

# Baruipur News

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## Do your Best and Leave the Rest on God

The present situation caused by the impact of the cruel Corona virus disease (Covid -19) is very scaring. No doubt, this pandemic has created havoc in our lives. As a new day begins, there is insecurity among us thinking as to what sad news we would receive from our dear ones. In this digital age, the news travel faster than ever, however, it is often difficult to distinguish between the news and rumour. All of a sudden, we turned to be very selfish. The situation made also vulnerable that we avoid all types of meeting or visiting, even to the closest relatives. When a person dies in a family, we are often suspicious about the cause of the death. Everyone is scared to disclose the cause of the death thinking that nobody will believe it. If at all the death is due to Corona Virus, the whole family members are stigmatized. As a result, people are not ready to extend their helping hands.

We are afraid because no vaccine has been invented to prevent this virus. We still think that if we are affected by Corona, we shall die. But this should not be so as the global medical report shows that only 6% patients have died whereas almost 94% patients have recovered. Therefore, we should keep safe distance from Corona virus in order to keep ourselves alive.

With the progress of the human civilization, the science and technology have also been developed. Medical science has taken an important role in our lives and it has been successful to prolong our life span although it could not succeed to prevent death. We see a new life is born while the older one dies. In spite of continuous efforts by the doctors and scientists we could not keep ourselves alive for ever. Hence, science has to accept the existence of God.

People in populated areas living along with their domestic animals with no proper sanitation facilities and poor nutrition are infected with various diseases. Sometimes the spread of the disease was so fast that it has turned to be a pandemic. It is not that this is the first time that the humanity is facing a pandemic. We can traceback to five deadliest pandemics in the history which destroyed millions of lives. 1) One of the deadliest pandemics was the **Plague of Justinian** in Constantinople, the capital of Byzantine Empire in 541 CE. It had spread across Europe, Asia, North Africa and Arabia killing an estimated 30 to 50 million people at the rate of as many as 5000 per day. At that time, nobody knew how to combat the disease and so tried to avoid the sick persons. 2) **The Black Death** which hit Europe in 1347 claiming an estimated 200 million lives in just four years. The infected persons used to suffer from blisters on the body.

During that pandemic forced isolation of quarantine was introduced in order to combat the spread of that disease. 3) The **Great Plague of London** had repeatedly appeared within a period of 300 years between the years 1348 to 1665 A.D. The outbreak of that plague in 1665 claimed nearly 100,000 lives within seven months only. All public entertainments were banned and victims were forcibly shut into their homes to prevent the spread of the disease. The symptoms of that plague were swellings in the armpits, groin and neck. The affected persons used to suffer from headache, vomiting and fever. 4) The **Smallpox**, an epidemic spread in Europe, Asia and Arabia for centuries killed three out of ten patients. It was reported that almost 10 million people died in Mexico in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. 5) **Cholera** was a pandemic which initially originated in Bengal near Calcutta starting in 1817 and later on it spread from India to South East Asia, Middle East, Europe, Eastern Africa and North America. History records that the Cholera appeared as a pandemic for a number of times claiming millions of lives.

As per the advice of the Doctors, scientists, Governments and important persons of the society we are to observe few key measures to keep the virus away from us. 1) Maintaining **personal hygiene** is very important. We need to wash our hands as necessary, covering mouth and nose with mask, avoiding touching them with our hands etc. 2) Maintaining the **social distance** especially from those who speak louder, having cough or habit of sneezing. 3) **Improvement of food habit** balanced with protein, vitamins, minerals etc. along with sufficient water and fruit juice is necessary to keep ourselves healthy and boost our immunity system. We should be careful to keep ourselves free from other sicknesses because they weaken the immunity system. 4) **Good sleep** of 7 to 8 hours is absolutely necessary to keep ourselves healthy. 5) **Bad habits** like smoking, drinking etc. is to be avoided. 6) We should not be unnecessarily in **panic**. All worries are to be avoided. In case of sickness, we need to consult the physicians and get treated. 7) It is advisable to keep some essential medicines like Paracetamol etc. in hand.

History is a strong witness of how humans have always overcome these desolate situations. This time too "we shall overcome" and come out victorious. "Divine Love always has met, and always will meet, every human need" (Mary Baker Eddy). Hence, after doing all, let us leave the rest in God's hands.

