



## THREE SAINTS IN ONE FAMILY

The editorial of the month of September 2020, was a small reflection on St. Teresa of Calcutta whose Feast was celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. The editorial for the month of October is on St. Therese of Lisieux and her parents, namely Sts. Louis Martin and Marie-Zelie Guerin Martin who have been also canonized as saints. St. Therese of Lisieux was the patron saint of St. Teresa of Calcutta and she was popularly known as St. Teresa of Child Jesus and the Holy Face. St. Therese is also known as "The Little Flower of Jesus" or simply "The Little Flower." We celebrate the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. She was born on January 2, 1873 at Alencon in Normandy France. The Little Flower died at the age of twenty-four on September 30, 1897 at Lisieux, Calvados, France, due to suffering from tuberculosis. Her last words were "My God I Love You." Sister Therese was a simple Carmelite nun hidden from the world in a cloister, living her sweet life of love and sacrifice. She was beatified on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 1923 by Pope Pius XI and canonized on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 1925 by the same pope.

She is the patron saint of Missionaries, France, Russia, Alaska, Pasay City, Antipolo, Philippines, Gardens of Vatican City, HIV/AIDS sufferers, florists and gardeners, Loss of parents and tuberculosis. She has been highly venerated because of her sanctity and simplicity. When the Little Flower died hardly fifty people knew about her but now she is one of the most popular saints in the history of the church. Pope Pius X called her "the greatest saint of modern time. In 1997, 100 years from Therese's death, Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his Pontificate.

The parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, Sts. Louis Martin (1823-1894) and Marie-Zelie Guerin Martin (1831-1877) were devout Catholics. The world came to know Therese through a journal of her life written by herself at the request of her religious superiors in the convent, who were also her blood sisters. It was published after her death and is entitled "Story of a Soul." The holy spouses practiced Christian service in the family, creating day after day an environment of faith and love which nurtured the vocations of their daughters. The couple lived an exemplary life of faith, dedication to ideal values, united to a constant realism and persistent attention to the poor. The couple served as an extraordinary witness of conjugal and family spirituality. During the nineteen years of married life they were known to attend Mass daily, pray and fast, respect the Sabbath, visit the elderly and the sick and welcome the poor into their home. They are the first married couple with children to be canonized in the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Francis on October 18, 2015. There were forty cardinals attended for the canonization ceremony. They had been earlier beatified on October 19, 2008.

Louis and Zelei had altogether nine children, seven girls and two boys. Within three years from 1867 to 1870 Zelei's two baby boys and two infant girls died. All the surviving five daughters became nuns in different orders.

The youngest baby girl was Marie Francoise Therese Martin. At the age of fifteen she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux to give her whole life to God. She took the religious name Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Living a hidden and simple life of prayer, she was gifted with great intimacy with God.

She lived each day with an unshakable confidence in God's love. She has become famous because of her spirituality called "The Little Way" and also because of the many miracles and favours attributed to her. Her spirituality, The Little Way, is doing the ordinary things extraordinarily well.

She loved flowers and saw herself as the "little flower of Jesus," who gave glory to God by just being her beautiful little self among all the other flowers in God's garden. Because of this beautiful analogy, the title "little flower" remained with St. Therese.

