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Easter: The Lord has Truly Risen

There are two main celebrations of the Christians. One of them is the Christmas, i.e. the Birth of Jesus, the Son of God and the other one is the Death of Jesus followed by His resurrection. The death and Resurrection of Jesus are the most important events; the foundation of the Christian Faith which is commemorated as Easter. Easter is the Final Victory of Jesus over death. The preparation of Easter begins forty days ahead on the Ash Wednesday and culminates on Easter Sunday after the observation of the Holy Week through Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It was a specific Mission by Jesus Christ who "... emptied himself taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross (Phil 2:6-8). The Christmas is the starting of that specific mission and the death and Resurrection of Jesus (Easter) is the conclusion of that mission.

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The celebration of Easter is the celebration of the victory over death. Jesus defeated the power of death and was raised to new life. Jesus becomes the first born from the dead. St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthians - "where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting (1 Cor. 15:55)?" The central message of Easter is Hope for the entire humanity. By his death and resurrection, Jesus has destroyed the death and by rising, he restored our life. As Christians it is our belief that we are washed of our infirmities and made clean through the forgiveness of sins by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ (Rev 7:14).

As Jesus was glorified through the suffering and death, we too by carrying our own cross of life shall be glorified. Resurrection of Jesus gives us this hope and assurance of taking up our cross (Mt 16:24), our struggles for sharing in the glorified life of Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved. In our union with Christ Jesus, he raised us up with him to rule with him in the heavenly world (Eph. 2:5-6)." The resurrection of Jesus guarantees the resurrection of each individual on the last day at the Parousia i.e. second coming of Christ because St. Paul said "if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain (1 Cor. 15:14)." But in fact, Christ has been raised from the death, the first fruit of those who have died (1 Cor. 15:20). The Christian Tradition also teaches us that bodily resurrection will be the restoration of a transformed body.

Resurrection of Jesus is the Christian belief that God raised Jesus after his crucifixion. After His resurrection, Christ our Lord appeared to his disciples for forty days and thereafter, he ascended to Heaven.

The resurrection of Jesus could be confirmed by the sign of the empty tomb and by the reality of the repeated appearances to the apostles and their encounters with the Risen Christ and the changes in the way of life of the apostles.

Repeated Appearances of Jesus to the Apostles: Jesus, after his resurrection from the dead, appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. He also appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time. Matthew, Luke and John have all recorded the appearance of Jesus to Mary Magdalene and to other followers. Matthew describes a single appearance in Galilee, Luke describes several appearances in Jerusalem, John mentions appearances in both Jerusalem and Galilee. The Acts of the Apostles also mentions that for forty days he had continued to appear to them (Acts 1:3).

The Witness of Empty Tomb: The Gospel of Mark ends with the discovery of the empty tomb of Jesus by Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary, the Mother of James. A young man in a white robe at the site of the tomb announced to them that Jesus has risen and instructed them to tell Peter and the disciples that he will meet them in Galilee (Mk 16:7). In this regard, the following points may be taken into consideration - a) The historians, philosophers, and theologians agree that a man named Jesus died on a Roman cross on Friday and was later buried in a tomb that was empty on Sunday morning. They also agree that countless individuals, both men and women, testified that they saw Jesus alive on multiple occasions after he had died. b) There is no evidence anywhere that anyone disputed or denied that the tomb of Jesus was empty on Sunday morning, not even those who crucified Jesus. c) It was said by some that the disciples stole the body of Jesus and created the story that he rose from the dead. But, how could they present him as alive? How could the dead body of Jesus appear to Paul on the road to Damascus. d) Empty tomb of Jesus has convinced the apostles about the resurrection of Jesus and because of that the apostles were ready to endure persecution and martyrdom. It would not have been possible if they would not have experienced the power of the resurrection of Jesus.

Change of life style of the Apostles: St. Paul who for quite some time hated and persecuted those who claimed that Jesus was alive. However, he also came to faith and devoted his life to spreading that message and was eventually beheaded for his belief and devotion to Jesus. The other disciples too were partakers of similar destiny. They had undergone hatred, loss of income, beatings, mockery, loss of reputation and imprisonment and martyrdom.

The celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus is the celebration of Passover. We undergo a transition from death to life, ignorance to truth and darkness to light. There is a sea change in our perspectives when we look into the broken side of the world through these events. Pope John Paul II said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are Easter people and alleluia is our song."

