

Month of May: Month of Mary

We are in the month of May and therefore the evenings are as usual dedicated to the recitation of Rosary, a form of devotion venerating the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother and Protector of all her children, members of the Catholic Church established by her Divine Son Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind. It is a normal practice in the Catholic families that all the members of the family come together at the foot of a small altar dedicated to Mary before the evening meal and recite the Rosary together.

The word 'Rosary' means 'crown of roses' or 'garland of roses'. It refers to a set of prayers used in the Catholic Church and to the string of knots or beads used to count the component prayers. The prayers that compose the rosary are arranged in sets of ten Hail Marys, called decades. Each decade is preceded by one Lord's Prayer and followed by one Glory Be. Five decades are recited per rosary. Each decade is dedicated to a specific mystery of the rosary which recalls events in the lives of Jesus and of Mary. Pope Pius V established a standard of 15 Mysteries of the Rosary in three sets, namely, the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries and the Glorious Mysteries. In 2002, Pope St. John Paul II introduced a new set of five as the Luminous Mysteries.

Litany to Mary is an essential part of the Rosary recited usually at the end before the concluding hymn to our Lady. It is inspiring to sing or recite the Litany addressing Mary with 48 various salutations. The Litany is sung or recited by the leader while all repeat 'pray for us' as response. The veneration of Mary, Mother of Jesus through the recitation of

rosary is one of the common practices in the Catholic Church. Pope St. John Paul II said that devotions through rosary are "among the finest and most praise worthy traditions of Christian contemplation". From its origin in the twelfth century, the rosary has been seen as a meditation on the life of Christ and it is such that many Popes have encouraged and promoted the devotion to Mary through the recitation of rosary.

The Dominican tradition claims that in 1208 the rosary was given to St. Dominic of Osma in an apparition by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Church of Prouille in France. The rosary actually originated from the use of 150 Psalms prayed from the Hebrew Psalter. It was the Dominican monks who used to recite the entire 150 Psalms weekly and the ordinary faithful used to listen to them. In order to help the ordinary faithful to meditate, the rosary was introduced to them. Instead of the Psalm, the ordinary faithful used to recite the first half of the present Hail Mary as the petition to Mary. It was in 1569, the Papal Bull, *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices*, by the Dominican Pope Pius V officially established the devotion to the rosary in the Catholic Church.

The scholars find a number of reasons from history for dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are as follows - a) In Ancient Greece and Rome, the month of May was dedicated to the pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime such as, Artemis and Flora. Consequently, the month of May was considered as the month of life and motherhood. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our

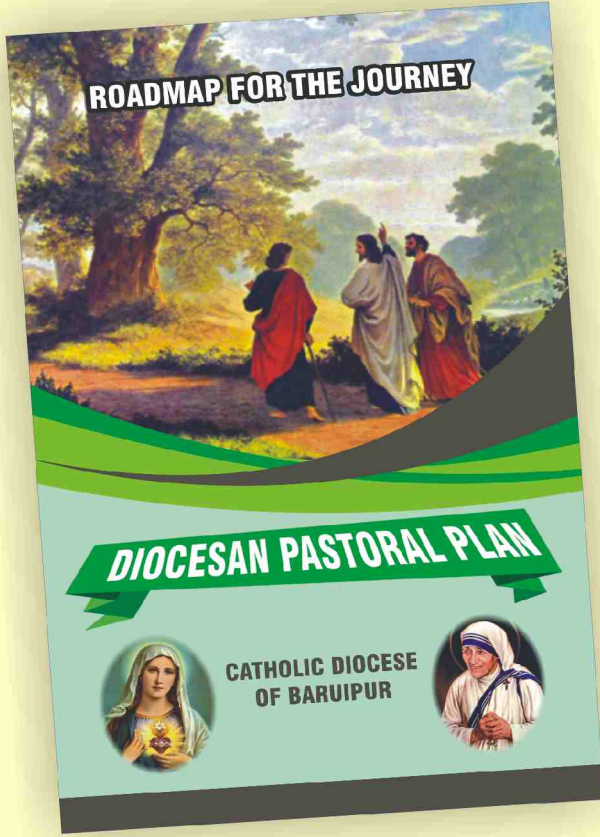
Saviour Jesus Christ. So the month of May was dedicated to Mary. b) In the early Church there was an evidence of a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th of May each year. Therefore, the month of May was associated to the Virgin Mary. c) The May devotion originated at Rome to counteract infidelity and immorality among students who made a vow to devote the month of May to Mary. d) In 1945, Pope Pius XII introduced May as a Marian month after establishing the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on 31st of May, although later on this day has been celebrated as the Feast of the Visitation of Mary.

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been promoted by the Popes. Devotion to Mary is an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother, she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moment of their life as any child does with his mother.

It is therefore very appropriate to respond to the Holy Father's heartfelt wish that the month of May be dedicated to a "marathon" of prayer through rosary to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year and to ask for the resumption normal course of life. Pope Francis wishes to involve all the Shrines around the world in this initiative, so that they may become vehicles of the prayer of the entire Church. Let us therefore make the good use of the heavenly mother's intercession during the month of May.