+ Shyamal Bose

## Kalahrdaya Becomes a Distinctive Ecclesiastical Unit of Baruipur Diocese

On September 8, the feast of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Kalahrdaya, the universal home of art and culture, is declared as a distinctive ecclesiastical unit of Baruipur diocese during a Holy Eucharist presided over by His Lordship, Shyamal Bose, the Bishop of Baruipur. Incidentally, the Jesuit residence also bears the name of Mary and is known as St. Mary's Residence. In consonant with the lockdown rules, it was a gathering of a small number of Jesuits from the nearby communities and a few diocesan clergies. Fr. Raphael Joseph Hyde SJ, the provincial of the Calcutta Jesuit Province also graced the occasion with his presence. Fr. Patrick Walsh SJ, the superior of the Raghobpur Jesuit Mission welcomed the gathering and gave a beautiful introduction to the Holy Eucharist. After the holy communion, His Lordship, Bishop Shyamal Bose, acknowledged the tremendous contribution of the Jesuits in the growth and sustenance of Baruipur Diocese both in the past and the present. He also highlighted the importance of having a unique mission like Kalahrdaya in the diocese. Besides, he lauded the charitable works that is being done in and through Kalahrdaya in Baruipur Diocese. During his short address, he erected Kalahrdaya as a distinctive ecclesiastical unit of Baruipur Diocese through a declaration. He also blessed the tabernacle and placed the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel for the very first time. Fr. Raphael Joseph Hyde, the provincial, in his short address thanked His Lordship for his continual support and consent to erect Kalahrdaya as an ecclesiastical house. Fr. Saju George SJ, the director of Kalahrdaya, in his short address elucidated about the inception, motto, vision and mission of Kalahrdaya. He emphasized on the idea that through various efforts of Kalahrdaya, we are trying to portray to the world, God, who is also known as 'Beauty' through our artistic endeavours. He summed up his speech saying that 'Kalahrdaya' not only has 'Kala'/Art, but it also has a 'hrdaya'/ Heart, a heart for the poor and the needy. Soon after the Mass, His Lordship, Shyamal Bose, blessed the St. Mary's residence. This eventful evening concluded with a sumptuous fellowship meal.



- Sch. Rakesh Mondol SJ

## Installation of Fr. Soosaiappan Y. & Fr. J. Pathinathan



The Ceremony of Induction is an occasion when a new Parish Priest is formally presented to the parish in a liturgical celebration. The ceremony is so arranged to remind the priest of his responsibility before God to serve Christ in his Church, and by his holiness and the example of his life, to promote the mission of the Lord. Following the appointment of Rev. Fr. J. Pathinathan and Soosaiappan Y. as the Parish Priest of R.B. Nagar, Baruipur and Bamanpukur by the Bishop, it was fitting that they be suitably introduced to the people of the parish and in turn to be welcomed by them. Thus, in the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Vicar General of the diocese, they were installed as the parish priest of their respective parishes on 04 and 05 September 2020. After the Gospel, the homily was preached by the Principal Celebrant. The rite of Induction Ceremony then followed with the presence of

witnesses and few faithful. After the Mass they were greeted with congratulations and best wishes for taking up the noble responsibility of shouldering the pastoral leadership of their particular parishes.

## A New Director for Dishari Pastoral Centre

On September 15th 2020 Rev. Fr. Goutam Nasklar was appointed as the Director of Dishari Pastoral Commission. Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik the former Director of Dishari Pastoral Commission handed over the charge to Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar as his successor in the presence of Bishop's delegate Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, the chancellor of the diocese. We thank signing off director, Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik for his contribution in leading The Pastoral Centre successfully for past five years and wish New Director God's choicest blessing to shoulder the noble responsibility of Pastoral Commission.



## Gleanings from Raghampur Diary

As always, Raghampur is a happening place. Our community now numbers 10, with **Fr. Shyamal Makhal** joining us recently to concentrate on the last stages of his doctoral studies. Our scholastics **Bimal Soren** and **Dipak Mandi**, have already begun their under graduate studies in our Raghampur College Campus, fully engaged with their online classes. Our Regent **Manu**, even in the enforced absence of our children, is of invaluable assistance in the school, alongside **Fr. Joseph Toppo**, **Bro Chottu** and the Headmistress **Smt. Sadhana Kairali**. At present, he is in Dhyan Ashram writing his delayed MA examination. The new Admissions to the Higher Secondary and College proceeded very smoothly. The work in the new College building, under the supervision of **Fr. Johnson**, continues steadily, as does the online classes and his doctoral studies.

The construction of the new building at Kalahrdaya proceeds steadily, as does the Relief work in the neighbourhood and some Parishes of the Diocese. Our Regent **Rakesh** there is also doing wonderful work. **Bishop Shyamal** visited on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, along with our Provincial, for the official sanction of Kalahrdaya as a separate ecclesiastical unit of the Diocese and recognition of its specific apostolic ministry as an integral component of the Raghampur Jesuit mission. The tabernacle was also installed and blessed in a really meaningful ceremony.

