

# NEWSLETTER



DIVINE PROVIDENCE PROVINCE

December 2025



**“Jesus is Born! PEACE AND JOY TO THE WORLD”**

## **Beloved Guanellian Family!**

As Advent unfolds before us, the world that longs for meaning waits again for the gentle cry of a Child in Bethlehem. In that manger, God enters in history not with power, but with profound tenderness. He comes not to condemn, but to accompany; not to frighten, but to heal; not to reign from a throne, but from the fragile embrace of a Mother.

Advent is the season when God reveals the hope that does not disappoint (Rom 5:5). The Light that first broke the darkness over Bethlehem continues to shine in every compassionate gesture, every act of forgiveness, and every step toward unity.

This time of grace urges us to forgive generously and rebuild the spiritual bridges that may have crumbled in our relationships. The Prince of Peace cannot be born in hearts still chained by resentment. Our Founder, St. Louis Guanella, echoed this truth in his life of charity: mercy is the most divine face of love. When we forgive, Providence flows freely again through our hearts in our communities.

Advent is also the hour of sharing of bread, of time, of compassion, of presence. God became poor so that no poor person would be without dignity.

The least, the abandoned, the elderly, the differently-abled are the sacred Bethlehem entrusted to our hands. Every Guanellian home must become a sanctuary where the weak feel strong and the forgotten feel loved.

On the 19th of December, as we celebrate the 183rd birthday of St. Louis Guanella, we remember a man who allowed God's dream to pass through his heart into the world. His passion for the poor is Christ's own heart beating within the Church. Today, his charism calls us anew to be fearless in charity and creative in hope.

In this wounded world scared by wars, violence, and indifference, Advent becomes a global cry: "Let there be peace! Let there be fraternity!" The Lord calls us to recognize one another as brothers and sisters journeying toward the same light. Our mission is to be artisans of communion, prophets of consolation, and companions of the broken.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us walk together as pilgrims of Providence, trusting that every small act of love writes a new chapter in the salvation history. May the Child Jesus find a warm dwelling in our simplicity and a wide space in our hearts. With prayerful wishes for a blessed Advent and a Christmas filled with His abiding peace.

**FR. GNANARAJ SDC**  
Provincial Superior

## PROVINCIAL CALENDER

<b>02/ 12/2025</b>	– Cuddalore
<b>03/12/2025</b>	– Meeting with the Bishop of Kumbakonam
<b>04/12/2025</b>	– Trinity Hospice
<b>06/12/2025</b>	– GPN Bangalore
<b>07/ 12/ 2025</b>	– DGMS Chennai
<b>15th 16th /12/25</b>	– Regents Meeting
<b>19/12/2025</b>	– DGMS Chennai
<b>25/12/2025</b>	- Chennai

*Merry  
Christmas*







Divine Providence Province organized a two-day meeting for the Treasurers of the Indian Communities on 19 and 20 November 2025 at Don Guanella Major Seminary (DGMS). Treasurers from all communities participated in this meeting. It aimed to strengthen financial governance, enhance statutory compliance, and establish uniform administrative procedures across the Province.

The programme commenced with a prayer invoking Divine Providence. Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior, welcomed the participants, followed by Rev. Fr. S. Francis, who outlined the objectives of the gathering. He then presented the approved Administrative Manual, emphasizing standardized accounting procedures, the responsibilities of Treasurers, the importance of transparency and punctual reporting, proper documentation of workers' profiles, and the systematic management of local income and property records. Mr. Rosario delivered a detailed session on land-related documentation, stressing the importance of updating Patta and Chitta, obtaining Encumbrance Certificates prior to any property transaction, and securely archiving all property documents at both the community and Provincial Curia levels. In the afternoon, Mr. Jeeva conducted an extensive session on employee welfare and statutory benefits, including ESI, EPF, Gratuity, and Labour Code provisions. Staff members from DGMS, DGSS, and DPP also joined this session. The first day concluded with the Holy Mass with Vespers at 7:30 p.m., presided over by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj.



The second day opened with the Holy Mass with Lauds, presided over by Rev. Fr. Francis. This was followed by a presentation by Rev. Fr. S. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior, on the Economic Motions and Proposals of the 21st General Chapter and the 6th Provincial Chapter. He outlined the Congregation's economic orientations for 2025-2030, highlighting the Chapter's three-year action plan: revising fixed contributions, exploring new financial resources, promoting responsible use of social media, and reviewing the Seminary's financial structure in Rome. He further emphasized the need to strengthen bursary offices, encourage ongoing financial formation, establish uniform accountability systems, engage professional fundraising support, organize annual training for Treasurers, implement administrative reorganization (Motion 21), and continue the study of Church economic documents.