+ Shyamal Bose

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Major Activities of PUS Baruipur in the Month of March 2021

Lenten Campaign-2021

Theme of the Lenten Campaign - 2021: Healthy Life, Healthy India



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur conducted "Lenten Campaign 2021" at PUS. Altogether 43 participants from project operational area participated in this programme. Fr. Saumen Malik, Director of PUS Baruipur, delivered a message on Lenten Campaign theme: "Healthy Life, Healthy India" to the youth to help the poor and marginalized. He inspired them to raise fund during this Lenten Campaign.

In our country, India, many families are facing problems to manage their survival. This raised fund will support many of our Brothers and Sisters who have lost their job during the pandemic COVID-19 situation and serve as an emergency

humanitarian response towards universal neighborhood. Field staff also organized Lenten Campaign at the community level. Altogether 8067 Lenten Bhandars and 6350 Envelops have been distributed to all the parishes, convents, institutions & PUS staff and volunteers for collection.



Mass Awareness through Rally

On 8th March 2021, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur organized a Rally as mass awareness campaign on protection of Women and Children against abuse and violence at Asmater More village of Amjhara Gram Panchayet in Basanti Block in the district of South 24 Parganas. Altogether, 112





Adolescent Girls and community people participated and became aware about the violence against women and children and their protection. They raised Slogan and placard on different issues about women and children abuse and violence. The village leaders joined in this rally and made aware the community as well as adolescent girls groups about awful effect of underage marriage and other social violence.

Inauguration of Free Learning Centre at Charavidya

On 15th March 2021, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur started a new project on "Free Learning Centre" with its own contribution for 15 poor and needy Children at Charaviddya village for the primary school children. Mr. Dulal Sardar, the local village elder, Mrs. Tapati Bera, Panchayet Member, Mir Nazimuddin, local health worker, Mir Waduth, Asst. Teacher of local Primary school, Mrs. Minati Mukherjee, ICDS Teacher were present in the inaugural session of Free Learning Centre and shared their opinion for the benefits of the learning centre.



We Ring The Bell, Campaign-2021

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur had executed "We Ring the Bell" campaign-2021 through generating awareness by playing drum, blowing whistles, rally, holding placards and voicing slogans and signature campaign in schools and tuition centres from 16th to 19th March, 2021.

The aim of "WE RING THE BELL' campaign was to make aware the school children, teachers and community about the rights of





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the children with disabilities who ought to be enrolled in local school as per RTE act 2009. The disable children must have access to free compulsory Education. Ensure enrolment and retention of children with disabilities in schools. Reduce the number of dropouts children with disabilities in the regular schools due to lack of accessible toilets, ramps and child friendly classrooms.

The above mentioned activities under the "WE RING THE BELL' campaign-2021 had been successfully conducted in the educational institution like free community tuition centre because in West Bengal schools remain closed due to Pandemic COVID 19.

Workshop on Leadership Development and Team Dynamic

On 25th and 26th March 2021, two days workshop was conducted at PUS on Leadership development and team dynamic for field level Animators and Supervisors. Altogether 35 field Animators and Supervisors participated in this workshop. Mr. Joachim Ashim Campoo from World Vision of India facilitated the workshop as a Resource Person.

Fr. Saumen Malik, the director of PUS, welcomed all the participants and shared about the objective of the workshop. After the felicitation the main session was handed over to Mr. Campoo, the resource person of the day. The following topics were discussed:

- Social welfare
- Social Development
- Difference between Social welfare and Social Development
- Definition of team
- Success in Team work
- 7 habits of highly effective people
- Multiplier, Diminisher and its Principles

At the end of the sessions, there was an evaluation of the workshop. During the feedback session, all the participants shared that it was very much enriching and enlightening for updating themselves as after many years they have been united through this kind of workshop as a PUS family. All of them committed that they would give their best in their assigned task. The workshop was concluded with thanks and gratitude to all.