However, it is the Parish of Raghampur, under the adroit management of **Fr Salvatore and his pastoral team**, that is particularly worthy of mention. After a considerable lull, (with total availability for Baptisms, Pastoral Visits, Anointing of the

Sick and Funerals), the first public Eucharistic celebration to conclude the Velankanni Novena was held in the evening of September 8<sup>th</sup>. Those present were very happy to receive the Eucharistic Lord after a long time. The regular daily morning Mass in the Church has begun, along with spaced out Masses on Sundays. Needless to say, all prescribed precautions and preventive measures are being sedulously taken.

The Covid 19 Pandemic also delayed the construction of the new Church at Chok Rasun. With the blessing and laying of the foundation stone on September 9<sup>th</sup> by **Fr Salvatore**, the work is now in full swing. The people are immensely satisfied to see their new Church coming up in the same place as their former one.

- Fr Patrick Walsh

## The Water that Flowed from Christ, the Rock, is the Water of Life in Resurrection!

**"When life knocks you down, fall on your knees and cross your fingers,"  
"But when life knocks others down, pray for them and reach out to them."**

Due to the Corona pandemic and the sudden demise of our dear Sr. Consilia we had a simple celebration. Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, the Bishop of Baruipur diocese was the main celebrant. Sr. Leena in her introduction highlighted the mystery of the Cross. Jesus freely chose the way of the cross in obedience and in greatest love. The Cross stands as a symbol of hope and glory. The cross stands in the life of each one as a sign of God's love.

Prayers were offered for the victims of Corona Virus, their families, for the daily-wagers, migrants, refugees and slum dwellers.

Fathers Faustine, Tushar, Deepak, Ramen, Goutam and Bro. Rana were present to join us on this special day.

- Sr. Daisy SCC



## Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

### Activities for the month of September 2020

#### Farewell of Mr. Shekhar Mohanti: 04.09.2020



Mr. Shekhar Mohanti had joined Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur in the month of January 1991 as a Training Assistant. He was appointed by Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy the former director of PUS. He was dedicated to his service to PUS for last 31 years and retired on 4th September 2020.

PUS Baruipur observed farewell ceremony of Mr. Shekhar Mohanti on 4th September 2020. A short prayer service was arranged in the morning at office assembly. The family members of Shekhar Mohanti were invited for this occasion. PUS staff shared delicious lunch at HRDC dining hall on that occasion.

PUS-Family members wish him a happy retired life with his family. As a token of love and gratitude a blanket, Shawl, an umbrella and old stick were presented to him as gift. Besides, on behalf of PUS staff a dinner set was presented to him. The program was concluded with the proposal of vote of thanks to all.

#### Emergency Humanitarian Response to 634 most COVID-19 Affected Families



PUS Baruipur distributed relief materials with Sharing love and dignity to 634 families who were most affected by the pandemic COVID-19 as an emergency humanitarian response in district of North and South 24 Parganas to meet their essential needs like food & Hygiene Kits. This relief operation program was executed by a team of dedicated staff associated with local Volunteers and PRI with the support of DKA and KFB, Austria.

The beneficiary selection was done in close coordination with the Gram Panchayat to avoid duplication of beneficiaries, followed by visible verification by PUS field staff. After the beneficiary selection, PUS Baruipur Relief Distribution Team conducted relief distribution on 05.09.2020 in Sandeshkhali I Block under DRR II Project. On 06.09.2020 & 08.09.2020 relief distribution was conducted in Kulpi, Mandirbazar, Mathurapur II, Mograhat I and Falta under Protection of Girls from Underage Marriage Project.



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur also distributed the Dry Food and Hygiene materials among the 134 parishioner of Cathedral Church, Bonmogra villagers under Rishi Bankimnagar Parish and

Rammakhalchak villagers under Sajnaberia Parish on 21.09.2020 & 23.09.2020.

#### List of Dry Food and Hygiene Materials Provided for each Family are Given Below

Masoor Dal 2 kgs, Gram (Brown Chana) 1 kg, Mustard oil 2 ltr., Soyabin 1 kg, Turmeric Powder 200 gm, Chilli Powder 200 gm, Carry Bag 1 pc, Detergent Powder 1 kg, Bathing soap 3 pcs, Hand Sanitizer 100 ml., Mask 4 pcs, Sanitary Napkin 2 packets.