Rev. Fr. S. Francis then presented the second part of the Administrative Manual, covering guidelines on cash payment restrictions, segregation of funds, document preservation, use of FC funds, mandatory community documentation, local income management, TDS eligibility, salary lists and monthly backups, worker appointment and dismissal procedures, and norms governing donations and parish income.

In the afternoon, Mr. Charles, Accountant, presented the auditor's report, addressed queries, and provided general instructions for maintaining community accounts. The meeting concluded with the Provincial Superior expressing gratitude to all Treasurers for their active participation, reminding them that sound administration is a tangible expression of fidelity to Divine Providence and dedicated service to the poor.

## EVENING SCHOOL CELEBRATION





**DINDIGUL:** The Founder's Feast was joyfully celebrated with the evening school children on October 26th. Around fifty children participated with great enthusiasm. Rev. Edal Vinoth, the Administrator, inspired them with stories from the life of the Founder. The children offered beautiful dance and song performances in honour of the occasion. Since the feast coincided with Diwali, firecrackers were distributed, adding excitement to the celebration. Gifts were given to both staff and students as a sign of appreciation. The atmosphere was filled with joy and laughter. Staff members worked together to make the day meaningful. The celebration strengthened the bond between the children and the school community. The feast concluded with blessings and heartfelt gratitude from all. The day remains a cherished memory for the children.

## ALL SOULS' DAY



**VATLURU:** On All Souls' Day, the parish and community at Vatluru gathered in faith to honour the departed members of their families, parish, and community. The day highlighted the Church's teaching on remembering and praying for those who have gone before us. Fathers from Guanella Bhavan joined the celebration, adding spiritual richness to the liturgy. The homily emphasized gratitude for the lives of the departed and hope in the resurrection. Parishioners prayed especially for forgotten souls and those in purgatory. The Mass encouraged everyone to deepen their Christian duty of remembering the dead. The celebration helped the community reflect on eternal life. It was a meaningful day of remembrance and prayer.

## JUBILEE ROSARY ZONAL LEVEL

**VATLURU:** To mark the Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence and the Jubilee Year 2025, a zonal-level Jubilee Rosary was conducted at Vatluru. Participants included fathers and brothers from Guanella Bhavan, representatives from





Warangal Mission, sisters from Bishop House, GLM members, and parish faith groups. The rosary was recited in four languages Italian, Oriya, Telugu, and English. The diversity of languages expressed the universality of the Church. The gathering highlighted the grace of praying together as one family. The faithful entrusted their intentions to the Blessed Mother. The program also honoured the pilgrims of the Hope Jubilee. The evening encouraged unity and devotion among all participants. Parishioners expressed joy in celebrating their patron feast. It also deepened trust in God's providential care. The rosary concluded with blessings for all gathered. The celebration was a moment of spiritual renewal and gratitude.

## CHRIST THE KING FEAST



**VATLURU:** The parish community of Vatluru celebrated the Feast of Christ the King with deep faith and devotion. The celebration highlighted the belief that Christ is the supreme ruler who guides and protects His people. The faithful were reminded that, as subjects of this divine King, they are called to grow in truth, love, mercy, and service. The liturgy encouraged families to renew their



commitment to making Christ the centre of their lives. Parishioners actively participated in the prayers and hymns. It was a meaningful reminder of Christ's reign of peace and love. The community concluded the celebration with grateful hearts. The day inspired everyone to deepen their discipleship in daily life.

## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



**THANJAVUR:** On World Day of the Poor, the Inner wheel Club of Tanjore carried out a significant service project at Trinity Hospice. They donated 20 chairs sponsored by club members and provided 25 warm blankets contributed by Mrs. S. Vijayalakshmi. Trinity Hospice, opened just three months earlier, currently serves 17 abandoned and terminally ill residents. The club members spent quality time with the inmates, creating an atmosphere of warmth and connection. The residents welcomed the guests with songs, expressing joy and gratitude. The visit highlighted the importance of compassion toward the poorest and most vulnerable. This event strengthened collaboration between the hospice and local service groups. It also inspired others to contribute to the mission of caring for the dying destitute. The day ended with hearts filled with gratitude and kindness.

