



# கவுசானல் மாநில மாதச் செய்தி மடல்

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## Provincial's Programme

APRIL 2021

- 01 MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 02 GOOD FRIDAY
- 04 EASTER  
*Council meeting*
- 05-09 PROVINCIALATE
- 10 PALAYAMKOTTAI  
*General Council Meeting*
- 11-14 PROVINCIALATE
- 15 CAUSSANELPURAM
- 16-22 PROVINCIALATE
- 23-28 SUHALAYAM,  
PROVINCIALATE  
*7<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter*

Happy Easter



## IMPORTANT DAYS / EVENTS

APRIL 2021

- 01 MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 02 GOOD FRIDAY
- 04 EASTER
- 14 TAMIL NEW YEAR
- 23-28 7<sup>TH</sup> PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

"Christ was suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit".

1 Peter 3:18



Dear Brothers,

Prayerful greetings to you all in the sweet name of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We start the month of April with the special days of holy week namely Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and the Easter time. Of course, the very important days in the life of Jesus and the climax of his mission in the world. Each of the above mentioned days give us a lot of lessons to our life and as his followers we need to seriously look in to that to resemble him in our lives.

Maundy Thursday, it commemorates the washing of the feet (Maundy) and Last supper of Jesus Christ with the apostles as described in the Canonical gospels. In this day, Jesus showed the world, the real leadership. By washing the feet of his apostles, he clearly explained to us that the Christian leadership is not to be served but to serve; but this is not the understanding of the world leadership, that is why he is remembered still by the world. As the religious leaders, we are not called to exercise our authority but to experience the fraternity by serving them all.

Good Friday generally means a day of mourning for Christians as they have lost their Lord Jesus Christ. But, the political way of looking at this day is different and it's a failure to the saviour. A day in which darkness conquered light and the wicked people conquered the righteous. The people who were parsing Jesus as their life redeemer, saviour and gave a wonderful reception to the city of Jerusalem, just by a week later shouted crucify him! crucify him! a more ungratefulness of the people. The chief priests and the Pharisees thought that they have won the battle against Jesus Christ but that was not true.

Easter, the day which explains the victory of God's will. The victory of Chief priests and the Pharisees on good Friday may look like great in the eyes of the world but at the last His will alone will be done. We are called to submit ourselves to the will of God to bring victory of good over evil and and to be the witnessess of our Risen Lord. I hope and believe that, you will get the same inspiration from these days to follow Jesus more radically.

We are also going to celebrate our Province 7th Provincial chapter in this month. Our constitution says, it is the profound form of celebration and affirmation of the fraternal bond that exists among the Brothers of the Province, but in reality it doesn't look like so. Let us earenestly pray to our Lord to strengthen the fraternal bond among the members of our Province.

Let us wish and appreciate all the Brothers who are celebrating their Birthdays and Feast days in this month.

May I also request you to remember in your daily prayers all the Brothers who had rested in the Lord in this month.

**Bro. J. Casmir, SHJ**  
Provincial Superior

Thought

The resurrection gives my life meaning, direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.

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March 08; International women's day was remembered and celebrated in a unique manner at Amali Girls Hr. Sec. School, Irudayakulam by the interfaith forum of Vickramasingapuram.



March 18; Birthday of Bro. Williams, the Superior of our Community was specially celebrated with the holy mass. Bro. Rajan, Bro. Provincial Superior and Bro. Michael Raj felicitated the birthday celebrant. Brothers from neighbouring communities also participated and greeted the celebrant.



March 21; Bro. Albert Xaviour's birthday was celebrated in our community in which Brothers from Palayamkottai also took part and greeted the celebrant.

# Irudayakulam

# Caussanelpuram



**March 13;** Our Arputha Yorthan Retreat Center organized "அமாவாசை முழு இரவு சபம்" at the center. A good number of faithful participated in the prayer and spiritually enriched.



