



CATHOLIC BELIEF IN PURGATORY

The First day of Month of November is the Feast day of All Saints and the next day is the All Souls Day. Since the month of November begins in remembrance of our departed brothers and sisters, the whole month is dedicated to offer Holy Masses, prayers, fasting, sacrifices and rosaries for our departed dear and near ones who are being purified in the Purgatory.

What is the purgatory? Purgatory is a spiritual realm where souls go when they have not been condemned to hell, yet are still not cleansed of sin enough to enter heaven a realm in which spirits "endure severe punishment and in the process become cleansed of sin and its ill effects (Patheos)". It is understood that those souls are sent to the Purgatory escaped the pain and suffering of hell as purgatory is not a place where human beings spend for eternity. Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI have declared that "Purgatory" is not a place, but a condition of existence. We cannot know what exactly is going on inside the purgatory but the general idea is that the souls are being spiritually cleansed and prepared for heaven. The Scriptures say "But nothing unclean will enter into heaven" (Rev. 21:27). Someone suggested that the purgatorial fire is expiatory and purifying, not punitive like hell fire.'

The Catholic Church supports the doctrine of Purgatory as after life purification as in 2 Mac 12:42-45. Protestants churches in general reject the Catholic doctrine of purgatory although some teach the existence of an intermediate state. Judaism teaches about Gehenna, a place of purification where according to some traditions, most sinners spend up to a year before their release. Islam has a similar concept to that of purgatory in Catholic doctrine of purgatory. They name it as Barzakh, a realm between paradise (Jannah) and hell (Jahannam). It is a place of those who go neither to hell nor to heaven. Indian religions believe in purification of the soul in Naraka.

The Catholic Church strongly believes that the prayers of Our Lady and the saints are great help for the souls in Purgatory. "Blessed Virgin Mary is not only the mother of physical Christ but she is also the mother of the Mystical Body of Christ" (Ave Maria Magazine, Vol 70, Oct 29, 1949, pg 551), i.e. Church. Therefore, she is the Mother of Christians on earth, in Heaven and in Purgatory.

"Mary is ever pleading for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and her intercession alone merits more than that of all the saints and angels taken together." The participation of Mary towards the redemption of the humanity at the foot of the Cross gives her the privilege to intercede for the souls in a special way. St. Augustine wrote, her mediation is universal, thus she has a special ability to help the souls in Purgatory. St. Brigid wrote that she heard Jesus say to His mother "You are My Mother, the Mother of Mercy and the consolation of the souls in Purgatory. St. Bernadine also wrote that souls are often visited and relieved by Mary. On St. Faustina's visit to the Purgatory with her Guardian Angel, she met the suffering souls in the fire of purgation, whose greatest torment was longing for God. They prayed fervently, but to no avail, for themselves; only we can come to their aid (Diary No. 20). She wrote, "Purgatory is a result of the justice of God, but Mary is there providing the souls with refreshment."

Since Mary our Blessed Mother is so caring for the souls suffering in Purgatory, we recommend our departed souls to her sincere prayers and intercessions. We need to recite the rosary for them. No day should pass without the recitation of the rosary. Mother Mary must be requested to take their souls under her special protection so that they too may be relieved of their sufferings. As this is the month of November let us remember our dear ones and offer for them prayers, Holy Masses, recite rosaries, fasting and doing penance and sacrifices for the souls of our departed dear ones. Therefore, we should never stop praying for the deceased because no prayer is ever wasted with God.

+ Shyamal Bose

DISHARI AT A GLANCE



SCC Core Committee Meeting

A SCC core team meeting held at Dishari Pastoral Centre on 26th of September 2020 was conducted by Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar. Altogether 48 participants were present in this meeting from the various parishes. The meeting began with the Bible veneration followed by prayer. The main topic for this meeting was “*strengthening SCC in our diocese.*” Consequently, we planned to conduct at least daily prayer, rosary, reading of the Bible and SCC meeting if possible among two or three families during this pandemic. We also discussed regarding P.A.T. (Parish Animation team) for better participation in parish level. On this day, we also arranged a short programme to bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Soumen Malik, the former director of Dishari. The meeting came to an end with a final blessing by Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan.