## INSPIRATION AND SUPPORT

**THANJAVUR:** On World Day of the Poor, Rtn. AKRFC Dr. Leema Rose Martin visited Trinity Hospice, bringing great joy to the community. As Director of the Martin Group and Managing Trustee of the Martin Foundation, her presence was deeply encouraging. She expressed appreciation for the peaceful atmosphere of the home and the dedicated care given to the dying destitute. Dr. Leema personally interacted with the residents, offering kind words and



listening to their concerns. The event highlighted the importance of collaboration between charitable organizations and service homes. Her encouragement renewed the team's motivation to serve. The visit added profound meaning to the observance of World Day of the Poor. It reinforced the vision of caring with compassion and purpose.

## JUBILEE CROSS VISIT



**THANJAVUR:** As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, the Diocese of Thanjavur carried the Jubilee Cross to every parish for veneration. Trinity Hospice, belonging to Thirukanupatty Parish, was blessed to receive the Cross. Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Bernard generously arranged for the Cross to be brought to the new mission house. The residents and staff welcomed it with deep devotion. A special blessing ceremony was held for the hospice and its mission. It was a moment of grace for all who participated. The blessing reminded the community of the Redeemer's love and protection. Everyone expressed gratitude for this sacred opportunity. The day reaffirmed trust in God's providence.

## ALL SOULS' DAY CELEBRATION





**KOPPAKKA:** On November 2nd, the Guanella Bhavan community in Koppakka gathered at the tomb of Fr. Bala to celebrate All Souls' Day. The Holy Eucharist was offered for the departed confreres, especially Fr. John Bosco, Fr. Thanasekar, and Fr. Bala. The Mass was celebrated with deep reverence and gratitude. After Mass, a special prayer service was held at the tomb. Prayers were offered for God's mercy and peace upon all departed souls. The blessing of the tomb concluded the solemn service. The day brought comfort and spiritual renewal. The community left with hearts full of faith and remembrance.

## FEAST CELEBRATION



**KOPPAKKA:** The Feast of the Mother of Divine Providence was celebrated with great devotion at Guanella Bhavan, Koppakka. The event was especially meaningful as the main celebrant, Rev. Fr. Alphonse SSP, marked his golden jubilee. The feast highlighted the beauty of Guanellian spirituality centred on Mary's maternal care. Community members and seminarians participated actively. The celebration fostered a spirit of unity and devotion. The homily invited everyone to renew confidence in God's loving guidance. Participants prayed for the poor, sick, and abandoned. The event strengthened the spiritual life of the community. The festive gathering renewed Marian devotion among the faithful. It became a moment of thanksgiving and grace. The feast concluded with joyful fellowship and blessings.

## PILGRIMAGE FOR GLM

**KOPPAKKA:** Guanella Bhavan in Koppaka welcomed the Jubilee Year with a special pilgrimage for the Guanellian Lay Movement on 8 November 2025. The peaceful campus became a gathering point for GLM members from across





the region. The day began with reflections on the Gospel of St. Luke, guiding participants into prayer. A solemn rosary followed, led devotionally by the GLM members. The group then visited St. Peter's Co-Cathedral in Gunadala and the Shrine of Brother Joseph Thambi. The pilgrimage emphasized the growing presence of the GLM in Andhra Pradesh. Participants were reminded of the Founder's call to live charity in daily life. The Jubilee pilgrimage renewed their commitment to service. It strengthened fellowship among the lay faithful. Everyone returned with gratitude for God's Providence. The day concluded as a beautiful spiritual milestone for the GLM.

## DOUBLE DHAMAKA

**KOPPAKKA:** Guanella Bhavan celebrated both Children's Day and Community Day on 30 November 2025 with great joy. The event brought children and seminarians together in a lively atmosphere. Cultural programs, games, and competitions filled the day with excitement. The Guanellian Fathers organized the program with dedication and care. Each activity aimed at encouraging the holistic development of the children. The celebration reflected the spirit of Guanellian love and compassion. Prizes and gifts were





distributed to motivate the young participants. The children enjoyed every moment of the festivities. A special meal added sweetness to the occasion. The day strengthened the bond among the community. It highlighted the home's mission of nurturing joy and dignity. The celebration ended with beautiful memories for all.