+ Shyamal Bose

## News from Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

### Emergency Relief Operation to the COVID-19 and Cyclone “AMPHAN” Affected Families in the District of South 24 Parganas



The 'Cyclone Amphan' ravaged the state of West Bengal on 20th May 2020, claiming 86 lives and affecting around 10 million people across 9 districts in the state. Palli Unnayan Samiti, Baruipur has swung into immediate action to address the humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable people in different villages; especially in the remote islands of Sundarban in the District of South 24 Parganas. Most of the distribution areas are located at an approximate distance of 90 Kms from Kolkata city; the coastal part of the district South 24 Parganas.

PUS Baruipur distributed relief materials as



emergency response to the 9980 most affected COVID-19 and cyclone AMPHAN families in the district of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal to meet their immediate lifesaving needs like food security, protective shelter Kits (tarpaulin, ground sheet, nylon rope, bucket, solar lamp etc), hygiene Kits (washing soap, bathing soap, chlorine tablet, face mask, sanitary pad etc) and dry food (rice, dal, biscuits, cooking oil, ata, potato, onion etc) with love and dignity. This relief operation program was executed as humanitarian response through a team of dedicated staff associated with local Volunteers and PRI with the support of CRS, Manos Unidas, Caritas India, FADV, JVS and Zomato India.

The beneficiary selection was done in close coordination with the Gram Panchayat to avoid duplication of beneficiaries, followed with physical verification by PUS field staff and volunteers. After the beneficiary selection, PUS Baruipur Relief Distribution Team conducted relief distribution.

#### Emergency Humanitarian Response is Given Below

Altogether PUS Baruipur Distributed Relief Materials to the 9980 most affected COVID-19 and cyclone AMPHAN affected families in the District of South 24 Parganas.

#### CYCLONE AMPHAN RELIEF MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION

Name of the Donor	Type of Relief Materials	Beneficiaries HH
CRS (Catholic Relief Services)	Shelter Kits & Hygiene Kits	1450
Manos Unidas	Shelter Kits & Hygiene Kits	700
Caritas India	Hygiene Kits	900
	Shelter Kits	3040
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6090</b>

#### COVID-19 RELIEF MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION

Name of the Donors	Type of Relief Materials	Beneficiaries HH
Caritas India	Dry Food & Hygiene Kits	1000
Zomato Feeding India	Dry Food	300
JVS	Dry Food & Hygiene Kits	80
FADV	Dry Food & Hygiene Kits	500
<b>PUS Baruipur</b>	<b>Dry Food &amp; Hygiene Kits</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3890</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>9980</b>



The distribution was conducted keeping the COVID-19 crisis in mind; COVID-19 specific safety guidelines were followed along with adhering to social distancing norms and avoiding minimal physical contact.

All must acknowledge that still there were so many affected areas where we could not even reach with relief materials. People are still living in miserable condition. They are still desperately looking for some

relief materials such as, food, shelter and medical assistance. PUS is trying to manage the situation with its limited resources but there are still lots of demands in the affected areas for short term and long term helps.

## Welcome to Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik, Director Designate of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

As the saying goes, "Nothing is permanent, but the change." On 6th July, 2020 the staff of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur welcomed Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik, as Director Designate of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur with a flower and garland in the presence of Rt. Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose. He was welcomed with Rabindra-sangeet, 'Ki Gabo Ami, Ki Shunabo Ajee Ananda Dhame'. All the staff then introduced themselves and the projects they look after and promised to extend all the possible support to him to keep up the good name of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur. Bishop shared his experiences as the former director of PUS. Thereafter, Fr. Saumen Malik thanked all the staff for the warm welcome and promised to give his best to reach out to the



destitute in collaboration with the staff of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur. Fr. Saumen Malik holds the academic qualification of **Master of Social Work (MSW)**. He will be in Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur in the month of July to know all the running projects, meeting staff and going through important files and then he will take up the responsibility of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur on 01/08/2020 as Secretary/Director. All the Very Best to Fr. Saumen Malik.

- Fr. Parimal Kanji

## Induction Ceremony, Gangarampur

The induction ceremony of the new parish priest took place on 6th July 2020 at the Infant Jesus Church, Gangarampur. A Mass was offered by Bishop Shyamal Bose of Baruipur at 11:30 a.m. along with the Provincial and a team of priests. The parish pastoral Council members were the witnesses present at the ceremony. Fr. Shivaji Henriques was installed as the Parish Priest and the pastoral care of the parish was handed over to him after taking the oath. After the Mass parishioners greeted and welcomed Fr. Shivaji Henriques as well as wished Fr. Remy D'Souza a farewell and thanked him for his pastoral service to the parish. There was a lunch organized by Fr. Remy D'Souza for the dignitaries and parish pastoral council members.