TOT of SCC Animators

Dishari organized a Training for the SCC Trainors from 14th to 15th October 2020. Altogether 44 participants attended the training from different parishes. Fr. I.P. Sarto, Sr. Christine H.C and Fr. Ramen Pailan were the resource persons. The training began with the Bible procession and the veneration of the Bible. Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar, the director of Dishari whole-heartedly welcomed all the animators especially the new comers. The aim of this animators' training was “*to learn how to conduct SCC meeting correctly, to have a deeper knowledge and the outcome of SCC.*” The training was concluded with a blessing from the Word of God.



Proclamation Commission

On 15th of October, 2020 Dishari organized a Proclamation meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, Rt. Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose, the president of the Proclamation Commission, invoked God's blessing over all. 13 members were present for this meeting. The main theme of the meeting was “*how the mission of Proclamation was carried out during this situation of Covid-19 as well as how to go about with the same mission during the post Covid-19.*” At last, the meeting was ended with a prayer by Sr. Mary Clare DSA.

SCC Seminar at Balarampur

Dishari conducted a one-day SCC seminar at Bolorampur substation under Morapai Parish on 18th October 2020. Altogether 67 faithful had come from different places. Fr. Goutam Naskar, Sr. Mary Clera and Mr. Dipankar Sardar were the resource persons for this seminar. Fr. Goutam Naskar cordially welcomed all the members and encouraged them to promote SCC in their respective villages. The topic of discussion was “*establishment of SCC units and activities done through it.*” The seminar was concluded with the Holy Eucharist.



Spoken English and Computer Course



Dishari organized an intensive Spoken English Class with Basic Computer Course for 30 days for the students of class X. The course began on 4th March 2020 but due to pandemic it was postponed after 15 days. Later, the same course was resumed from 8th to 22nd October, 2020. Altogether 30 students (20 girls and 10 boys) had come for the course from different parishes in our diocese. Although students found the course difficult, yet they were able to understand and learn English and Computer. Later, they could more or less speak and introduce themselves. They understood the value of learning English and Computer. The course was ended with a cultural programme performed by the students where each student was awarded with a Participation certificate by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose. It was a great day of joy for all of us.

– Fr. Goutam Naskar

PALLI UNNAYAN SAMITI BARUIPUR

Learning Center Staff Orientation



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur started a new project “Learning Centre” for the AMPHAN affected 1500 children for 2 months by the help of Caritas India. On September 2020 project began with staff Orientation where 28 Educators and 28 Social Mobilizers have participated in this orientation programme from 28 centres in 14 Blocks.

The day began with short prayer by the Director of PUS Baruipur. Mr. Sanjib Mondal, Resource person of the day shared about Objective of the programme, Role of Teachers and Animators, Guideline - Code of Conduct, Rules and Regulation of Centre. PUS Baruipur shows their gratitude to Ms. Asha Ekka, Zonal Manager of Caritas India and Mr. Mukul Gomes, Finance Officer, Eastern Zone of Caritas India through bouquet and Uttorio. Ms. Asha Ekka shared about the role and responsibilities of Educators and Social Mobilizers by power point presentation.

42nd Foundation Day Celebration

PUS family celebrated its 42nd Foundation Day on 3rd October 2020 together with diocesan communities and staff. The programme started with an opening Prayer of the day at 8:45 a.m. in the morning. As a custom of every year we gratefully remembered the departed soul of Fr. John Henrich, the Pioneer Director of PUS Baruipur in 1978.

The celebration moved ahead with the main item of the day- The Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. Rt. Rev.

Salvadore Lobo, Bishop Emeritus of Catholic Diocese of Baruipur as the main celebrant, Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Catholic Diocese of Baruipur, Fathers, Sisters, Governing body members and Brothers from Samarpan minor seminary were present for the program.

Soon after the Holy Eucharist there was a short cultural programme began with a prayer dance at 11:30 a.m. It was conducted by the Sponsor children from Education Project, Langalberia and the brothers from Samarpan. Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo, the former president of PUS and Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Catholic Diocese of Baruipur, president of PUS shared their inspiring message for contribution of love, Justice, Dignity towards the vision & mission of PUS. The programme came to its halt with the vote of thanks by Fr. Saumen Malik the Director of PUS. There upon we continued the celebration with the last item of the day- A delicious lunch for all present.