Blessing of Fatima Rani Church, Khariberia



"O give thanks to the Lord for He is good". Truly speaking, our Lord is so good especially to the people of Khariberia that they have received the blessings of our Lord through a newly built Fatima Rani Church. On the 21st day of March in the year of our Lord 2021, the church was blessed and inaugurated by the holy hand of Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur Diocese along with Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, Vicar General of the Diocese, Rev. Fr. J.A. Santhanam, Parish Priest of Thakurpukur Parish and seven priests. This joyful celebration started with the blessing of the Church door. Following the cutting of ribbon Bishop and the priests were welcomed with entrance dance. Then, there was a series of blessings such as Blessing of Water, Blessing of the Cross, Blessing of the Statue of our Lady, Blessing of beautifully framed Pictures of stations of the Cross. After the blessing of the Lectern, the Bishop in his homily emphasized on the unity and love towards the church. The Dedication of the Altar started with the Litany of Saints followed by Anointing of the Altar, Incensing and Lighting of the Lamps. The melodious

renditions of the choir added to the sublimity of the occasion. The ceremony was meticulously prepared by the local catholic community under the care and guidance of Fr. Santhanam and Fr. Pradip Dari.

A short felicitation program was organized where the people of the village thanked the Bishop, the fathers, sisters, guests and benefactors especially Fr. Himangshu Poti, the former parish priest of Thakurpukur parish by whose effort, guidance and care the church was constructed. The Bishop in his address thanked our Former Bishop Salvadore Lobo, the former and present Parish Priests, donors specially Propaganda Fidei, Rome; Missio, Munchen, Germany and Missio, England and the people of Khariberia for this historical event. At the end Mrs. Bimala Mondal, the Catechist of Khariberia, proposed the vote of thanks. The celebration ended with the delicious noon Agape which added a suitable conclusion to a truly memorable day.

- Aritra Sen

Dishari at a Glance



SCC Seminar at Jota, Panchamkhanda

On 6 March 2021, Dishari had organized a one-day SCC seminar at Jata Church of Pancham Khanda Parish. In this seminar around 85 faithful were present. The seminar was conducted by Fr. Goutam Naskar and Fr. Abanindra Das, the parish priest of Pancham Khanda. The seminar was commenced by Veneration to the word of God and Procession. The devotees expressed interest in hearing and reciting the word of God. After this, Fr. Gautam Naskar beautifully explained the notion of SCC, including its features, needs and services. The worth of the Lord's words was enlightened by Fr. Abanindra Das. The seminar ended with Mass offered by Fr. Panneer Selvam, Fr. Goutam Naskar and Fr. Abanindra Das. The choir presented beautiful hymns under the guidance of Purnendu Ghughu, the catchiest of the Pancham Khanda parish.

SCC Seminar at Gangarampur

Due to covid-19, SCC meetings were closed in Gangarampur Parish. To resume it, an animation meeting was organized with the SCC members on 9 March 2021. In this meeting, Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Shivaji Henriques, Assistant Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Francis Carvahlo showed a great interest to continue SCC in their parish. Around 38 people along with two MC Sisters were present. The Parish Priest greeted and welcomed them at the beginning of the meeting. The enthusiastic and encouraging speech of Fr. Goutam inspired the audience and they have decided to maintain three SCC units in three wards of the Parish. The meeting ended with the blessings from the Bible.



SCC Seminar at Kumirmari, Basanti

On 18 March 2021, Dishari had organized a SCC meeting at Kumirmari Church which is under the Basanti Parish. Around 87 people were



present in this seminar. Fr. Goutam Naskar, Mr. Dipankar Sardar and Mr. Ananda Makhal were present as resource persons along with the Parish Priest namely, Fr. Arup Bor. The seminar began by veneration of the Bible. The prime objective of the seminar was to lead a life accompanied by the Word of God. Fr. Goutam Naskar explained SCC and its needs and features. At the end of the seminar, Rev. Fr. Arup Bor, the Parish priest, formed seven units and encouraged them to have regular SCC meetings at their respective places. Through this seminar, they decided that they will conduct SCC meetings in different places and will develop Christian ideals in society. The seminar ended with Mass concelebrated by Fr. Arup Bor along with Fr. Goutam Naskar.

Retreats for the different groups of people

Catechists

Dishari Pastoral centre had organized a retreat for the Catechists from 10 to 11 March, 2021. Almost 48 Catechists attended the retreat from different Parishes of the Diocese. The retreat was led by Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustin Gomes. It was a spiritual nourishment as well as journey with the lord during the Lent in order to prepare them for a better celebration of Easter.