**March 24;** A special retreat was organised by Bro. Arockiaraj and his team at Punnakayil village as a spiritual preparation during the Lenten season.

**March 25;** A team of teachers and students from Sacred Heart Hr.Sec.School headed by Correspondent Bro. Arulanandam participated in an awareness program of Covid-19 by distributing கபசூர குழிநீர் to the public. This notable event took place at the Panagudy bus stand where the police official of Panagudy also took part.



# Panagudy

I must admit with some hesitation that I used to view the approach of Easter with a certain tepidity when I had been called for religious life before years. Not that I didn't believe in the Resurrection and all that it holds for us. But looking back at my first few years in ministry, I realise that I had a rather weak and almost vapid appreciation of the depth and power of the Resurrection. I must have preached the garden variety of "God-has-vanquished-sin-and-death-for-us-at-Easter" homily, and hopefully, my words had some positive impact for the person in the pews. But I must also admit that just a few weeks into the lengthy liturgical expanse of Eastertide (50 days to be exact), the intensity of this truth and its impact would wane somewhat when the humdrum and monotony of the daily grind set in. Did my words of relishing the Resurrection vaporize with the onset of life itself?

Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that our humanity seems to set itself for short-term celebrations rather than long-term observances. The onset of the age of the Internet doesn't make it any easier to retain important experiences such that they truly make a lasting impact on our lives either. Just apply this to something as simple as telephone numbers. We used to remember so many peoples' phone numbers in our heads. I know I did. But with the advent of the mobile phone where each of us carries in our pockets a fully working computer, the memory in our heads have largely been replaced

with the memory in our pockets. We seem to have become very passive in the retention of anything of significance, and live only for the moment. Perhaps this could contribute to our inability to hold on to something truly significant, and to see it played out in bits and portions over an extended period of time, like the span of our lives. The narrative of wanting this 'short and snappy' seems to inoculate us against this.

I am quite certain that we have a pressing need to always try to see the resurrection of Jesus in ways that are new and different. In fact, what the resurrection of Jesus promises us is precisely that – that there is always a chance for a newness restored, and a chance to start over, and to be reset. As long as we live, hope is not empty, because neither was the tomb. No betrayal is final, and every sin can be forgiven when the heart is set right. There is no unredeemable loss.

I think we have a lot of trouble believing in the ultimate reset. Resurrection is not about one day's rising, but a daily event that sees it being played out in a myriad different ways. Part of the other problem, I believe, is that we have immunized ourselves against surprise, newness and any vestige of freshness. As a race, we humans have a shared tendency to fall into cynicism, depression, and general malaise. The resurrection gives us the possibility and the energy to rise from all that, again and again. I like what G K Chesterton was very fond of saying: Learn to look at things familiar until they look unfamiliar again. There is a lot of wisdom in this.

# Emptying of the Tomb

A similar but less punchy phrase that could refer to the same truth is that familiarity breeds contempt. This phrase isn't half as good because it only states the problem. It doesn't provide a solution. What we need to do is to find new and innovative ways to ensure that we spot and shatter the illusion that is before us, and Chesterton is spot on to say that familiarity is the greatest of all illusions.

It is imperative that we slowly admit to and give up the illusion of familiarity in our lives, and this pertains especially to those who we are in constant or regular contact with. When we do this, we keep at bay the cancer of ingratitude and disrespect. It is this cancer that eats away at marriages, friendships, communities and the nucleus of the family. When each person is no longer seen as a respectable and respected individual, but someone who is just there. This is evident when we think we know everything about the other person, his or her quirks, likes and dislikes, preferences and pet peeves.

This is evident too, when titles of respect are dispensed without much thought. Perhaps I need to explain a little here. I have a dear friend from North India who has told me that he has dispensed with his friends calling him 'Brother'. I have heard his explanation of this – he feels that this title separates him from his flock, and that he wants to be seen to be on familiar terms with those he leads. It breaks down barriers.

