu    | 10,000        |
| 2  | Thumpali     | 10,000        |
|    | <b>Total</b> | <b>20,000</b> |

## Contribution

### 7. Bible Sunday

| No | Parish                        | Amount        |
|----|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1  | Alanvilai                     | 6,674         |
| 2  | Amsi                          | 3,150         |
| 3  | Kannanvilai (Thundathuvilai)  | 500           |
| 4  | Kurunthancode (Alanvilai)     | 1,000         |
| 5  | Maruthancode                  | 2,500         |
| 6  | Mathapuram(Vizhunthayambalam) | 2,100         |
| 7  | Mathoorkonam (Ambalakkadai)   | 500           |
| 8  | Thumpali                      | 2,120         |
|    | <b>Total</b>                  | <b>18,544</b> |

### 8. Prison Ministry

| No | Parish                       | Amount       |
|----|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1  | Chithenthope (Kandanvilai)   | 1,700        |
| 2  | Kannanvilai (Thundathuvilai) | 350          |
| 3  | Thottachani (Soosaipuram)    | 920          |
|    | <b>Total</b>                 | <b>2,970</b> |

### 9. Seminary Fund

| No | Parish                                       | Amount          |
|----|--|-----------------|
| 1  | Alancholai (Confirmation)                    | 11,319          |
| 2  | Auxilliaris of the Lay Apostolate            | 7,000           |
| 3  | Fr. Innocent                                 | 500             |
| 4  | Marthandam (Pastoral Visit)                  | 56,200          |
| 5  | Mulagumoodu                                  | 15,000          |
| 6  | Nalloor (Marthandam) (Pastoral Visit)        | 38,500          |
| 7  | Palliady                                     | 3,000           |
| 8  | SDS Convent (Marthandam) (Pastoral Visit)    | 1,000           |
| 9  | Unnamalaikadai (Marthandam) (Pastoral Visit) | 10,500          |
|    | <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>1,43,019</b> |

**10. Cumulated Mass**

| <b>No</b> | <b>Parish</b>                                | <b>Amount</b>   |
|-----------|--|-----------------|
| 1         | Chentharai (Feast Mass)                      | 9,000           |
| 2         | Chetticharvilai                              | 2,550           |
| 3         | Chunkankadai (Shrine)                        | 9,000           |
| 4         | Fathimapuram                                 | 4,800           |
| 5         | Irudayapuram (T)                             | 600             |
| 6         | Ithayapuram (Viricode) (January-February)    | 3,750           |
| 7         | Kadayaal                                     | 15,750          |
| 8         | Kandanvilai (January - February)             | 35,100          |
| 9         | Kanjiracode                                  | 3,000           |
| 10        | Kappiarai                                    | 1,050           |
| 11        | Kolvel (January, February)                   | 4,800           |
| 12        | Konamkadu                                    | 1,200           |
| 13        | Kozhiporvilai                                | 2,850           |
| 14        | Madathattuvilai                              | 13,650          |
| 15        | Marthandam                                   | 2,700           |
| 16        | Mathiravilai (December 2025 – February 2026) | 9,000           |
| 17        | Mulagumoodu                                  | 3,900           |
| 18        | Mulavilai (Feast Mass)                       | 19,500          |
| 19        | Mullanganavilai                              | 9,000           |
| 20        | Murasancode                                  | 2,700           |
| 21        | Mylacode                                     | 6,400           |
| 22        | Nattalam (Shrine)                            | 26,550          |
| 23        | Palliady                                     | 6,900           |
| 24        | Parakunnu                                    | 1,350           |
| 25        | Puliyoorkurichy                              | 4,500           |
| 26        | Thickurichy                                  | 300             |
| 27        | Thirithuvapuram                              | 4,200           |
| 28        | Thiruvithancode                              | 47,024          |
| 29        | Velliavilai                                  | 3,150           |
| 30        | Vellicode                                    | 3,150           |
| 31        | Vencode                                      | 8,700           |
| 32        | Veppuvilai (Vellayambalam) (Feast Mass)      | 7,000           |
| 33        | Vettuvenni (Shrine)                          | 3,46,950        |
| 34        | Vettuvenni (Shrine) (Feast Mass)             | 1,66,500        |
| 35        | Vettuvilai (Vencode)                         | 1,200           |
|           | <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>7,25,350</b> |

# Activities of the Pastoral Commissions in the Month of February 2026

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## CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION

### Commission for Catechism

#### Vicariate-Level General Body Meetings

- **Karankadu Vicariate:** The general body meeting was held on February 14, 2026 at St. Xavier's Church, Thachanparambu, with 48 members in attendance. The participants assessed the Annual Day celebration and discussed plans for Catechism teachers' training.
- **Mulagumoodu Vicariate:** The general body meeting took place on February 14, 2026 at Udhayatharakai, Thuckalay, with 42 participants. The gathering focused on reviewing the Annual Day celebration.
- **Mathiravilai Vicariate:** The general body meeting was organized on February 21, 2026 at the Vicariate Office, Thundathuvilai. A total of 20 members representing 14 Catechetical forums attended. The meeting centered on evaluating the Annual Day celebration.

#### Lenten Recollection for Catechism Teachers

In the Puthankadai Vicariate, the Lenten recollection was organized at St. Augustine's Church, Kulasekaram on February 21, 2026. A total of 250 teachers from 30 catechetical forums participated. The recollection talk was delivered by Rev. Fr. Benjamin.

#### Annual Day for School Catechism and Moral Classes

The Annual Day celebration was conducted at Annai Ada Training Centre, Azhakiya Mandapam on February 23, 2026, with 415 participants from 66 schools. The program included felicitations, greeting addresses, and cultural performances. Students who scored above 70% in the special test were honored with prizes.