Distribution of Fish Fingerling under Recovery of Cyclone Bulbul in Muriganga GP I in Sagar Block

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur distributed Fish fingerling on 05.10.2020 to 300 selected beneficiaries whose pond had been damaged by Cyclone Bulbul at 3 places namely, Pakhirala Vivakananda High School, Pakhirala More, Muriganga Flood Center in Muriganga GPI of Sagar Block.



Training on Vegetable for Robi Cultivation under Recovery of the Cyclone Bulbul Affected Area

The training programme on vegetable for Robi Cultivation started with Prayer led by Fr. Saumen Malik, the director of PUS Baruipur in Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur at 11:00 a.m. on 09/10/2020. Altogether 16 selected volunteers as training of trainers received this training who will motivate others local farmers to adopt Robi vegetable Cultivation. Mr. Sudip Sardar, the project coordinator shared the objective of the training program and handed over the session to Dr. Pallab De, the resource person of the day to share about vegetable for Robi Cultivation.



The following topics have been discussed:

- Vegetable cultivation of Cauliflower, Cabbage, Knolkhal, Tomato and Radices
- Process of cultivation: Field preparation, Seed disinfection and Different disease, pesticide, insecticide

Feedback: All the participants enjoyed the training with new learning of vegetable for Robi Cultivation which was very much learning point compare to their traditional practices of vegetable for Robi Cultivation.

Training on Strengthening Community Vigilance Committees

Number of Participants

The training on strengthening community vigilance committees (CVC) has been conducted on 12.10.2020. Altogether 35 CVC leaders from Biprodaspur, Pathankhali, Shambhunagar Kanthalbaria, Charabidya Chunakhali, Fulmalanch and Amjhara Gram Panchayet in Gosaba & Basanti Bolcks participated in this program. The aim of the training is to build up capacity of the community people to combat against the violence and abuse of women and children. The community should be aware against early marriage, School Dropout, Nutrition, Gender bias and human trafficking.

Topic Discussed:

- Concept of violence & abuse against women & children
- Child protection

- Trafficking and how it relate to safe & unsafe Migration
- Role of Community Vigilance committee
- Protection of violence & abuse
- Adolescents health
- Linkage & rapport building with local Government

The information services and linkages facilities to CVCs could be as an agent or means of prevention and protect women and children from abuse and violence. Linkage meeting with different Government departments, like PRI, Health, Education, Legal Aids and dial help line. The field based meetings and trainings are also very much useful to strengthen both the CVCs and the community to access the benefits. These processes enable to reduce the evils against women and motivate the community to reduce discrimination.

Distribution of Vegetable Seeds under Recovery of Cyclone Bulbul in Muriganga GP I in Sagar Block

On 05.10.2020, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur distributed following vegetable seed to 800 selected beneficiaries at 6 villages namely, Kachubaria, Kostala, Muriganga, Sapkhali, Shikarpur, Ramkrishnapur in Muriganga GP I of Sagar Block. Each seed packet containing of Cauliflower, Cabbage, Kolchak, Tomato, Radices, Spinach, Beans and Coriander. All the farmers are extremely happy to receive the seeds for the cultivation.



Youth Orientation at Ranigarh Parish

On 4th October 2020 Youth Commission of Baruipur organized youth orientation for 80 youth of Ranigarh Parish based on "Community Building & Youth Ministry".

Miss Mallika Haldar and Gaurab Sardar on behalf of the Parish welcomed Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan, Diocesan Youth Director, Rev. Fr. Sirnus Topno, Parish Priest and Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabart, Diocesan Youth President.