Perhaps. Yes, to a certain extent, I can see his point, and I respect his views. But in the light of what I have just written about familiarity, I also have seen that it has its blind side, which is an over-familiarity. When I relate to my parishioners, the very reason that I do not tell them to 'drop the 'Father' no matter who they are is really for the benefit of both – theirs and mine. For them, it reminds them that I have a vocation in their lives other than being 'one of the guys'. This is especially true when we realise that nothing destroys relationships more than a contemptuousness born of familiarity. It reminds us of our roles in society and in life. It is also for myself – to remind myself that my insertion into any community and family has a spiritual dimension too, and this reminds me to respect boundaries and keep things healthy and whole.

So too is this truth just as pertinent when seeing the resurrection. Familiarity is really an illusion, and one way to look at things familiar till they look unfamiliar again is to overcome an illusion of having seen it all. Easter is really about seeing that there is freshness, and that there is surprise even in the mundane, and that even people who are alive anew can be mistaken as mere gardeners. Easter showed us that even familiar gardeners need to be looked at again and again till they too become unfamiliar – so unfamiliar that it is Christ we eventually see.

**Bro. Chaini**

APRIL 2021

## Birthday



- 06 Bro. P. Simon Rayer  
15 Bro. U. Jesuraja  
19 Bro. A. Mariadas  
19 Bro. M. Puruslin  
22 Bro. C.M. Felix

## Feast Day



- 04 Bro. A. Victordass  
04 Bro. S. Jeyaseelan  
04 Bro. A. Sahaya Jeyakumar  
04 Bro. C. Sunil Benjamine  
04 Bro. K. Jeya Prakash  
04 Bro. C. Jeyakumar  
21 Bro. M.V. Cherian Manikathan

## Departed



- 01 Bro. P.M. Sargunam  
02 Bro. I. Arulappan  
07 Bro. A. William Jesuraj  
08 Bro. A. Ignatius  
09 Bro. G.S. Gnamamoney  
10 Bro. S. Adrian  
14 Bro. R. Visuvasam  
15 Bro. V.K. Vadapuram  
22 Bro. A. Basil  
23 Bro. S. Arulraj  
24 Bro. J. Jacob  
25 Bro. S. Tharcis  
29 Bro. D. Soosai Gaspar

## PRAYER FOR EASTER



Our Triumphant, Holy King, with Easter joy we recall that we can remain with you forever! Dear Jesus, your beaten and bloody body has been glorified, and we have been granted the opportunity to share in that glory. Death has no hold over you and, therefore, no longer any hold over us. As an Easter people, we pray confidently and live lovingly. May those who do not know you seek you out and find new life in you.



Book of the Month

## புனித ஆஸ்கர் ரொமேரோ



“என்னைக் கொல்வதில் கொலையாளிகள் வெற்றி கண்டால், நீங்கள் என்னைக் கொல்பவர்களிடத்தில் சொல்லலாம். நான் அவர்களை மன்னிக்கிறேன். ஆசீர்வதிக்கிறேன். நிச்சயமாக அவர்கள் தங்களின் நேரத்தை வீணடிக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை உணர்வார்கள் ஓர் ஆயர் இறக்கலாம். ஆனால் கடவுளின் மக்களாகிய திருஅவை ஒருபோதும் அழியாது.”

அன்பைப் போதிப்பதில் சோர்வடைய வேண்டாம் அன்பு என்ற ஆற்றல் மட்டுமே உலகை வெல்லும் வன்முறை அலைகள் கிறிஸ்தவ அன்புத் தீயை அணைப்பது போலத் தெரிந்தாலும் அன்பு கட்டாயம் வெற்றி பெறும். அன்பால் மட்டுமே அது முடியும்.

Author : A. Thasan  
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## THE POPE'S Monthly Prayer Intention

### Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

You are requested to send your house and institutional news with photos to Caussanel Province e-mail ID on or before 25<sup>th</sup> of every month.



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