- Fr. Remy D'Souza

## A New Parish Priest for Thakurpukur Parish



10th of July 2020 will be etched as a very auspicious occasion in the history of Thakurpukur parish. Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur installed Rev. Fr. J. A. Santhanam as the new parish priest of Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur. He is the former Rector of Morning Star College, Barrackpore. There is a common and regular practice in our Catholic Church that priests move within their diocese to serve another parish after a set period of time. The Eucharistic celebration started by invoking of the Holy Spirit with the hymn 'Aguner Poroshmoni'. The bishop and new parish priest were given warm welcome by the Parish council members. Bishop Shyamal Bose concelebrated the Holy Eucharist with Fr. Santhanam, Fr. Himangshu Poti and Fr. Pradip Dari. Bishop in his homily emphasized on the verse taken from Mathew 10:16 "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the middle of the wolves, be you therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." He also appreciated Fr. Himangshu for

all his work for last 6 years and also requested to co-operate with the new parish priest.

There were some symbolic gestures to install our new parish priest i.e. opening and closing of main church door, sitting at the confessional, ascends the pulpit, kissing the four corners of the altar, handing over the keys of tabernacle.

There was a short felicitation and tea party after the mass at the refectory.

We ask God to bless both the former and new parish priest abundantly as they begin their new mission at new parish. May they continue to grow and glow in love and beauty, graciously and gracefully. May the Good Lord keep them safe and sound.

- Mr. Aritra Sen

## Diamond Harbour Gets a New Parish Priest



Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, installed Fr. Sunil Lakra SDB as the second Parish Priest of Hridaynibas Don Bosco Parish, Diamond Harbour. The installation took place on 3rd July 2020 on the Feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle. The catechists of twelve sub-centers were present as representatives for the occasion. Bishop Shyamal Bose celebrated the Holy Eucharist at 10.00 a.m. and installed the new Parish Priest. The fathers and Catechists thanked Fr. Jose Chunkapura SDB, the outgoing parish priest, for his valuable service rendered for the growth of the mission. All wished him well for his new ministry as the Principal of Sacred Heart Theological College, Shillong. The event came to an end with a fellowship meal.

- Fr. Sudhir, SDB

## Farewell and welcome



Basanti Community bid a fond farewell to Fr. Rajesh Bag and welcomed a new member into the community in the person of Fr. Sarajit Das. Fr. Rajesh Bag had been shouldering the responsibility as

curate in Basanti Parish and as Teacher In-Charge of St. Xavier's Free Primary School, Basanti for past 5 years. On 6th July Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Vicar General of the Catholic diocese of Baruipur was present to witness the handing over of the responsibility of St. Joseph Boys' Hostel and St. Xavier's Free Primary School, Basanti to Fr. Sarajit Das by his predecessor Fr. Rajesh Bag. We are grateful to Fr. Rajesh Bag for his immeasurable contribution to the parish and School and wish best of luck to Fr. Sarajit Das as he takes up the new assignments.

- Fr. Sushad Baidya

## Installation of Fr. Durlov Bar as Parish Priest of Morapai Parish

A new page was opened in the history of Morapai Parish, on Wednesday, 15th July 2020 when Fr. Durlov Bar was inducted as its new Parish Priest and Fr. Meghnad Singha as Curate. Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose presided over the Holy Eucharist concelebrated by Fr. Soosaiappan Y., Fr. Faustine Brank, Fr. Meghnad Singha and Fr. Goutam Naskar. In his homily, Bishop Shyamal Bose beautifully explained the vital task of a priest for his faithful. Then Bishop led the various symbolic rites of installing a new parish priest. Although many faithful wanted to witness this great event, the current situation due to corona virus did not permit them to do so. At the end of the Holy Eucharist Fr. Soosaiappan, the outgoing Parish Priest extended his heartfelt thanks, congratulations and best wishes to Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, Fr. Durlov Bar, Fr. Meghnad Singha, Fr. Faustine Brank and the faithful.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar



## Installation of a new Parish Priest, Gosaba

On 15th July 2020 Fr. Jonas Singha was installed as a parish priest of Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Gosaba. The induction ceremony took place in the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Vicar General of the diocese. The rite of installation took place after the homily in the presence of two witnesses and a few other faithful present. The parish, Church of Our Lady of Fatima, is not new to Fr. Jonas Singha as he was previously there as its parish priest. After the Mass he was greeted with congratulations and best wishes by those present for accepting to be the shepherd of the parish.