After the welcoming program Fr. Ramen Pailan took a session on 'Community Building'. He explained and helped the youth to understand how to bring unity among the youth. He demonstrated the theme with stories so as to make them understand the tenets of building communion. Mr. Sarbeswar took a session on 'Leadership and Youth Ministry'. He Explained the three years of Jesus' ministry, how He worked with the people, how He listened to the Father. Mr. Sarbeswar said, 'Youth is an opportunity to set goal for the life and fulfill it.' He shared his experience of youth ministry and also told them the duties of a youth in the church and the families. Then he asked them the positive and the negative qualities of a leader. He explained to them the leadership, how to lead, how to motivate the youth and the responsibility of a leader. After the lunch there was election for the "Pexco" in the presence of Rev. Fr. Ramen and Fr. Sirnus. The members of the Committee are Miss. Mallika Haldar President, Mr. Dipangshu Baidya Secretary, Miss. Arpita Biswas Joint Secretary, Mr. Vicky Haldar Treasurer, Mr. Raju Sardar Vice Treasurer, Mr. Saumen Sarder and Miss. Srabani Mondal. The Orientation ended with prayer and blessing by Fr. Ramen.



- Mallika Haldar

Zonal Youth Orientation at Kumrakhali Parish



18th October 2020 was a day of joy for the youth of Kumrakhali Parish. On that day the youth commission of Baruipur organized a Zonal youth orientation where 120 youth from six Parishes Namely, Gosaba, Ranigarh, Canning, Nazat, Bamanpukur and Host Parrish Kumrakhali joyfully took part. There was a warm welcome ceremony by Mr. Babai Chakrabarty and Mr. Rajib Naskar the youth member of the parish. On behalf of the parish they welcomed Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan (DYD), Rev. Fr. Prolay Boidya, Parish Priest of Kumrakhali, Sr. Tara MC Superior Kumrakhali, Rev. Fr. Sylvester Xavior, Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty (DYP), Ms. Puja Pailan (DYVP) and Andrewdeep Gomes, Dexco Member and youth president of all the parish with the flower bouquet and Uttoria. Fr.

Prolay said to the youth on his welcome speech that youth must go forward to do the good and they should go to the substation's youth to motive them. The welcome ceremony was ended with a beautiful prayer dance performed by the youth of Nazat parish. Fr. Ramen took a session on the topic of "Career Guidance" He said to the youth that they should have a goal and aim in life. And have to work hard to achieve it. He said, we need to have a good outlook for everyone, because if we respect, help and love others they will do the same to us.

Mr. Sarbeswar took a session on "Leadership". He said to them that there are two kinds of leaders: one who serves the people and other one who wants to get service from others. He highlighted the positive and the negative qualities of a leader.

After the session there was zexco election for Basanti Zone. It is a joy for the youth of Basanti zone for frist time they are having Zexco in their Zone.

Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty on behalf of Kumrakhali Parish and the Youth Commission proposed the vote of thanks to all the parish priest and especially the youth of all the parishes for their helping hand for the Orientation.



- Mr. Tanmay Sardar

Cathedral Parish Youth Orientation

On 19th October 2020 the youth of cathedral went to one of the substations, Bibirchok in view of bringing up new youth as well as giving them a brief idea of being an ideal youth in the church. The programme started exactly at 9 a.m. It started with an introductory ceremony which consisted of an introductory speech followed by gospel reading and hymns. We were very happy to have with us our parish priest, Fr. Fraustine Brank, our youth animator Sr. Anvita MC, Sr. Treslet MC, Br. Sunny and Mr. Lawrence Gomez our resource person. Fr. Fraustine Brank briefly spoke about the purpose of the programme. After this Sr. Anvita along with the youth of cathedral made a session devotional by the reading of the gospel as well as devotional hymns. Then she continued with a session on the importance of gospel in our life. After the beautiful session of Sr. Anvita, Mr. Lawrence Gomes, the resource person, took a session on the topic "Importance of youth in the Church". It was an absolutely perfect session and motivated almost everyone on the place. After the lunch everyone had a fun time for games and it was decided to have a treasure hunt game which was absolutely full of enjoyment and amaze. Two representatives from the substation were selected so that they can keep a constant contact with the main parish. The female representative was Ms. Dola Das and the male representative was Mr. Deb kumar.

- Proggayan Banerjee

Report of Puja Camp 2020



ICYM, Indian Catholic Youth Movement, Baruiipur Diocese organised Puja camp 2020 from 27th October to 29th October. It was held at St. Anne's School Morapai.