### PASUMAI PAYANAM



**MADURAI:** To mark the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, a cycling awareness journey from Kanyakumari to Chennai was organized by Tamil Nadu AICUF and various religious congregations. The cyclists reached Madurai on 9 November. Along with the Madurai CRI West, the boys from our home warmly welcomed the cyclists. They joined in shouting slogans to promote environmental protection. Leaflets were distributed to raise awareness among the public. After the program, the boys visited Samanar Cave. They admired the beauty of the pond and enjoyed climbing the hill. The outing was both educational and refreshing. The day inspired the children to care for nature more consciously. It also encouraged them to become responsible stewards of the environment. The program ended with joy and gratitude.

### MOVIE OUTING FOR CHILDREN

**MADURAI:** on Children's Day, the Rotary Club of Madurai invited students from special schools to watch the film *Taare Zameen Par* at Guru Theatre on 12 November. Our boys and staff attended with great excitement. The children thoroughly enjoyed the movie and connected emotionally with its message. Their reactions reflected the expressions and feelings portrayed in the film. It was an enriching experience for them. They also had the chance to interact with students from other schools. The outing served as both entertainment and learning.





## CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

**MADURAI:** Children's Day was celebrated on 14 November at St. Joseph's Residential Special School. Around 250 students from Kalvi Public School joined the celebration. The Kalvi School students generously brought blankets, snacks, and sanitary items. Joyful dance performances were given by both schools. Our students proudly showcased their talents through songs and dances. A surprise dance by our teachers made the event even more special. Games were conducted, and winners received small gifts. A delicious lunch sponsored by Kalvi School was served to all.



## MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

**CHENNAI:** The Don Guanella Major Seminary community celebrated the solemn Feast of Mary, Mother of Divine Providence, with deep devotion.





The day began with a solemn Holy Mass celebrated by Very Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, the Provincial Superior. He reminded the fathers and brothers of the loving guidance of the Blessed Mother in their vocation. The liturgy strengthened the community's trust in Divine Providence. In the evening, the entire Guanellian family joined an online rosary organized by the Divine Providence Sisters. This moment of shared prayer highlighted unity across different communities. The seminarians participated with great reverence. The celebration renewed awareness of Mary's protective care. It also deepened the spiritual bond among the congregation's branches. The feast encouraged everyone to continue their mission with faith. The sense of fraternity was felt strongly throughout the day. The celebration concluded with gratitude to the Mother of Divine Providence. Her intercession remains a constant source of strength.

## GUANELLIAN FAMILY

**CHENNAI:** On November 18th, the Don Guanella Major Seminary gathered with the SDC Fathers, Guanellian Cooperators, and GLM members to celebrate





the Feast of Mary, Mother of Divine Providence. The Holy Mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj SdC the Provincial Superior. Parishioners from Thirumullaivoyal also joined the celebration, strengthening the communal bond. The feast emphasized total trust in God's Providence through Mary's intercession. The joyful participation of all groups highlighted unity within the Guanellian family. The event strengthened the connection between the seminary and the parish it serves. It renewed the commitment of the faithful to serve with charity.

## **"FACE OF THE FACELESS"**



**CHENNAI:** On November 21st, the fathers and brothers of Don Guanella Major Seminary watched the inspiring film *Face of the Faceless*. The movie portrays the life and martyrdom of Blessed Rani Maria Vattalil, FCC. Her dedication to the upliftment of tribal communities in Madhya Pradesh deeply moved the seminarians. The film highlighted her courageous stand against injustice. It also showed the extraordinary forgiveness shown by her family to her assassin. The seminarians reflected on the call to compassionate and fearless service. The viewing offered a powerful formational experience. It challenged them to respond to suffering with love. The film strengthened their resolve to live Gospel values. The evening encouraged personal reflection and prayer. It reminded the community of the cost and beauty of true discipleship. The experience left a lasting spiritual impact. The session concluded with silence and gratitude.

## **DIVINE PROVIDENCE FEAST**

**CUDDALORE:** On 12 November, the Guanellian communities in Cuddalore celebrated the Feast of Divine Providence. The event brought together the





Boys Home, St. Joseph's Seminary, and the Guanellian Sisters. The celebration began with the recitation of the Holy Rosary led by various groups. A solemn procession marked the start of the Holy Mass. Rev. Fr. John Dass presided over the Eucharist, and Rev. Fr. Vanathiyan preached the homily. Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Vincent expressed gratitude to all present. The collaboration of different communities reflected unity in mission. The celebration deepened devotion to the Mother of Divine Providence. Participants prayed for God's continuous guidance. The day strengthened relationships among the various houses. The feast ended with heartfelt thanksgiving. It remains a cherished spiritual event for the parish.