## **State Secretaries Meeting**

The State Secretaries meeting was held at TNBCLC, Tindivanam on February 19, 2026. The agenda focused on planning Catechism initiatives for the Differently Abled. The Kuzhithurai Diocese Christian Life Community Secretary, Rev. Fr. Andrews, attended this meeting.

## **Commission for Liturgy**

### **Training in Vicariate**

A training program for the Karankadu Vicariate members was conducted at St. Xavier's Church, Thachanparambu on February 22, 2026, with 70 participants. The session was led by Rev. Fr. Godwin, who spoke on the theme "To prepare for the time of grace in a meaningful way."

## **Vicariate-Level General Body Meetings**

- Mathiravilai Vicariate: The general body meeting was held at the Vicariate Office, Thundathuvilai on February 14, 2026, with 43 participants. Rev. Fr. Maria Anto Halvin delivered a talk on the theme "Lenten Season."
- Vencode Vicariate: The general body meeting took place at Arockiamatha Matric School, Munchirai on February 14, 2026, with 25 members representing 14 parishes. Fr. Shine served as the resource person and gave an insightful talk on "The Catholic Church Before the Second Vatican Council."

## **Commission for Bible**

### **Vicariate-Level General Body Meeting**

The Mathiravilai Vicariate general body meeting was organized at the Vicariate Office, Thundathuvilai on February 7, 2026, with 19 participants. The discussions focused on the Annual Day celebration and preparations for the Lenten recollection.

## **Summer Vacation Bible School Teachers Training Programme**

This training program was conducted at the Tuticorin Pastoral Centre on February 21–22, 2026, with the theme “Let us Participate... Learn... Travel.” A total of 8 representatives from our diocese took part in the sessions.

### **Commission for Children**

#### **Vicariate-Level General Body Meetings**

- Puthankadai Vicariate: On February 7, 2026, a training session was conducted on the theme “சிறார்கள் எவ்வாறு நடத்த வேண்டும்?” by Vicariate Director Fr. Naveen. A total of 74 in-charges participated.
- Vencode Vicariate: On February 7, 2026, a training session was held on the theme “உண்மையான குழந்தைகளை உருவாக்குவது எப்படி?” led by Diacon Issac David. 38 in-charges took part.
- Karankadu Vicariate: On February 22, 2026, a training program was organized on the theme “உதவும் கரங்கள் நம்பிக்கையின் இதயங்கள்” by Mrs. Preetha. The session was attended by 86 in-charges.

#### **Diocese Level Meeting :**

Diocese-level meeting was held at Trinity Pastoral Centre, Unnamalaikadai, on 27.02.2026. The seminar was based on the theme given by Holy Father Leo XIV, “Helping Hands are the Hearts of Faith,” and was led by Fr. Simon. The seminar was attended by Commission Secretary Fr. Jose Prasanth, two vicariate directors, 22 vicariate representatives, and five field staff members.

### **Commission for Youth**

#### **Youth Movement – General Body Meetings**

Vicariate-level general body meetings were conducted to address topics related to youth formation and engagement:

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- Mulagumoodu Vicariate: Discussion on Women’s Liberation with 35 participants from 7 branches. Thirithuvapuram Vicariate: Focused on Elections and Responsibilities with 25 participants from 11 branches. Puthankadai Vicariate: Addressed International Politics with 20 participants from 6 branches. Karankadu Vicariate: Emphasized Expression of Peace among Youth with 14 participants from 7 branches. Vencode Vicariate: Discussed How to Conduct Youth Meetings with 21 participants from 5 branches. Mathiravilai Vicariate: Reflected on Women’s Day History with 22 participants from 7 branches.

### **Special Diocesan Activities**

- On February 15, 2026, a diocesan-level training program for Animators was conducted at Vencode Vicariate. The session was attended by 36 youth and YCS animators. Fr. Babians delivered the keynote address, highlighting the objectives and vision of the youth movement.

### **Young Christian Students (YCS) Movement**

#### **General Body Meetings**

Vicariate-level general body meetings were conducted to strengthen youth formation and guidance. In the Mulagumoodu Vicariate, 35 participants from 7 branches discussed the importance and benefits of YCS movements, while the Thirithuvapuram Vicariate engaged 30 participants from 11 branches on how to face examinations. The Puthankadai Vicariate emphasized good habits with 25 participants from 5 branches, and the Karankadu Vicariate also addressed examination preparation with 27 participants. In the Vencode Vicariate, 17 participants from 6 branches reflected on education, whereas the Mathiravilai Vicariate focused on the history of Women’s Day with 9 participants from 4 branches.

## **Combined Activities**

- A major combined event, the Lent Special Meditation, was held on February 22, 2026, with 325 students and youth in attendance. The meditation hymn was conducted by Fr. Shine, followed by a reflection on “Youth in Christ” presented by Fr. Sebastian. The event concluded with the Way of the Cross, fostering spiritual formation, community engagement, and collaboration between the Youth Movement and YCS within the diocese. In addition, three field staff meetings were held during the month, and 27 units were visited in February. The Yugasakthi Editorial Meeting took place on February 27, 2026, with 10 members in attendance.

### **Commission for Prison Ministry**

- The commission for prison ministry meeting was presided over by Fr. Berdin Anas, Coordinator, and commenced at 4:00 p.m. with a prayer song led by members. It was held at the Pastoral Centre, Kuzhithurai Diocese, Unnamalakadai.
- On February 19, 2026, members visited the homes of life-sentenced prisoners, Mr. Justinson and Mr. Jegan.
- On February 22, 2026, a program titled “Crime-Free Kumari” was conducted at Manali Parish, Kuzhithurai Diocese, by the Resource Person.
- On February 24–25, 2026, nine members, led by Coordinator Fr. Berdin Anas, participated in the PMI Tamil Nadu State Conference held in Chennai.