Youth from 17 parishes of the Diocese actively participated in the camp. Covid- 19 guidelines were strictly followed while conducting it. Temperature checkups with thermal guns, proper sanitization and 3 layered masks were provided to the delegates as soon as they arrived. The puja camp began with a holy Mass, which was presided by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruiipur Diocese and the Chairman of the Commission, along with Fr. Ramen Pailan,

the Diocesan Youth Director (DYD), Fr. Durlav Bar, the parish priest of Morapai parish, Fr. Meghnath, assistant priest of Morapai, Fr. Arup Bar and Dn. Amrit Ekka.

The inaugural program began with the lighting of the lamp ceremony. Rt. Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose was the chief guest of the day. All the guests were warmly welcomed with a bouquet of flowers, stole and a memento. The youth of the host parish put up a beautiful dance performance for the delegates. Later, after dinner, a short cultural program was arranged, where youths from different parishes performed various forms of arts. The day ended with a short prayer. The next day started off with a holy Mass by the Vicar General and parish priest of Keorapukur parish Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy. Soon after, a motivational session was conducted by him. The session mainly focused on how to keep oneself motivated even in the darkest hour. Later, a short session on the topic 'Word of the God' was facilitated by Fr. Gautam Naskar, the director of Dishari, Pastoral Centre, Baruiipur. After the lunch, an interesting session on the topic of love and respect was conducted by Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan, DYD. He mainly focused on how love and respect are two sides of the same coin, and how love resides only where respect exists. In the evening they had peace rally followed by a Taize prayer and confession. Soon after the dinner the delegates participated in the camp fire. Music and dance marked the day. The last day of the camp began with a holy Mass presided by Rev. Fr. Saumen Malick, the Director of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiipur. It was followed by an informative session on 'Canon Law' by Rev. Fr. Deepak Ekka. The day ended with thanksgiving ceremony where people without whom this camp would not have been possible, were felicitated. The Puja camp concluded after lunch.



Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER

- 04 Fr. Francis Makhal
- 07 Br. Sajal Malik
- 12 Fr. Mildon D'souza, SFX
- 16 Dn. Amrit Ekka
- 20 Fr. Sushad Baidya
- 22 Fr. Kuruvilla Thottam, SJ
- 27 Fr. Sylvester Xavier

Ordination

NOVEMBER

- 04 Fr. Himangshu Poti
- 09 Fr. Durlov Bar
- 14 Fr. I. Vincent Patrick S.J
- 19 Fr. Sirnus Topno
- 24 Fr. Ujjwal Mondal
- 26 Fr. Bablu Sardar
- 27 Fr. Sajeev Painunkal S.J
- 28 Fr. Francis Baraik

In Memoriam

- 08 Fr. Abani Luis Das
- 11 Fr. Nicaise Edouard S.J
- 12 Fr. Chandan Gupta S.J.
- 21 Fr. Bruylants Andre S.J.

Meetings of Youth Animators at Morapai Parish



There was a meeting for the animator which was held on 11th October 2020 at Morapai Parish. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and evaluate the past programs specially the online programs which were held during the pandemic COVID -19 and forthcoming program mainly Puja Camp 2020 which is going to take place from 27th to 29th October 2020 at Marapai, St. Anne's Primary School. Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan DYD, Rev. Fr. Duralov Bar Parish Priest, Miss. Polina Gomes DYLA, Dexco members and some of the parish youth were present for the meeting.

They discussed the past event and planned for the forthcoming programs and made different committees for the success of Puja Camp. The meeting was ended with a delicious Lunch.

- Miss Susmita Bag

NOTICE BOARD

- # There will be retreat for all the catechists of the diocese of Baruipur from 2-4 December 2020. The retreat begins at 4 p.m. on 2 December and ends at 12:30 p.m. on 4 December 2020.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer: Month of November 2020

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

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

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
02	Mon	06.00 p.m.	Thakurpukur	Mass in the cemetery & blessing of the graves
06	Fri	05.00 p.m.	Bandel	Mass
19	Thu	10.00 a.m. 03.00 p.m.	Baruipur Baruipur	Meeting of the Board of Consultors Finance Committee Meeting
22	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Mass at Cathedral
29	Sun	10.00 p.m.	PUS, Baruipur	Meeting of the Women Commission