## ST. CECILIA FEAST

**CUDDALORE:** On 22 November, Sagayamadha Parish celebrated the Feast of St. Cecilia, patroness of music. Rev. Fr. Vincent celebrated the Holy Mass and delivered a meaningful homily. He appreciated the presence of the choir and parishioners. After Mass, the choir was honoured with a special feast song and a cake-cutting ceremony. Parish members shared reflections from the past year. A fellowship meal followed, strengthening unity among the groups. The celebration highlighted the importance of sacred music in worship. Choir members felt encouraged and appreciated. Parishioners expressed joy at the





harmonious celebration. The event fostered a spirit of gratitude and collaboration. The day ended with the priest's final blessing. It was a simple yet joyful celebration of faith and service.

## GREEN CROPS CYCLE RALLY



**CUDDALORE:** As part of the “Green Crops Cycle Rally” from Kanyakumari to Chennai, an awareness program was held at St. Anne's CBSE School, Cuddalore. The rally aims to promote environmental protection across Tamil Nadu. Fr. John Dass, regional coordinator, organized the event with his team. Chief Guest MLA G. Iyappan appreciated the initiative and donated ₹10,000 to support the rally. Religious sisters, superiors, school officials, and nearly 500 students attended. Around 500 plants were planted on school and college premises. Students performed skits, dances, and songs promoting environmental care. The event encouraged collaboration between schools and religious institutions. It was a successful step toward promoting sustainability. Participants expressed gratitude for the meaningful program. The awareness drive concluded with thanks from Fr. John Dass.

## CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION





**CHENNAI:** On November 14th, Don Guanella Special School celebrated Children's Day with great joy. Donors Mrs. Deepa Anto John and Mrs. Pradeepa graced the event as special guests. Superior Rev. Fr. Periyannayagam delivered an inspiring speech for the children. Teachers presented lively cultural performances that delighted everyone. Children received special gifts class-wise, bringing smiles to their faces. The celebration fostered joy and unity among the students. Teachers worked enthusiastically to make the day colourful. The atmosphere was filled with cheer and gratitude. The event honoured the value of every child. Students enjoyed moments of dance, music, and celebration.

## MEDICAL CAMP



**CHENNAI:** A medical camp was held at Don Guanella Special School on November 21st with a team from Meridian Hospital. The Chief Physician, CEO, Neurologist, and ENT Specialist conducted examinations. Rev. Fr. Gnanraj, the Provincial, visited to welcome the medical team. Director Rev. Arputraraj honoured the doctors for their dedicated service. Comprehensive checkups were provided for all students, priests, teachers, and staff. The camp ensured early identification of health needs. The children benefited greatly from the professional care. Staff members expressed gratitude to Meridian Hospital. The event strengthened ties between the school and the hospital. The medical team appreciated the warm hospitality. The camp created awareness of general health. Students felt happy and cared for. The initiative highlighted the school's commitment to holistic wellbeing.

## SPECIAL OLYMPIC BHARAT

**CHENNAI:** The Don Guanella Special School proudly announced that





Mohammed Thameem won third place in the Special Olympic Bharat football competition held in Kolkata. He represented the Tamil Nadu team with dedication. His achievement brought great honour to the school. The staff and students congratulated him warmly. His success inspired other children to pursue their talents. His victory encouraged inclusiveness in sports. Teachers expressed pride in his accomplishment. The celebration boosted morale among students. It was a proud moment for the entire institution.

## INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

**CHENNAI:** International Men's Day was celebrated at Don Guanella Special School on November 19th. The faculty honoured all male teachers for their service. A cultural program was presented as a token of appreciation. A cake-cutting ceremony added warmth to the celebration. Special souvenirs were given to each male teacher. The celebration created a sense of respect and gratitude. Teachers felt valued and encouraged. The program strengthened unity among the staff. It was a joyful moment for everyone present.