### **Commission for Labour**

#### **Diocesan-Level Meetings**

- On February 15, 2026, a seminar on the theme “Purpose of Christian Workers Movement and Leadership Qualities” was held at Trinity Hall, Unnamalaikadai. The resource person was Rev. Fr. Maria Martin, and 77 diocesan and vicariate representatives attended.

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- On the same day, the Diocesan Executive Committee Meeting was conducted at Unnamalaikadai under the leadership of Mr. Edwin Anand, President, in the presence of Rev. Fr. A. Michael Raj, Director. A total of 25 executive members participated.

### **Vicariate-Level Meetings**

- On February 1, 2026, the Mulagumoodu Vicariate Meeting was held at St. Mary's Basilica, Mulagumoodu, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Vincent, Director of the Christian Workers Movement. 20 members, including vicariate administrators and representatives, attended.
- On February 8, 2026, a meeting was held at St. Anthony's Church, Vettuvanni, attended by Vicariate Director Fr. Anish and the Diocesan Director. A seminar on "Workers' Participation and Involvement" was delivered by the Diocesan Director. 15 members participated.
- On February 22, 2026, the Mathiravilai Vicariate Meeting was held at Panavilai. A seminar on "Workers' Rights and Protection" was conducted, with 35 members, including administrators, representatives, and field workers, present.
- On February 22, 2026, the Karankadu Vicariate Meeting was held at Chithenthoppu. The Diocesan Director, Rev. Fr. Michael Raj, gave a seminar on "The Unity of Workers." 25 members, including administrators, field workers, and branch office administrators, attended.

### **Special Activity**

- Applications were submitted for two individuals for new welfare cards.

### **Commission for Social Communication**

The Holy mass was recorded and telecast on Madha Tv on Several occasions during February 2026, on 08th February from St. Fatima

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Madha Church, Kallukoottam; On 21st February from St. Mary's Basilica, Mulagumoodu; on 22nd February English Mass from St. Xavier's Engineering College, Chunkankadai. A live special training session was held on February 18, 25, 27, and 28, 2026. Seven people participated in it.

Through out the month of February the word of God was shared by Rev. Fr. Titus Mohan. Daily Saint life histories were shared by Rev. Fr. Altus through whatsapp status updates. A poster featuring special Lenten reflections was prepared by the Brothers engaged in field ministry. Sunday Homilies were blogged by Rev. Fr. Anish, and daily reflections were shared by Rev. Fr. Arul vineesh.

### **Commission for SC/ST**

#### **Vicariate Meeting**

Puthankadai Vicariate meeting was held on 21/02/2026 at 2.30 p.m at Kulasekharam . The Meeting was focused and the data Collection of the people of the vicariate. It was attended by 12 Members.

Mulagumoodu Vicariate meeting was held at 2.30 p.m at Annai Ada centre on 28.02. 2026. Annual planning will be done on 28.03.2026 15 members attended, 15 persons attended the Cancer awareness programme rally.

#### **Commission for BCC ( ANBIYAM)**

##### **Diocesan Special Seminar**

14.02.2026 – The Diocesan BCC (Anbiyam) Commission Special Seminar on the theme “ Nirai Vazhvai Noki Anbiya Payanam (Journey of Anbiyam towards Complete life)” was conducted at St. Xavier's Catholic Engineering College, Chunkankadai. The programme was presided over by Most Rev. Bishop Albert Anastas. The welcome address was given by Mr. Francis Kennedy, Diocesan BCC President.

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Most Rev. Bishop Albert Anastas delivered the keynote address on “Anbiam towards Complete life.” Rev. Fr. Vincent Mar Paulos spoke on “Revolution in Anbiam,” Mr. A.C. Raj on “Political Awareness,” and Mr. Thiru Kumaran on “Family: Then and Now.” Felicitations were delivered by Diocesan Vicar General Rev Fr Xavier Bennet and College Correspondent Rev Fr Godwin Selva Justus. Rev Fr Wiselin Xavier and Rev Fr Maria William Served as the moderators. The programme was coordinated by Diocesan Director Rev. Fr. Alwin Vijay, BCC Co-ordinator Ms. Baby Kamala, and Vicariate Directors. Around 475 members participated.

### **Anbiams’ Confluence Festival (Sangamam)**

01.02.2026 – Anbiams’ Confluence Festivals were conducted at Amalapuram and Karumpilavilai parishes.

### **Vicariate General Body Meetings**

- February 7, 2026 – Mulagumoodu Vicariate: The general body meeting was held at Udayatharagai under the leadership of Mr. Francis Kennedy, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Benjamin and Mr. Bellarmine. A total of 62 members from 28 BCC Coordinations participated.
- February 22, 2026 – Vencode Vicariate: The meeting took place at Munchirai under the leadership of Mr. Gerald Xavier, with Rev. Fr. Manohim Xavier and Rev. Fr. Ferdin Annas present. 62 members from 22 BCC Coordinations attended, and training was given on the theme “Prayer, Penance and Charity.”
- February 22, 2026 – Thirithuvapuram Vicariate: The meeting was held under the leadership of Mr. Jegan Babu, in the presence of Mrs. Sheela. 74 members from 25 BCC Coordinations participated. Discussions focused on Marriage Aid and Ponmalai Recollection.