Catachumens

From 13-15 March 2021, almost 120 Christian believers from several parts of Diamond Harbour Parish like Namkhana, Sagar, Patharpratima, Kakdwip, Gangadharpur, Jamtala, Kamarpal, etc., had participated in the retreat organized by Dishari. The retreat was preached by Fr. Soumen Malik. The retreat helped the people to reform themselves in the light of the Lord's verses. They committed to preach the words of the Lord among others. Their beliefs and testimonies were truly incomparable. They testified that by keeping faith in the Lord they have recovered from many dangerous diseases. Fr. Soumen Malik and Fr. Goutam Naskar assisted and directed the believers to be with Jesus in the night prayer up to 1 a.m.

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Youth

On 19 and 20 March 2021, almost 60 youths from different Parishes of the Diocese attended the two-day retreat organized by Dishari. The retreat was preached by Fr. Ruben Murmu from Krishna Nagar Diocese to guide the youths and awaken their spirituality in the path of the Lord. The retreat enabled them back into the light of the Lord's words. The retreat ended with adoration, confession and Mass.

Parents

From 23 to 25 March 2021, Dishari had organized a three-day retreat for parents. The retreat was conducted by Fr. Ramen Pailan. They actively participated and tried to bring themselves back into the light of the Lord. Fr. Soumen Malik directed the night prayer. A total of 66 Christian devotees participated in the retreat from various Parishes. On the 2nd day, that is on March 24, respected bishop Shyamal Bose offered a Mass for the parents and on that day birthday of Bishop Shyamal Bose and Fr. Kanouj Roy, VG, was celebrated by cutting the cake. They were honoured with bouquet of flowers. The retreat ended with meditation, confession and Mass. Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Ramen Pailan and Fr. Goutam Naskar.



- Fr. Goutam Naskar

International Women's Day



On 8th of March, 2021 Women's Commission of Baruipur Diocese celebrated International Women's day. We were privileged enough to have Rt. Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose, Vicar General, Fr. Kanauj Roy, priests, Fr. Himangshu Poti, Fr. Ujjwal Mondol, Fr. Pradip Dari and Fr. Goutam Naskar and our Regional Secretary of West Bengal, Mrs. Sandhya Vincent among us. There were around 125 women present for the celebration. The theme for this year was 'Choose to Challenge'.

The day began with Eucharistic celebration offered by Bishop and all the priests. In the homily Bishop enlightened us about the importance of mother. Right after the Holy Mass we had a

welcome dance presented by the core committee members followed by the inauguration of quests and priests.

In his welcome address bishop elucidated about the current world where we are free and independent but still in some remote areas around us freedom comes to cost where salves or girls are auctioned. Mrs. Sandhya Vincent while addressing the gathering emphasized on the essentials of education and educating a female child. Education plays a very important role for empowering oneself and to be free independent being. She also added by saying that we should take the facilities offered by government for everyone and especially for women.

After that, the diocesan secretary, Babli Das, presented her talk through a power point presentation; demonstrating the present scenario of women like sexual harassment, dowry, acid attack, female infanticide. In the next phase of her presentation she showed the discovery of science and how it is adversely affecting our lives and nature. From then on, the women were divided into four groups for Group Discussion

where they had to ponder on the subject presented to them by Power point presentation and prepare answers to the few questions asked to the groups. Lastly, we had our 'Go As You Like' Competition where women came up with innovative imagination in which they dressed up to show the Equality, King Herod, Save Greenery, The Pieta, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Jhansi Ki Rani, Farmer and many more.

The celebration ended with the presentation of small gifts to all the women.

- Ms. Babli Das

News from Paribar Jyoti

Orientation for the Village Level Volunteers

These are non-Christians who have voluntarily come forward to do what they can to save the families because they understood that everybody has the responsibility to safeguard the marriage. It was made clear to them that Paribar Jyoti will not pay any allowance and will not reimburse the travelling expenses. However, they came even from remote areas like Nandakumarpur beyond Raidighi.

The volunteers included ASHA Workers (government health workers), Anganwadi/ICDS teachers, retired school teachers, doctors, leaders of Self-Help Groups and other interested persons. Out of the 64 volunteers functioning in the villages only 36 could come to this orientation. Their spirit of dedication was evident when they reported what they could do and could not especially during the lockdown. Many families were beset problems and there was also increase of domestic violence, they



said. These volunteers went out of the way to visit families in spite of the restrictions on travelling and tried to help these families. But they admitted that they could not do much and they need training, to deal with family problems.