## Meet to Depart and Depart to Meet Again

In the evening of 11th July, Saturday, 2020, all the fathers and brothers of Samarpan assembled together to bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, the former Rector of the seminary, Rev. Br. Shanilal Kumar and nine brothers who are going to Amghata for their Intense Spirituality Course. In that same event Samarpan also felicitated Rev. Fr. Rajesh Bag as the new Rector of the seminary. The gathering started at 6:30 P.M. with a melodious hymn praising God the Almighty Father. The program continued with speeches, songs, skit, sharing of experiences by the outgoing brothers and presentation of gifts. The program ended with the inspiring speech of Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes. The profound words of his speech were, "Dear brothers, don't get discouraged when you are criticized,...take it positively and say, " I will do it",...never give up, it is you who will do it...remain united with the word of God."He also thanked the formators namely Fr. Subrata Kanji and Br. Shanilal Kumar for their selfless service to the community. Samarpan wishes all of them all the best.

- Br. Soumik Mondal



## Fr. Himangshu Poti installed as St. Stephen's Church Parish Priest, Kalyanpur

Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy, the director of Paribar Jyoti, installed Fr. Himangshu Poti as the parish priest of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Kalyanpur on 12 July 2020 during the 7 a.m. Mass. After the homily the new parish priest was led to make the profession of faith then came the entrustment to the place of baptism, confession, tabernacle and the presider's chair. All those present to witness the induction gave him a round of applause and congratulated him with best wishes for taking up the noble responsibility of shouldering pastoral leadership of the parish.



## The Inauguration of New Scholastic Year 2020-21 of Samarpan



With great gratitude and joy to God Samarpan community celebrated the Inauguration of the Seminary on 28th of July, Tuesday, 2020, in spite of lock down due to Corona Virus.

Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruiপুর Diocese along with Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, Vicar General and Seminarian's Director and 8 other priests of the Diocese, offered the Holy Eucharist. Bishop in his thoughtful homily stressed on the life of St. Thomas, the Apostle and Patron of the Seminary whose personal experience of Christ was transmitted in the lives of people of India. The seed of faith received from him needs to be nurtured in our daily lives. Soon after the Holy Eucharist all were led to the refectory for a delicious breakfast followed by a short and sweet cultural program consisted of welcome song, declaring the academic year opened by the Bishop, song on Vocation, dance and a skit on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Rev. Fr. Augustine E., Spiritual Director of the seminarians, poured

out his happiness to be a part of the seminary and ready to serve and guide the brothers in their spiritual journey. The program ended with the vote of thanks by the newly appointed Rector, Fr. Rajesh Bag followed by Seminary anthem by the brothers.

- Br. Sudip Chakraborty

## New Principal Takes Charge, Jayanpur

On 13th of July 2020 Rev. Fr. Ajay Kumar Lakra, CM took charge as the principal of De Paul School, Jayanpur from outgoing principal Rev. Fr. Joseph K.C, CM. Handing over of the newly appointed principal took place in the presence of Provincial Delegate Rev. Fr. Peter Pradhan (Superior of Kolkata Communities), Rev. Fr. Subasish Mondal, CM Vincentian Board of Education (V.B.E.) delegate and all the CM fathers of Kolkata communities. We sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Joseph K.C., CM for rendering valuable service to the institution for last 5 years and we wish all the very best to Rev. Fr. Ajay Kumar Lakra, CM for the future ministry as the principal of De Paul School, Jayanpur.

- Fr. Sanjit Lakra, CM



## Perpetual Vows of DSA Tertian Sisters

On Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, the Feast of their Patroness St. Anne, 12 Tertian Sisters of the DSA (Daughters of St. Anne) Congregation made their Final Profession at their Gobrachok Convent. It was a meticulously prepared ceremony, presided over by Bishop Shyamal Bose, spiritually elevating and profoundly memorable. The vows were received by their General Sr. Amala, in the presence of the Fathers and Sisters of the Raghampur Mission.

The ongoing pandemic did not affect the poignancy of the occasion. The Sisters were spiritually prepared by Fr. Patrick Walsh, S.J, who gave them their month long Retreat. The Liturgy was organized by the Sisters themselves, under the guidance of their General. The three young Sisters of Raghampur Convent, Sharmistha, Mary Joyce and Sabina, set the tone of the Liturgy with their opening dance. Sr. Supriti, the Tertian Mistress, sang the Litany of the Saints with extraordinary power and devotion. The choir was superbly conducted by Fr. Salvatore, the Parish Priest, admirably assisted by our two Regents, Rakesh and Manu and our two student scholastics, Bimal and Dipak. Bishop Shyamal Bose encouraged the Sisters to continue to live their vows and face the challenges of the future with the ardent love of Christ burning in their hearts.