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- February 22, 2026 – Puthenkadai Vicariate: The meeting was conducted at Sacred Heart Home under the leadership of Mr. Amalraj, with Rev. Fr. Maria Martin and Rev. Fr. Jeess Raymond present. Financial assistance of ₹ 22,000 was distributed. 50 members from 17 BCC Coordinations participated.
- February 28, 2026 – Mathiravilai Vicariate: The meeting was held at Thundathavilai under the leadership of Mrs. Rethna Bai, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Callistus. 59 members from 22 BCC Coordinations attended. The meeting was conducted by Vaazhvacha Kostam BCC Coordination, and a special program of group games was organized in four teams.
- February 28, 2026 – Karankadu Vicariate: The meeting took place at Thachanparambil under the leadership of Mr. Jude, with 45 members from 19 BCC Coordinations participating. A special program included a vegetable exhibition.

### **Ponmalai Recollection**

- 20.02.2026 – Ponmalai Recollection was conducted by Mulagumoodu Vicariate including Way of the Cross, meditation, and Holy Mass. Rev. Fr. Abraham OCD led the programme. 96 members participated.
- 27.02.2026 – Ponmalai Recollection was conducted by Thirithuvapuram Vicariate. 67 members participated.

### **Financial Support**

Rs.17,44,960.00/- disbursed via parish BCCs for Education Help, Marriage Support, Medical Aid, and Elders Care.

- **Fr. N. Martin,**  
**Coordinator of the Pastoral Commissions.**

# **Kuzhithurai Integral Development Social Services (KIDSS) Report for the Month of February 2026**

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## **Activities of KIDSS Units**

### **KIDSS DDP:**

1. **P**uthenkadai Vicariate Executive meeting was conducted on February 21, 2026 at Kulasekharam under the leadership of Project Director. An Orientation was given about the importance of taking a survey of ST/SC people within our Diocese. Mulagumoodu vicariate executive meeting was held on February 28, 2026 at Annai Ada in the presence of Project Director.
2. Staff visited 10 Sangams during this month and created awareness about cancer diseases and observed world cancer day.

### **KIDSS IFO**

1. Staff team visited 17 Sangams during this month. 14 Sangams observed world cancer day with an input session about cancer disease. 3 Sangams had an orientation about Government welfare schemes.

### **KIDSS Kolping**

1. Kolping annual action plan preparation meeting was conducted on February 09, 2026 at Kodaikanal. Executive Director Fr. Martin.M gave an input session.
2. Vicariate level executive meetings were conducted in all six vicariates during this month. An input session was given about cancer disease by Mrs. Shyla, Nursing Superintendent of St. Xavier's Multispecialty hospital, Chunkankadai.
3. Kallukootam Kolping family conducted training on Cake preparation for the interested parishioners on February 01, 2026 in which 50 members attended.
4. Staff team visited 69 Kolping families during this month.

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### *Charity by Kolping Families:*

Two Kolping families helped 2 patients with Rs. 2000/- as medical help. One Kolping family supported 1 poor person with Rs. 5000/- as marriage support and another Kolping family helped a poor person with Rs. 1000.

### **KIDSS RMP**

1. District executive meeting was conducted on February 17, 2026 at RMP building under the leadership of Project Director. An input session was given about Cancer Disease.
2. Special awareness program was conducted for the Mulavilai and Thuckalay zone on February 28, 2026 at Annai Ada in which 242 members participated. Project Director Fr. Jeya Prakash inaugurated the session with inaugural speech and Adov. Mr. Stanely Casmic Sundar gave the session.
3. Karungal and Thiruthuvapuram zone organised special awareness program on February 21, 2026 at Vettuvanni in which 98 members participated. Mr. Irudhayaraj was the resource person.
4. 14 Sangams had special training on waste management during this month.
5. Staff team visited 48 Sangams during this month and created awareness on various topics such as cancer disease and waste management.
6. Zone level meetings were conducted as stated below.

| <b>Zone</b>     | <b>Date</b> | <b>Topic</b>   | <b>Participants</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Thirithuvapuram | Feb 07      | Cancer Disease | 66                  |
| Thuckalay       | Feb 07      | Kitchen Garden | 72                  |
| Karungal        | Feb 14      | Kitchen Garden | 64                  |
| Mulavilai       | Feb 14      | Cancer Disease | 49                  |

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### **KIDSS SHG**

1. Two new groups were formed during this month at Thickerichy and Orumaavilai.
2. Staff team visited 55 groups during this month and created awareness about cancer disease and they also observed world cancer day and 16 groups mobilized funds Rs.13525/-
3. One group helped a patient with Rs. 2000/- treatment.

### **KIDSS WSCP**

1. District Executive meeting was conducted on February 14, 2026 at Unnamalaikadai under the leadership of Project Director.
2. TOT team members had their meeting on February 14, 2026 at Unnamalaikadai in which Project Director gave session on present situation.
3. One new Sangam was formed at Muttaiacadu on February 08, 2026 with 12 members with the support of parish priest.
4. Staff team visited 28 Sangams during this month and created awareness about present situation and cancer disease. 21 Sangams observed world cancer day and mobilised fund Rs. 15160/-
5. Vicariate Executive meetings were conducted during this month as stated here below:

| <b>Vicariate</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Topic</b>                                | <b>Participants</b> |
|------------------|-------------|---|---------------------|
| Karenkadu        | Feb 16      | Present Situation of India & Cancer Disease | 12                  |
| Mathiravilai     | Feb 18      | Present Situation of India & Cancer Disease | 10                  |
| Vencode          | Feb 23      | Cancer Disease                              | 11                  |
| Mulagumoodu      | Feb 25      | Present Situation of India                  | 30                  |
| Puthenkadai      | Feb 27      | Women mental health                         | 63                  |
| Thirithuvapuram  | Feb 28      | Present Situation of India                  | 13                  |

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### **KIDSS BFDP.**

1. Zonal level meetings conducted during this month are stated below:

| <b>Zone</b>  | <b>Date</b> | <b>Topic</b> | <b>Participants</b> |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Karungal     | Feb 01      | New Budget   | 28                  |
| Melpuram     | Feb 08      |              | 24                  |
| Kulasekharam | Feb 12      |              | 16                  |
| Manali       | Feb 15      |              | 34                  |
| Manalikai    | Feb 24      |              | 18                  |

2. Special training on livestock rearing was conducted on February 10, 2026 at Azhagiyamandapam in which Dr. Senthil Lega was the resource person.
3. Staff team visited 64 groups and spoke about world cancer day.