## PHYSICAL HEALTH & REFLEXOLOGY



**CHENNAI:** A parents' meeting was held at Don Guanella Special School on November 27th. Rev. Father explained all monthly activities and updates. To support physical wellbeing, 20 medical students from Dr. Deepa's team provided reflexology sessions. They offered therapeutic treatments to parents and teachers. Participants found the sessions highly beneficial. The program promoted awareness of self-care. Parents appreciated the initiative. Reflexology training encouraged healthy habits. The day fostered relaxation and relief for all attendees.

## SPORTS DAY

**SIVAGANGAI:** Guanella Anbagam Special School celebrated Sports Day on November 11, 2025. Over 60 children with diverse abilities participated. The campus was filled with energy and colour. Events included running races, relays, and obstacle courses. Ball games and group activities added excitement. Teachers and volunteers motivated every child. Cultural performances brought joy to the audience. The event promoted confidence





and inclusion. The atmosphere was filled with cheers and laughter. Parents appreciated the efforts of the staff.

### CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



**SIVAGANGAI:** Guanella Anbagam celebrated Children's Day with a vibrant programs. The day began with prayer and flag hoisting. Students performed dances and poems with enthusiasm. Teachers were honoured for their service. Fun games were organized in the afternoon. The celebration promoted joy and self-expression. Staff members encouraged the children throughout. The celebration highlighted the value of each child. It strengthened the bond between students and staff. The day ended with gratitude and smiles.

### INAUGURATION OF NEW CHAPEL

**KUMBAKONAM:** On October 22nd, a new chapel was blessed and inaugurated by Bishop Jeevantham of Kumbakonam. Despite the small size of the chapel, nearly 200 people attended. Members of the Legion of Mary and other pious groups participated. Well-wishers and donors who supported the construction were invited. Rev. Fr. Visuwasam, provincial representative,





added joy to the event. The bishop emphasized the strong faith of the people. The parishioners displayed deep devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary. Parish Priest Fr. Bernandas organized the event with the support of community fathers. The inauguration marked a historic moment for the substation. The celebration concluded with blessings and fellowship.

## CHILDREN'S DAY



**GPN, BANGALORE:** The GPN community celebrated Children's Day on November 14, 2025, with great enthusiasm. The Tent of Love hall was filled with excited children. Rev. Fr. Kulandai Sami, Superior and Director, presided over the celebration. He motivated the children to become future leaders. Cultural programs were organized by the evening school teachers. Children showcased their talents through dance, singing, and speeches. Gifts were distributed to all participants. A sumptuous meal added joy to the day. The event strengthened the bond between the community and the children. The atmosphere was filled with happiness. The celebration reflected Guanellian love for the young.

## VISIT BY MR. AZIM PREMJI





**BANGALORE:** Guanella Preethi Nivas was honoured by a visit from philanthropist Mr. Azim Premji. He spent meaningful time with the residents. His compassionate interaction touched their hearts. He learned about their daily lives and challenges. Mr. Premji made a generous contribution to support the home. His visit brought encouragement and hope to the elderly residents and the staff and fathers appreciated his presence. The home's mission of offering dignity to abandoned elderly was highlighted and residents felt valued and respected. The visit strengthened the spirit of compassion at the home. It was a memorable day for all. The event reflected the power of human kindness.

## CHILDREN'S DAY



**SIVAGASI:** Children's Day is celebrated on 14 November every year in India, marking the birthday of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, for the reason that he strongly supported children's rights and education. On this day, the school correspondent Fr Ronald visited the children and shared a short message with them about life and its principles. To commemorate this special day, the teachers of Veeramamunivar and RC Primary School, along with the correspondent Fr Ronald, honoured the children, making the day more colourful and doubling their happiness. The school management offered them sumptuous food.

## 1,000-BEAD ROSARY

**SIVAGASI:** According to the Catholic Church, those who die in union with God but still require purification from the effects of sin are cleansed after death. They can be aided by prayers and penances offered by the living. Relying on this belief, the parishioners of St John de Britto Church prayed to the Lord for





mercy with a 1,000-bead rosary for the souls in purgatory. The Virgin Mary taught us to pray for these souls when she appeared to three shepherd children near the village of Fátima in Portugal in 1917. The prayer is: "O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, especially those who are in most need of Your mercy". Believing in the apparitions of Our Lady of Fátima, the parishioners of Vadapatti prayed the rosary to save souls from purgatory.