## Education and Health Kit Support to the Children with Disabilities



PUS Baruipur has distributed the Education and Health kits to 117 children with Disabilities on 21st & 22nd September 2020. The children and parents were happy to receive the Education and Health kits supported by JAN VIKAS SAMITI.

### Health Kits Consisted of the Followings Items for Each Child with Disabilities

Grams 500 gm, Masoor dal 1 kg, Mustard oil 1 Ltr., Horlicks 500 gm, Exercise book 4 pcs., Pen 3 pcs., Pencil 1 pc., Coconut oil 100 ml., Colgate toothpaste 100 gm., Sanitizer 100 ml., Sharee 2 pcs.

### Safety Measures of COVID-19 during Distribution

PUS staff also made them aware about details safety measures to fight against the Pandemic COVID-19.

### Educational Kits Distribution

On 24.09.2020, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur Distributed 200 Educational Kit amongst 200 boys and girls from class VI to XII of Kaikhali - Gopalganj BKRM Institution in Kultali Block with the support of West Bengal Child Protection and Child Right Department and Caritas India.

### Following Dignitaries were Present in this Distribution Ceremony

Smt. Ananya Chakroborty, Chairperson, WBCPCR, Sri Ramendu Mahanty, DCPO, Sri Birendra Adhikary, BDO Kultali, Miss Asha R Ekka, Miss Tina Basu Roy & Mr. Mukul Gomes from CARITAS India, Father Saumen Malik, Director of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur, Mrinal Kanti Bhattacharjee from UNICEF, Sujoy Roy from CINI, Saktipada Mondal from Samadhan Kaikhali, Prabir Mishra from Missing Link Trust, Miss Suparna Kantha of Annesha Councilor attended the Seminar at Jamtala Bhagaban Chandra High School to discuss the right of Child.



### Items of Educational Kit for each Child

School bag 1 pc., Pioneer ruled small books 4 pcs., Pioneer ruled large books 4 pcs., Pencil box 1 pc., Pencil 4 pcs., Eraser 1 pc., Camlin Geometry box 1 pc., Ruler 12 inches 1 pc., Camlin crayon box 1 pc., Classmate Drawing book 1 pc.



- Fr. Saumen Malik

## Chrism Mass

Due to the restrictions relating to the Covid-19 pandemic, the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass ordinarily celebrated during the Holy Week was held as a private Mass on 29 September 2020 at cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Teresa of Calcutta, Baruipur only with the presence of priests. It was a manifestation of the Priests' communion with the Bishop and an occasion to renew the priestly promises.

Also at this Mass the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumenate are blessed and the Sacred Chrism consecrated. As a whole all the priests within the diocese were present for the Chrism Mass offered by His Lordship, Most Rev. Shyamal Bose. It was the first Mass for His Lordship with his presbyterium after taking the canonical possession of the diocese.

On this occasion two silver Jubilerians, Fr. Prolay Boidya and Fr. J. Pathinathan, were congratulated and felicitated for reaching such a height of priestly life in service of the Lord. Besides, three newly ordained deacons, Dn. Amrit Ekka, Dn. Sanjay Minj and Dn. Amal SDB were also felicitated.



## A Glimpse of Youth Commission

Youth Commission Baruipur organized Online "Ganer Vubon" Christiyo Sangeet Protijogeeta" for the Sunday School Children from 5th to 15th September 2020. The Children were divided into four groups according to their age. The first group consisted of age 3 to 5 years, second group 5+ to 7 years, third group 7+ 10 years and fourth group 10+ to 13 years.

It was to motivate and inspire the children to enjoy their life and study at home during the lockdown. There were many children from various parishes of the diocese who participated in this competition with keen interest and joy. It was well appreciated and enjoyed by all including in social media. It drew praiseworthy applauses from faithful of our diocese. Youth Commission of Baruipur is very happy and would like to thank the Participants, Parents, Youth and the Priests for their support and help for the commission.

The Winners of the Competitions are given below. We congratulate them and all the participants for taking part in the competition.