### **KIDSS CHDP**

1. Union level monthly meetings were conducted in all six blocks during this month and gave orientation about cancer disease.
2. Naturopathy health camp was conducted at Helennager on February 20, 2026.
3. Special health camp was conducted at clinic premises, Chunkankadai on February 19, 2026 in view of world sick day. Dr. Angelin Asha gave talk on preventive measures.
4. In February 2026, Twenty eight devotees consulted Dr. Angelin Asha and Dr. Anusha through the facilities provided by Fr. James Tombeur Naturopathy Clinic at Chunkankadai and Vettuvanni shrine.
5. Staff team visited 49 groups during this month and gave an input session on cancer disease. All groups observed world cancer day.

6. In February 2026, a total of 64 patients took treatment at Fr. James Tombeur Naturopathy Clinic including 7 IP.

### **Activity of VIDSeS**

1. Training for the auditing team was conducted on February 08, 2026 at RMP building Azhagiyamandapam and Mr. Subin, the resource person explained in detail how to do internal auditing.
2. TOT training was conducted at RMP building Azhagiyamandapam on February 22,2026. Executive Director Fr. Martin. M gave the session about yearly annual action plan.

### **Karankadu (KVIDS)**

KVIDS held its executive meeting on February 15, 2026, at the VF Office, Monday Market, during which the Annual Action Plan for VIDS for the year was prepared.

### **Mathiravilai (MaVIDS)**

MaVIDS executive meeting was conducted on February 28, 2026 at Karungal. The executive members prepared Annual Action Plan for the year at VIDS level.

### **Mulagumoodu (MuVIDS)**

MuVIDS executive meeting was held on February 14, 2026 at VF office, Thuckalay. Prepared Annual Action Plan for the year for VIDS

### **Thiruthuvapuram (TVIDS)**

1. TVIDS conducted orientation training on the importance of preparation of yearly annual action plan with BIDS office bearers on February 15, 2026 at Thiruthuvapuram St. Joseph School. VIDS Director Mr. Prasath explained in detail how to

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prepare the action plan at BIDS level. Then Sr. Margaret spoke about the sustaining care reform in India (Vinnaiyodu) for further action plan. Around 66 members participated in the session.

2. TVIDS executive members prepared Annual Action Plan for VIDS.

### **Puthenkadai (PVIDS)**

PVIDS conducted their executive meeting on February 21, 2026 at VF office, Kulasekharam in which VIDS Annual Action Plan was prepared in the presence of VF, ED and PD.

### **Vencode (VVIDS)**

VVIDS conducted their executive meeting on February 07, 2026, at VF office, Puthukadai in which VF, ED and PD attended. VIDS Annual Action Plan was prepared for this year.

### **KIDSS Special projects**

#### **I. Community Disability Management and Rehabilitation Project**

1. 31 new disabled persons were identified during this month.
2. Two teams of persons with disabilities were formed during this month. On February 21, 2026, one group was formed at Kakkavilai with 11 members. On February 28, 2026, another group was formed at Soaipuram Parish with 12 persons with disabilities.
3. The diocesan-level survey of persons with disabilities was successfully carried out in the Thiruthuvapuram Vicariate, and a total of 503 persons with disabilities were identified through the survey.

**Successful referral and linkages for welfare schemes:**

- \* One person received UDID card and one more application submitted for the same.
- \* Nine individuals received three-wheel bike and two applications submitted for three-wheel bike.
- \* Six persons received monthly pension and two more applications submitted.
- \* One person received CM health ID card.
- \* Three persons received 35 kg rice entitlement and five more new applications submitted.
- \* One person applied for walking stick, three applications for new privilege card, one application submitted for folding walker, IGP loan and one person for funeral assistance.

**II. Psychosocial Wellbeing**

Two school health awareness programs were conducted during this month. One program was held at Sacred Heart R.C. School, Pacode, on February 20, 2026, benefiting 40 students. Another program was conducted at R.C. Middle School, Vellicode, on February 27, 2026, with the participation of 23 students. The resource persons enlightened the students on the key aspects of media addiction and its impact on their academic performance.

**Counselling Services**

In February, counselling support was provided to fifteen clients through our counselling centres.

**III. Advancing and Sustaining care reform in India  
(Vinnaiyodu)**

1. Activities conducted in February are given below:

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| S. No | Date       | Type of program   | Place           | Participants |
|-------|------------|---|-----------------|--------------|
| 1     | 01.02.2026 | Follow up and review of gatekeeping role with BIDS  | Chemankalai     | 15           |
| 2     | 15.02.2026 | Concept sharing on family based and the importance of family strengthening for Puthenkadai Vicariate youth and YCS separately                               | Kulasekharam    | 14           |
| 3     | 15.02.2026 |   | Kulasekharam    | 17           |
| 4     | 01.02.2026 | Capacity building training vulnerability mapping and prioritizing for BCC Coordination and BIDS   | Nallayanpuram   | 22           |
| 5     | 08.02.2026 |   | Siluvaipuram    | 31           |
| 6     | 15.02.2026 | Capacity building training to BIDS officer bearers on the importance of vulnerability mapping towards family care.  | Thiruthuvapuram | 67           |
| 7     | 22.02.2026 | Concept sharing on importance of family strengthening towards family-based care and redirection of fund for the Thiruthuvapuram vicariate BCC coordination. | Thiruthuvapuram | 69           |
| 8     | 25.02.2026 | Concept sharing and project implementation process to the vicariate level priest meeting  | Lorudhugiri     | 23           |

2. Staff team monitored 13 children and their families and provided support systems per the need identified
3. Nallayanpuram and Siluvaipuram parishes and its substations identified 73 vulnerable children.