## STEPPING INTO THE 8TH YEAR

**SIVAGASI:** "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). Just as the Psalmist praised God, the parishioners of Vadapatti thanked Him for His marvellous deeds. St John de Britto Church was declared the 77th parish in the Madurai Archdiocese on 25 November 2018 by Bishop Antony Pappusamy. On Tuesday, 25 November, the parishioners celebrated the 8th anniversary of the Vadapatti mission parish. In the evening, the parish priest celebrated the Holy Mass, and everyone thanked God for His providence to the parish through the intercession of St John de Britto, the parish patron. After Mass, to celebrate the parish's birthday, the parishioners cut the cake, after which dinner was served to everyone. The programme then came to a close.





## MEDICAL CAMP



**KUNNAMALAI:** The Kunnamalai Parish at Kandampalayam Substation organized its first medical camp in collaboration with St. Joseph Eye Hospital and the Namakkal Social Workers Committee under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Prasana. With the support of Rev. Fr. George Vinsula, a detailed health survey was conducted in the nearby villages. The study revealed that many elderly and malnourished people suffered from eye conditions such as dry eye syndrome, refractive errors, muscular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy. The camp offered medical examinations to over one hundred people. Fifty-five spectacles were distributed free of cost to those in need. The organizers ensured smooth coordination and professional medical support.

## ZONAL RECOLLECTION



**KUNNAMALAI:** Zonal Recollection was organized on 9 October 2025 for the confreres of GPN Community, Bangalore, Nazareth Illam, Thalavadi, and



Kunamalai Residence. Participants joined enthusiastically and appreciated learning about the new mission centre. Rev. Fr. George Vinsula, SDC, shared insights about the pastoral situation in Kunamalai. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Kulandaisamy, Superior of the GPN Community. During the Mass, Rev. Fr. George preached on “The Way of Carrying Out the Ministerial Priesthood.” He highlighted six meaningful approaches to living the priestly vocation. Afterward, Fr. Kulandaisamy evaluated the session and shared his thoughts. Participants later visited Kolli Malai for fellowship and recreation.

## VICARIATE-LEVEL YOUTH GATHERING



**KUNNAMALAI:** As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, a Vicariate-level Youth Gathering was held in the Salem Diocese. A total of 160 youth from 14 parishes participated, including 12 from Kunamalai Parish. The program was coordinated by Rev. Fr. Clement, V.F., of Thiruchamkodu Vicariate. The event began with prayerful hymns led by Rev. Fr. Frances Xavier. A meaningful session on “The Energy and Personality of Youth” was presented by Rev. Fr. Jai Bernard Joseph. He encouraged the youth to be authentic witnesses of Christ, inspired by Jesus and Mahatma Gandhi. The session challenged participants to bring positive change to society. A charismatic prayer service followed the input session. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was made available for all. The gathering concluded with a solemn Holy Eucharist presided over by Rev. Fr. George Vinsula, SDC. The youth returned enriched and motivated. The event strengthened unity among the Vicariate's young people. It encouraged them to deepen their faith and mission.

## TRIPLE CELEBRATION

**KUNNAMALAI:** Kunamalai Parish held a joyful triple celebration at the Kandhapalayam substation, marking the inauguration of the evening school, the launch of the youth group, and World Disabled Day. Rev. Fr. Micheal Raj





Selvam, Vicar General of Salem Diocese, presided over the events. He was joined by Rev. Fr. Jayaseelan and Rev. Fr. K. Prasana. Fr. Micheal highlighted the Guanellian mission of serving the voiceless and appreciated the parish team for their efforts. Youth from different substations participated with enthusiasm. During Mass, they took an oath to serve the parish faithfully. The evening school children performed colourful cultural programs. Special children were honoured and received gifts and rice packets. The celebration drew members from all seven substations. Their participation reflected the unity built through consistent pastoral visits. The event became a symbol of service and community spirit. A festive meal brought everyone together. The day concluded with joy and gratitude. It became a memorable milestone for the parish.

## FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

**THALAVADI:** The Feast of the Mother of Divine Providence was celebrated with devotion at Nazareth Illam, Thalavadi. The celebration began with a solemn rosary procession. Inmates and community members participated prayerfully. Fr. John Peter presided over the Holy Eucharist. Prayers were offered for the needs of the home. During his reflection, Fr. Rajesh spoke about trust in God's care. He highlighted the maternal protection of Our Lady. The celebration fostered unity among residents and staff. A festive meal was shared joyfully. The event strengthened faith and fraternity. It also deepened devotion to Divine Providence. The feast brought comfort and hope to all. The day ended with grateful hearts.