### Age group 3 to 5 years

1st



**Anushka Mali**  
Church of Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Panchamkhanda

2nd



**Banani Naru**  
St. Joseph Church,  
Raghabpur

3rd



**Anirban Dolui**  
Church of Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Baidyapur

Age group 5+ to 7 years

1st



**Aaran Naskar**  
Church of Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Panchamkhanda

2nd



**Joyita Naiya**  
Holy Cross Church,  
Sonarpur

3rd



**Briti Gupta**  
St. Joseph Church,  
Raghabpur

Age group 7+ to 10 years

1st



**Subhosmita Makhala**  
St. Joseph Church,  
Raghabpur

2nd



**Soumodeep Mondal**  
St. Joseph Church,  
Raghabpur

3rd



**Tiyasha Biswas**  
Cathedral Church,  
Baruipur

Age group 10+ to 13 years

1st



**Sonali Sardar**  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church,  
Kumrakhali

2nd



**Triyasha Naskar**  
Sacred Heart Church,  
Thakurpukur (Sub - Rajarampur)

3rd



**Angela Mal**  
St. Mother Teresa's Church,  
Hogalkuria

# Happy Birthday

## OCTOBER

03	Br. Ranajit Mondal
06	Fr. Surojit Mitra
09	Fr. Subrata Kanji
18	Fr. Ujjwal Mondal
26	Fr. Durlov Bor
28	Fr. Ajay K. Lakra CM
28	Fr. Sunil Lakra SDB
30	Fr. Patrick Walsh, SJ

# Ordination

## OCTOBER

11	Fr. Pierre Jacob, SJ
24	Fr. Indrajit Sardar
25	Fr. Pradeep Roy

# In Memoriam

07	Fr. Lestienne Louis S.J.
20	Fr. Gabric Ante S.J.
21	Fr. Cukale Jozef S.J.
27	Fr. Rosomoy Kanji

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

### The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

## Training of Trainers

On 26th and 27th September 2020 the Youth Commission of Baruipur organized a youth orientation for the Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer of all Parishes in the Diocese. A total of 46 Youth joyfully took part in it. Fr. Ramen Pailan - Youth Director whole heartedly welcomed the Youth.

Mr. Sarbarswar Chakrabarty, Diocesan Youth President presented his session on "Youth Ministry", explaining its meaning, functions, duties and responsibility in the Church, family and at home as a youth.

There was Holy Mass in the evening offered by Fr. Ramen. In his homily he exhorted that as youth we may have to face so many difficulties and problems but we have to remember that it is just a test from God; we all have to receive it happily as we receive the good things in our life from God. At night there was an attractive cultural program led by the Dexco team where everyone showed their talent by singing, dancing, acting, dialogue etc.

27th morning began with the Holy Mass offered by Fr. Goutam Naskar, Director of Dishari Pastoral Centre Baruipur, during the Mass he prayed for the youth, their parents, the people of the diocese and the sick.

After the breakfast there was a wonderful animation by Deacon Amal SDB. Fr. Ramen took a session on "The Lifestyle of the Youth" where he explained to them the life of the present youth and what kind of life is expected from the youth. He said, 'in your life you should have an aim, an ambition and need to have Christ in your life to reach the goal of your life'.

The orientation came to an end with a meeting for the upcoming programs. In the meeting we planned to have puja camp, zonal program and parish orientation. It was followed by a delicious lunch.

- Miss. Pue Mondal



## NOTICE BOARD

- Fr. Ramen Pailan is appointed as the Minister of Bishop's House, Baruipur with effect from 11th September 2020.
- **Youth Programme** : Puja Camp for Youth of the Diocese will be held from 27th October to 29th October 2020 at Sacred Heart Church, Morapai.

## Bishop S. Bose's Programme for the Month of October 2020

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Thu	10.30 a.m..	Dishari	G.B & AGM of Dishari
02	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Dishari	G.B. & AGM of Baruipur Gyan Deep
03	Sat	10.00 a.m.	PUS Baruipur	Foundation Day of PUS
04	Sun	06.30 a.m.	Basanti	Feast Day Mass of St. Theresa of Child Jesus
15	Thu	10.30 a.m.	Dishari	Proclamation Meeting
20	Tue	07.00 a.m. 03.30 p.m.	Kumrokhali PUS, Baruipur	Mass at Kumrokhali GB & AGM of PUS Baruipur
27	Tue	03.30 p.m.	Morapai	Mass for the Puja Camp of Youth

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