### **Referral and linkages for the vulnerable children and families:**

1. Eight individuals were provided with psychosocial support.
2. One family receive CM health ID card and One family received free LPG cooking gas under Ujjwala Yojana scheme.
3. Two students applied for educational scholarship through welfare association, one application submitted under Mission Vatsalaya and one application under 'Anbu Karankal Scheme.

#### **IV. Children Parliament (CP)**

1. Thumpaly CP children organised awareness rally about environment protection on February 15, 2026 with awareness rally from the church campus upto Palode. 30 children and parents participated. An input session was given about preservation of the environment.
2. Nallayanpura CP children observed world cancer day on February 22, 2026 with 29 children. An awareness was created about prevention of cancer disease.

#### **KIDSS Activities:**

1. All staff meeting was conducted on February 26, 2026 at Unnamalaikadai. Advocate Mr. Alex gave capacity building training about present situation.
2. WhatsApp team was conducted on February 11, 2026 at KIDSS office, Unnamalaikadai.

#### **V. KIDSS Ezhuvom Iyakkam (Cancer Care Campaign)**

1. Ezhuvom Iyakkam volunteer's vicariate level meetings were conducted in all six vicariates during this month. The volunteers visited 48 patients within their vicariates and identified 7 new patients.
2. Mathiravilai Vicariate helped 3 patients with Rs. 15,000/- for their treatment.
3. In February Vencode vicariate volunteers visited 15 patients through KIDSS palliative care and provided spiritual and emotional support and also nutritious food kit.
4. Ten patients were supported financially in this month Rs. 1,00,000/-
5. Hospital reference was provided to three patients in this month.

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6. World Cancer Day was observed with awareness rally and public program on February 04, 2026 at the Diocesan level with educational institutions, KIDSS target Units and Mulagumoodu Panchayath in collaboration with Pope John Paul B'Ed College, Mulagumoodu with the theme 'United by Unique'. Around 250 members participated in the rally and public program.
7. All six vicariates observed World Cancer Day with the support of volunteers. The programmes were organized in collaboration with educational institutions and parishioners in their respective vicariates in a dynamic and participatory manner. The details are given below.

| S. No | Vicariate       | Date       | Type of Activity                   | Venue  | Participants |
|-------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| 1     | Mathiravilai    | 10.02.2026 | Awareness rally and public program | St. Antony Church community hall – Mullankinavilai               | 170          |
| 2     | Vencode         | 15.02.2026 | Seminar on Cancer disease          | Madhapuram parish, Vizhunthaiyambalam parish and Thumpaly Parish | 650          |
| 3     | Thiruthuvapuram | 16.02.2026 | Awareness rally and public program | St. Joseph High. Sec. School Thiruthuvapuram                     | 350          |
| 4     | Mulagumoodu     | 25.02.2026 | Health camp                        | Chemparuthivilai   | 65           |
| 5     | Puthenkadai     | 27.02.2026 | Awareness rally and public program | Kulasekharam Church Campus                                       | 750          |
| 6     | Karankadu       | 28.02.2026 | Signature Campaign                 | St. Aloysious Community Hall Karankadu                           | 65           |

**- Fr. M. Martin,**  
**Secretary cum Executive Director, KIDSS.**

## **DIOCESAN CHRONICLES: FEBRUARY 2026**

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- February 01 : Bishop celebrated feast Mass at Pozhikarai at 8:00 AM. Later he attended the Nam Vazhvu vasagar vattam at B. Ed. College, Mulagumoodu at 11.30 AM. On the same day at 2 PM Bishop attended the Annai Ada's 100 year anniversary program at Annai Ada Azhagiyamandapam.
- February 3-10: Bishop attended the CBCI meeting at Bengaluru.
- February 11 : Bishop's House chapel blessing at 11 AM at Bishop's House, Unnamalaikadai.
- February 12 : Bishop attended the Jubilee year closing mass at Muhilankarai at 6 PM.
- February 13 : Bishop celebrated the confirmation mass at Alancholai at 6 PM.
- February 14 : Bishop celebrated mass for the Auxiliaries of the Apostolate at Puliyoorkurichy Shrine at 7 AM. At 10 AM Bishop inaugurated the Anbiyam's Seminar at St. xavier's Engineering college, Chunkankadai. On the same day Bishop attended the Annual day celebration of corporate management.
- February 15 : Bishop celebrated the feast mass at Chemparuthivilai at 10 AM. On the same day Bishop inaugurated the year of Assisi with a Holy Mass at the Cathedral at 5 PM.
- February 16 : Bishop presided over the curia meeting at the bishop's house at 9.30 AM. On the same day evening at 3 PM Bishop presided over the Hiltek Board meeting, Chunkankadai.
- February 17 : Bishop celebrated the feast mass at vettuvenni at 11 AM. On the same day at 6.30 PM Bishop blessed and opened the jubilee house at Chirayankuzhi parish.