An Earnest Request from Participants of Marriage-Preparation Course



The topic being discussed was, 'Relation with in-laws and place of the new family within the family of husband's parents.' Many of the would-be husbands said that the parents do not give sufficient space to the new family and they still treat them as children, wanting to control every aspect of their family life. Some boys said that the daughters-in-law these days are not submissive. To this it was said that unlike in the past, now girls are taught from childhood to assert their rights. The wives-to-be said that some husbands continue to be 'Mummy's boys,' even after marriage and they depend on the mother for all decisions. According to them this is the main reason why young wives do not want to remain with the in-laws. The boys said that the wife's parents try to interfere in their family life and want to control the sons-in-law. Both boys and girls insisted that parents of both parties need training and made a unanimous request to organise courses for them.

Hridaynibas Diamond Harbour Celebrated Feast of Don Bosco

On 7th February 2021, Hridaynibas Don Bosco Diamond Harbour celebrated Feast of Don Bosco, the founder of SDB. Rt. Rev. Bishop Shyamal Bose was the main celebrant of the day. There were 5 priests who concelebrated with the bishop. Besides them, there were 3 nuns, 6 MC Brothers and 15 MC Brother's candidates. About 215 faithful had turned up from different substations for the august celebration. During the auspicious occasion 15 candidates received sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Bishop Shyamal Bose. The harmonious liturgical singing prepared by Fr. Milan Basak with boarding boys and some parishioners during the Mass added solemnity to the celebration and enhanced the atmosphere with devotedness. Holy Mass was celebrated on especially prepared Pandal for the occasion in front of the building.

After the Mass there was a short felicitation program wherein the candidates who received sacrament of confirmation were felicitated and Bishop, priests and religious superiors were honoured by the parishioners. The colourful cultural program of 4 dances and songs anchored by Tapas Ray captivated the eyes of everyone and received appreciation of all those who were present there. Thereafter, Nirmal Manna proposed the vote of thanks where he acknowledged the contribution of all those who made their sacrifices in making the day a memorable one. After the program there was a sumptuous meal for all arranged by Fr. Sudhir, the bursar of the house with DB Tech students.

- Fr. Sunil Lakara SDB

NOTICE BOARD

- Diaconate ordination of Bro. Sarojit Mandal and Bro. Rajen Singh will be held on 17th April, 2021 at St. Charles Seminary Nagpur. We pray and congratulate them as they receive the order of Diaconate.
- Programmes in Paribar Jyoti:
 The next Marriage Preparation course: April 09-10, 2021.
 The next Marriage Rectification course: April 16-17, 2021 (Please note the change. It will not be on Apr 23-24.)

Chrism Mass

On March 30, 2021 priests in the diocese of Baruipur joined their Bishop, Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Teresa of Calcutta, Baruipur for the celebration of the Chrism Mass at 2:30 p.m. The annual celebration of the Chrism Mass, held during Holy Week, was a manifestation of the Priests' communion with their shepherd as they share in the sacred office of the Bishop in teaching, sanctifying and governing the people of God. In his homily bishop call upon the priests to be in union with God and be at the service of people. During the liturgy, the priests of the diocese stood before the bishop and renewed their priestly promises made at their own ordination. Also at this Mass the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens were blessed and the Sacred chrism consecrated. All those who were present for that special liturgy prayed especially for the priests and for all who will be anointed by these oils in the coming year.



At the end of the Mass, two silver jubilerians, Rev. Frs. Augustine E. and Soosaiappan Yesukani were warmly felicitated on the successful completion of 25 years of service in the vineyard of the Lord. On this auspicious day, two newly ordained priests, Fr. Amrit Ekka and Sanjay Minj were also greeted with congratulations and best wishes.

As a preparation, before the Chrism Mass there was a spiritual talk and individual confession for the priests in the morning at Dishari Pastoral Centre. It was facilitated by Rev. Fr. Jayraj Veluswamy, S.J. He enlightened the priests with his edifying talk on the True Identity of Priest as a Pastor. Just as Jesus, the good shepherd is the outstretched arms of God, the Father so a pastor is the outstretched arms of Jesus who brings back the lost sheep into the true sheepfold.