The newly Professed Sisters rejoiced in thanksgiving to all those who journeyed with them all these years, in particular Srs. Amala, their General, Ratna, the Superior, Supriti, their Mistress and all the members of the Congregation of Daughters of St. Anne.

- Fr. Patrick Walsh, S.J.



### ICSE & CBSE Results (Class-X) : 2020

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	Distinction	1st Division	2nd Division
Holy Cross School, Baruiapur	ICSE	148	148	123	25	Nil
Carmel School, Budge Budge	ICSE	72	72	19	41	12
St. Monfort's Sr. Secondary School, Baruiapur	CBSE	17	17	15	02	Nil

### ISC Results (Class-XII) : 2020

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	Distinction	1st Division	2nd Division
Holy Cross School, Baruiapur	ISC	88	88	56	87	Nil
Carmel School, Budge Budge	ISC	57	57	10	46	01

### Madhyamik Results (Class - X) : 2020

Name of the School	Appeared	Passed	Distinction	1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.	Compartmental	Unsuccessful
St. Xavier's H. School, Basanti	41	40	01	03	21	15	1	00
St. Teresa's G. H. School, Basanti	54	52	01	06	11	34	00	02
Carmel G. H. School, Keorapukur	62	62	00	13	24	25	00	00
St. Paul's H. School, Raghampur	143	130	01	09	69	51	09	04
Loreto Girl's H. School, Morapai	19	16	01	03	05	07	01	02

### Higher Secondary Results (Class - XII) : 2020

Name of the School	Appeared	Passed	Distinction	1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.	Compartmental	Unsuccessful
St. Paul's H. School, Raghampur	68	68	05	12	44	07	--	00
St. Teresa's G. H. School, Basanti	35	32	00	10	09	13	00	03
<b>Commerce</b>								
St. Paul's H. School, Raghampur	40	40	01	16	23	--	--	00

**Congratulations to: The Principal, Headmaster, Headmistress, Secretary, Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff of all the Schools.**

## Installation of Fr. Ujjwal Mondal as the Parish Priest, Sajnaberia

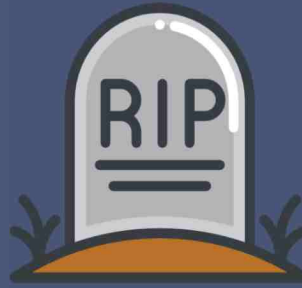
St. Joseph's Church, Sanjnaberia witnessed on 16 July 2020 a new beginning in its chronicles with the installation of Fr. Ujjwal Mondal as the parish priest. He assumed the office of Parish priest during the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Vicar General of the diocese. We congratulate him and wish him God's choicest blessing that he may carry out the duties incumbent to him towards the church.



### Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of August 2020

#### Universal prayer intention - The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



Dr. Samir Kumar Lobwo, 52, passed away on 20 July 2020 at 6:20 a.m. in Thakurpukur leaving behind his wife and two sons. The funeral service was held on the same day at Thakurpukur cemetery with Rev. Fr. J.A. Santhanam officiating it. He was a humble man willing to help the church with smile on his face. He had been rendering his valuable service to the diocese as a member of Diocesan Finance Committee for past many years. Besides, he was also an Associate Professor in the Department of Commerce (Morning) at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata since 1 August 1995.

While acknowledging his priceless contribution to the diocese as a member of Finance Committee we express our deep condolences to the grieved family members and pray that the Lord may strengthen them to accept this irremediable loss.

May God bless him with eternal bliss.



## August

- 03 Br. Kenedi Kabi Ghughu
- 13 Br. Sourav Naskar
- 14 Br. David Panja
- 19 Fr. Pradip Dari
- 18 Br. Soumik Mondal
- 21 Fr. Soosaiappan Y.
- 24 Rittik Kanji
- 27 Fr. Joseph Topno, S.J.

## Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of August 2020

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
04	Tuesday	11.00 a.m.	PUS, Baruipur	Mass at Palli Unnayan Samiti, Baruipur
05	Wednesday			Complete Lockdown
08	Saturday			Complete Lockdown
09	Sunday	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	Meeting of the Baruipur Gyan Deep at Dishari
20	Thursday			Complete Lockdown
21	Friday			Complete Lockdown
27	Thursday			Complete Lockdown
28	Friday			Complete Lockdown
31	Monday			Complete Lockdown

## HAPPY FEAST TO ALL THE PRIESTS