- February 18 : Bishop celebrated ash Wednesday mass at Unnamalaikadai parish at 6 PM.
- February 19 : TNBCLC meeting at Tindivanam.
- February 21 : Bishop presided over the finance committee meeting at the Bishop's House at 3 PM.
- February 22 : Bishop made a pastoral visit to Marthandam parish.
- February 23 : Bishop attended the school catechism annual day function at 10 AM. On the same day evening at 6.30 PM bishop presided over the Hill committee meeting at Chunkankadai.
- February 24 : Bishop presided over the curia meeting at the Bishop's House at 9.30 AM. On the same day evening at 4 PM Bishop met Chief Minister of TamilNadu Mr. M.K. Stalin at Kanyakumari.
- February 25-27: Bishop attended the annual board meeting of seminaries.
- February 28 : Bishop attended the annual day celebration of St. Xavier's college of Engineering, Chunkankadai at 9 AM.

### **Attention Please!**

**Offices of the Bishop's House, Vicariates and the Commissions will remain closed on the following day:**

1. Good Friday - April 03, 2026
2. Tamil New year - April 14, 2026

**- Fr. G. Jayakumar, Financial Administrator.**

## **DAYS TO REMEMBER IN APRIL 2026**

### **ORDINATION DAYS**

- 03 : Fr. Chandra Sekhar C. P. (2005)
- 03 : Fr. Godwin Sounder Raj M. (2005)
- 03 : Fr. Jegan Bose U. (2005)
- 03 : Fr. John Francis M. (2005)
- 03 : Fr. James Yesu C. OCD (2008)
- 04 : Fr. Joseph Jeyaseelan S. (1988)
- 06 : Fr. Wenceslaus OCD (1983)
- 06 : Fr. Antony M. Muthu (1986)
- 06 : Fr. Gnanamuthu V. (1997)
- 07 : Fr. Jegath Gasper Raj M. (1991)
- 07 : Fr. Russel Raj B. (1991)
- 07 : Fr. Bright Simsa Raj A. (2002)
- 07 : Fr. Dominic Savio V. (2002)
- 07 : Fr. Jerald Justin D. (2002)
- 07 : Fr. Sujan Kumar D. M. (2002)
- 07 : Fr. Wiselin Xavier E. (2002)
- 07 : Fr. Prince Shoban OFM-CAP (2021)
- 07 : Fr. Augustin Geo Ignatious (2024)
- 08 : Fr. Aloysius Babu OCD (1999)
- 08 : Fr. Antony C. Arockiasamy OFM-CAP (2015)
- 10 : Fr. Francis S. (1983)
- 10 : Fr. Steephen C. (1994)
- 11 : Fr. Antony Jeya S. (1999)
- 11 : Fr. Jayakumar G. (1999)
- 11 : Fr. Maria Rajendran S. (1999)
- 11 : Fr. Paul Richard Joseph R. (1999)

## **DAYS TO REMEMBER IN APRIL 2026**

### **ORDINATION DAYS**

- 11 : Fr. Robert Benni M. (1999)  
12 : Fr. R. Renold Regan MSFS (2024)  
14 : Fr. Arul Devadhason M. (1977)  
14 : Fr. Augustine P. (1985)  
14 : Fr. Vincent S. (1985)  
14 : Fr. Antony William F. (1996)  
14 : Fr. Gelastin Gerald A. (1996)  
14 : Fr. Jayaprakash S. (1996)  
14 : Fr. Jose Robinson S. K. (1996)  
14 : Fr. Martin N. (1996)  
14 : Fr. Sahaya Justus W. (1996)  
14 : Fr. Anish B. (2024)  
14 : Fr. Anish P. (2024)  
14 : Fr. Arul Vineesh R. V. (2024)  
14 : Fr. Biruthive Thomas (2024)  
14 : Fr. Jackson C. (2024)  
14 : Fr. Ranjeeth A. (2024)  
15 : Fr. Maria Susai P. (1993)  
15 : Fr. Arockia Shelly Rose A. M. (2007)  
15 : Fr. Benny L. (2007)  
15 : Fr. Godwin Selva Justus S. (2007)  
15 : Fr. Jeya Sundar Singh (2018)  
15 : Fr. Arul R. (2018)  
17 : Fr. Jesu Retnam S. (1977)  
18 : Fr. Dominic Kadatcha Dhas M. (1993)  
18 : Fr. John Michael Raj M. (1993)

## **DAYS TO REMEMBER IN APRIL 2026**

### **ORDINATION DAYS**

- 18 : Fr. George Eugin Raj A. (2004)
- 18 : Fr. Robert John Kennedy G. (2004)
- 18 : Fr. Suresh Kumar P. (2004)
- 18 : Fr. Xavier Sundar S. (2004)
- 18 : Fr. Andrews V. (2010)
- 18 : Fr. Jokens A. (2010)
- 18 : Fr. Amal Raj A. (2021)
- 18 : Fr. Ajin Jose (2021)
- 19 : Fr. Andrew D. (1998)
- 19 : Fr. Arockia Jose G. (2009)
- 19 : Fr. Geo Giltus G. (2009)
- 19 : Fr. Gilbert Lingson V. (2009)
- 21 : Fr. Vincent OCD (2006)
- 21 : Fr. Francis Xavier OCD (1997 )
- 22 : Fr. George K. (1990)
- 22 : Fr. Xavier Benedict S. (1990)
- 22 : Fr. Callistus M. (1996)
- 22 : Fr. Christopher S. (2001)
- 22 : Fr. Isaac Raj R. (2001)
- 22 : Fr. Maria Vincent A. (2001)
- 22 : Fr. Victor V. (2001)
- 23 : Fr. Benedict M. D. Anelin (1995)
- 23 : Fr. Benjamin D. (1995)
- 23 : Fr. David Michael M. (1995)
- 23 : Fr. Eckermens Michael M. (2006)
- 23 : Fr. Primas Singh M. (2006)