Zonal Youth Orientation at St. Anthony's Church Keorapukur

14th March 2021 was a day of joy for the youth of Thakurpukur Zone. On that day the Youth Commission of Baruipur organized an orientation for them where around 100 young people from four Parishes Namely. Diamond Harbour, Gangarampur, Thakurpukur, Sajnaberia and host parish Keorapukur took part. The orientation began with the Holy Eucharist, celebrated by Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy (V.G). Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan, Diocesan Youth Director of Baruipur and Rev. Fr. Tushar A. Gomes, treasure of Baruipur Dioceses concelebrated the Mass. There was a warm welcome ceremony by youth of



Keorapukur Parish. As host parish priest, Fr. Kanauj Roy, welcomed the guest and all the youth for the orientation. There was a session led by Rev. Fr. Tushar on the theme: "Pastoral Plan for the youth". He explained to them the plan beautifully and at the end they were given some questions regarding the problems and difficulties that they face in the parish. They were divided in seven groups, it was a team work, so they discussed and shared their difficulties and opportunities in the parish.



There was Zexco election for Thakurpukur Zone. The elected members are: Miss- Manisha Bor (President), Miss. Babita Gomes (Secretary), Mr. Hritoban Mondal (Treasurer), Miss. Susmita Mondal (Member) and Mr. Daniyel Joseph (Member). It was a joyful moment for the youth to have zexco in their zone. Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy encouraged and inspired the youth by his words. At the end Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty thanked Fr. Kanauj Roy for hosting the orientation and Carmel Sisters for giving the school and all the facilities to conduct the orientation. He also thanked all the parish priests and youth in-charge for their help and support. Last but not the least he thanked all the youth for their active participation and particularly youth of Keorapukur for their hard work behind the success of the orientation.

- Miss. Pue Mondal



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05 Fr. Goutam Naskar

09 Fr. J. R. Dejus

15 Fr. Sarajit Das

17 Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes

17 Fr. Anmol Robert Minj SJ

20 Fr. Sudhir Barwa SDB

23 Fr. Francis Baraik

29 Fr. Daniel Makhal

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Bp. Salvadore Lobo

Ordination

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- 11 Fr. Sushad Baidya
- 12 Fr. Patrick Walsh, SJ
- 15 Fr. Faustine Brank
- 15 Fr. Subodh Kishu, CMF
- 22 Fr. J. A. Santhanam
- 23 Fr. M. Shivaji Henriques, SFX
- 26 Fr. Sunil Ray
- 26 Fr. Surojit Mitra
- 27 Fr. Daniel Makhal
- 27 Fr. Jonas Singha
- 29 Fr. Prolay Boidya
- 29 Fr. Mildon D'Souza, SFX

In Memoriam

13th April

Fr. Abani Sardar (VG 1989-1994)

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of April 2021

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.

Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of April 2021

| Date | Day | Time | Place | Programme |
|------|-----|------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 01 | Thu | 06.30 p.m. | Kumrakhali | Maundy Thursday |
| 02 | Fri | 02.00 p.m. | Sajnaberia | Good Friday |
| 03 | Sat | 07.00 p.m. | Baruipur Cathedral | Easter Vigil |
| 04 | Sun | 06.30 a.m. | Kalyanpur | Easter Sunday |
| 05 | Mon | 06.00 a.m. | MC Convent Kacharibazar | Mass |
| 06 | Tue | 10.00 a.m. | Sanjibani, Krishnagar | Meeting of Family Commission |
| 07 | Wed | 07.00 p.m. | Holy Angel's Convent, Kalyanpur | Mass |
| 08 | Thu | 06.00 a.m. | MC Convent Kirtankhola | Mass |
| 11 | Sun | 07.00 a.m. | Baruipur Cathedral | Mass & First Holy Communion |
| 13 | Tue | 09.30 a.m. | Dishari, Baruipur | Meeting of Laity Commission |
| 18 | Sun | 08.00 a.m | Mitany | Mass and Confirmation |
| 22 | Thu | 10.30 a.m. | Kumrakhali | Mass |
| 25 | Sun | 07.00 a.m. | Khari | Mass and Confirmation |
| 30 | Fri | | Holy Cross School, Baruipur | Programme for Bishop Salvadore Lobo |

Easter and Bengali New Year wish

Bishop Shyamal Bose and all the Fathers at Bishop's House wish all the readers the joy of Easter.

May the new life that Jesus offers us through His resurrection be the continuous source of sharing and caring for one another.

Happy Easter!

and

A Happy and Prosperous Bengali New Year - 1428.