## SEMINAR ON ORAL HYGIENE

**THALAVADI:** Nazareth Illam organized a seminar on oral hygiene on November 28th. Mrs. Radha and Ms. Preethi conducted the session. They explained the importance of brushing and flossing. A healthy diet and avoiding





tobacco were emphasized. Participants learned about preventing dental decay and gum disease. Practical demonstrations were given on proper brushing methods. Residents were taught to use fluoride toothpaste effectively. The session promoted long-term dental health. The program aimed to build healthy habits. The trainers interacted patiently with residents. The seminar was informative and practical. It encouraged better personal care. The event ended with gratitude to the resource persons.

## FALL DINNER AUCTION



**CHELSEA** - On Saturday, November 8th, nearly 200 people gathered to raise awareness and funds for St. Louis Center. The 38th Annual Fall Dinner Auction was organized by a dedicated group of volunteers and held at St. Mary of Chelsea. Committee members spent months collecting donations of goods and services from area businesses. Silent and live auctions raised a lot of money for the residents. Meanwhile the guests enjoyed an amazing meal, and plenty of time for fellowship and fun.



## RENEWAL OF PROMISES



**CHELSEA** - The Guanellian Cooperators in Chelsea continue enriching their own lives by learning more details about the life of St. Louis Guanella. On one of the most important feasts of the congregation, Our Lady of Divine Providence **November 12th**, eight members renewed their promises in the St. Louis Center chapel. Members of Knights of Columbus Irish Hills Council participated in the Mass and joined everyone in the priests' dining room for a celebratory breakfast.

## ORNAMENTS AS ART



**CHELSEA** - The residents love the Moxie Works art programming that brings them great joy and allows them to express themselves. Eli Zemper, the instructor, shares her talents with people of all abilities and especially likes to see the residents getting creative with members of the Chelsea community. To



help raise funds for continued programming, Eli offered two ornament workshops, **November 12th and 19th**, at St. Louis Center blending the seasoned talents of the residents with friends and family. Each participant created two ornaments to keep or gift that will be ready for the holidays.

## QUARTERMANIA SUPPORTS CENTER

**CHELSEA** - The final Quartermania event of the year was held on **November 19th** by the Dexter Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus. Nearly 300 ladies were on hand to take part in the fun of bidding to win a variety of amazing prizes. Several of the residents presented the crowd with the Christmas cards that the St. Louis Center Aktion Club members created. The Dexter ladies presented their donations from the previous events during the Fall Dinner Auction.

## AKTION CLUB FUNDRAISER



**CHELSEA** - Each year, the St. Louis Center Aktion club designs and prepares Christmas cards that are sold at area parishes. Club members assemble the cards into packs of 10 featuring two of each design. The Aktion Club uses the money they raise to help support their favorite causes in the Chelsea community. This year, they sold out of cards completely even before Advent began. They will decide how they will distribute their funds during an upcoming meeting.

## THANKSGIVING WITH THE RESIDENTS

**CHELSEA** - Since many of the residents go home with their family to enjoy Thanksgiving, the priests celebrated Mass with them on Tuesday, November 25th. On Thursday, November 27th, the residents shared Thanksgiving as a



family in the main building. Several volunteers were on hand to help serve the delicious meal. Laura Rayer, Activities Coordinator, made sure that everyone was in the holiday spirit with a few Thanksgiving crafts. The residents are thankful for Laura and the other staff for the dedication to the well-being of each and every resident.



## BIRTHDAYS

08-FR. NINO MINETTI  
10-FR. A. PAUL FRANCIS  
11-FR. G. RAJA RATHNAM  
16-BRO. P. MARIA PAULRAJ  
19-FR. GUSTAVO DE BONIS  
22-FR. A. KULANDAISAMY  
25-FR. J. RONALD  
28-FR. A. MICHAEL DURAI SAMY

## ORDINATION

09-FR. S. ANTONY LOURDURAJ  
21-FR. JOSEPH RINALDO  
23-FR. FORTUNATO TURATI  
26-FR. K.BENSON |  
FR. A. JAYA SOOSAI  
FR. S. JOHNDASS |  
FR. A. KULANDAISAMY |  
FR. J. RONALD |  
FR. S.P. SAMY  
27-FR. A. KURIAKOSE

Merry  
Christmas  
*and Happy New Year!*