## **DAYS TO REMEMBER IN APRIL 2026**

### **ORDINATION DAYS**

- 23 : Fr. Pushpa Raj A. (2006)
- 23 : Fr. John Baptist J. (2023)
- 23 : Fr. John Jijo J. (2023)
- 23 : Fr. John Vibin J. (2023)
- 23 : Fr. Libin Raj S. (2023)
- 23 : Fr. Shebin A. (2023)
- 23 : Fr. Starvin Cyril Shajan G. (2023)
- 25 : Fr. Benjamin Bosco MSSCC (1995)
- 26 : Fr. Elphinston Joseph J. (1987)
- 26 : Fr. Maria Arputham R. (1987)
- 26 : Fr. Maria Martin S. (1987)
- 26 : Most Rev. Albert G. A. Anasthas (1992)
- 26 : Fr. Sebastian F. (1992)
- 26 : Fr. Sekhar Michael S. (1992)
- 27 : Fr. Romeric Thadeus K. M. (2003)
- 27 : Fr. Thatheu Leon Jose A. S. (2003)
- 27 : Fr. Michael Raj A. (2003)
- 27 : Fr. Daniel A. CMF (2024)
- 27 : Fr. Gnana Sikamani SAC (2010)
- 28 : Fr. Christudhass OCD (1992)
- 29 : Fr. Mary John R. (1984)
- 29 : Fr. Maria David Y. OCD (1984)
- 29 : Fr. Siluvai Edwin SAC (2003)
- 30 : Fr. Manohiam Xavier F. (2000)

## **DAYS TO REMEMBER IN APRIL 2026**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 04 : Fr. Steephen C. (1966)
- 04 : Fr. James Yesu C. OCD (1976)
- 10 : Fr. Dominic Kadatcha Dhas M. (1967)
- 12 : Fr. Michael Raj A. (1975)
- 15 : Bro. Paul Savarimuthu (1969)
- 17 : Fr. Victor V. (1973)
- 17 : Fr. Arockia Shelly Rose A. M. (1978)
- 21 : Fr. Benedict M. D. Anelin (1968)
- 21 : Fr. Jegan Bose U. (1977)
- 24 : Fr. Gnana Sikamani SAC (1980)
- 27 : Fr. Ranjeeth A. (1994)
- 29 : Fr. Michael Alocious M. A. (1987)
- 30 : Fr. Libin Raj S. (1994)
- 30 : Fr. Jackson C. (1986)

### **REMEMBER THE DEAD**

- 06 : Fr. Paul Sebastian Fernandez
- 06 : Fr. Antony D. C.
- 07 : Fr. Lawrence R. (2018)
- 10 : Fr. Xavier Rajamony L.
- 12 : Fr. Honorius E.
- 16 : Msgr. Vincent Fernandez
- 26 : Fr. George N. J.
- 30 : Fr. Augustine Fernando

# Diocesan Events



**Priests' Live-in**



**Mass at Kurusumalai, Vellarada**



**Commissions' Seminar**



**Pastoral Visit, Palliyadi**



**College Day, Nanjil Catholic College of Arts and Science, Kaliakkavilai**



**College Day, Morning Star Polytechnic College, Chunkankadai**



**Diocesan Pastoral Council**



**Chrism Mass**

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KUZHITHURAI**  
**Unnamalaikadai**



*Priestly*  
**ORDINATION**

*"With joy and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Kuzhithurai announces the Priestly Ordination of five of our Deacons. I cordially invite you to prayerfully participate in this sacred celebration as they are ordained to serve the Lord and His people."*



**SUNDAY, 19TH APRIL 2026**  
**AT 4.30 P.M.**



**CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, THIRITHUVAPURAM**

*You are kindly requested to inform your parishioners and encourage them to participate in this sacred occasion, giving thanks to the Lord for the gift of these new priests and praying for more vocations in our Diocese.*

*Looking forward to your presence and prayers.*

**YOURS IN CHRIST,**  
**MOST REV. DR. ALBERT G. A. ANASTHAS**  
Bishop of Kuzhithurai



**DN. JORVIN  
PRINCE J.**  
"AS YOUR  
SHADOW"  
26.04.2026  
&  
05.00 PM

**CHURCH OF ST. JUDE,  
KUTTAIKADU**



**DN. JENISH J.**  
"READY TO  
TAKE UP THE  
CROSS"  
(MT. 16:24)  
20.04.2026  
&  
04.30 PM

**CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST HOLY  
TRINITY, THIRITHUVAPURAM**



**DN. ISSAC DAVID J.A.**  
"TO UNITE AS  
ONE THROUGH  
LOVE" (COL. 2:2)  
25.04.2026  
&  
05.00 PM

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF  
SORROWS, VELLICODE**



**DN. ARUL  
SURESH S.P.**  
"REJOICE IN THE  
LORD" (PHIL. 4:4)  
21.04.2026  
&  
04.00 PM

**SACRED HEART CHURCH,  
PACODE**



**DN. BOBIN R.**  
"TO BEAR  
WITNESS"  
(JN. 1:7)  
20.04.2026  
&  
09.30 AM

**CHURCH OF ST. EUSTACHIUS,  
PACKIAPURAM**



**April 01 - Prevention of Blindness Week**



**April 03 - Good Friday**



**April 02 - Maundy Thursday**



**April 12 - Divine Mercy Sunday**



**April 02 - World Autism Awareness Day**



**April 26 - Vocation Sunday**

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