+ Shyamal Bose

Diocesan Pastoral Plan ও সাধারণ খ্রীষ্টভক্তগণের ভূমিকা



বিগত ২৫শে জানুয়ারী ২০২১, ধর্মপ্রদেশের পুরোহিতদের সভায় Diocesan Pastoral Plan (2020) -এর পুস্তিকাটি আনুষ্ঠানিক ভাবে প্রকাশিত করলেন ধর্মপাল শ্যামল বোস মহোদয়। অভিজ্ঞ পুরোহিত ফাদার প্রদীপ রায়ের সম্পাদনায় বিভিন্ন আয়োগের নেতৃবৃন্দ, পুরোহিত মণ্ডলী, সংগঠনের প্রধান, সাধারণ খ্রীষ্টভক্তদের ও আরো অনেকের সাথে আলোচনার মাধ্যমে এই পরিকল্পনাটি পূর্ণাঙ্গ আকারে কাগজে কলমে গ্রথিত হয়েছে। ফাদার প্রদীপ রায়ের এই প্রয়াসকে কুর্গিশ না করে উপায় নেই।

Diocesan Pastoral Plan বা ধর্মপ্রাদেশিক প্রৈরিত্রিক পরিকল্পনাটি রচিত হয়েছে ধর্মপ্রদেশের শক্তি-সামর্থ, দুর্বলতা, সুযোগ-সুবিধা ও অন্তরায় (SWOT/C Analysis) পর্যালোচনা করে। এছাড়া প্রয়োজনীয় প্রাথমিক ও গৌণ (Primary & Secondary Data) তথ্যগুলিকে সামগ্রিক ভাবে সংগ্রহ করে সেগুলি এই পরিকল্পনায় অন্তর্ভুক্ত করা হয়েছে। এরপর পূর্ণ পরিকল্পনাটি একটি ছকের (Logistic Frame

Work) মাধ্যমে উপস্থাপনা করা হয়েছে। এই পরিকল্পনা রূপায়ণ একটি নির্দিষ্ট সময়কালের মধ্যে আবদ্ধ, যা বিজ্ঞানসম্মত, পরীক্ষিত (Proven) ও সময় উপযোগী। সমাজসেবী বা ব্যবসায়ী (Corporate) প্রতিষ্ঠানে এই পরিকল্পনাকে Design Document বলা হয়। তবে বলা বাহুল্য যে, এই পরিকল্পনা ভবিষ্যতের জন্য গঠন করা হলেও, তা অক্ষরে অক্ষরে এই পরিকল্পনা পালন করা যায় না। পরিকল্পনাটি dynamically incomplete থাকে। পরিবেশ ও পরিস্থিতি বুঝে কিছুটা পরিবর্তন করা যায়। যেমন এই পরিকল্পনা যখন শুরু হয় তখন অতিমারি ছিল না। দীর্ঘ ১৩ মাস অতিমারির ফলে আমাদের অনেক পরিকল্পনা ওলোট-পালোট হয়ে গেছে।

এখন প্রশ্ন Diocesan Pastoral Plan কাদের জন্য বা কোন শ্রেণীর মানুষের জন্য? উত্তর একটাই ধর্মপ্রদেশের আপামর মানুষের উন্নতি ও কল্যাণের জন্য। এছাড়া ধর্মপল্লী অতিক্রম করে এর সুফলের প্রভাব বৃহত্তর সমাজে ও অন্য ধর্মপ্রদেশে পড়তে বাধ্য। ফলত, আমরা সুসংগঠিত, বৃহত্তর ও গতিশীল সমাজ গড়তে সহভাগি হব। এই পরিকল্পনার অন্য একটি মাত্রা আছে, যেমন খ্রীষ্টভক্ত ছাড়া সমাজের একটি বৃহৎ জনসংখ্যা বিভিন্ন খ্রীষ্টীয় প্রতিষ্ঠানের সেবার (Service) অন্তর্গত (বিদ্যালয়, মহাবিদ্যালয়, দাতব্য চিকিৎসালয়, NGO বা INGO, ইত্যাদি। এই সংখ্যাটি সম্ভবত ধর্মপ্রদেশের খ্রীষ্টীয় সম্প্রদায়ের অপেক্ষায় অধিক। পরিকল্পনা প্রস্তুত করার সময় তাদের অবস্থানের বিষয়টিও গৃহীত হয়েছে।

বর্তমানে আমাদের ধর্মপ্রদেশের ৬৩৭৭৫ জন ক্যাথলিক খ্রীষ্টভক্ত (Source: Directory 2021) রয়েছেন। এর মধ্যে ৯৯.৮৫% সাধারণ খ্রীষ্টভক্ত ও ০০.১৫% পুরোহিত মণ্ডলী (Sisters and Seminarians have been counted under Laity)। আমার ধারণা এই প্রৈরিত্রিক পরিকল্পনার রূপায়ণ, সহযোগিতা ও সুষ্ঠুভাবে সম্পাদনের দায় সাধারণ খ্রীষ্টভক্তদের উপরও বর্তায়। তাই পুরোহিতবর্গের পাশাপাশি সাধারণ খ্রীষ্টভক্তগণের এই পরিকল্পনা সম্বন্ধে ওয়াকিবহাল হওয়া বাঞ্ছনীয়। তেমনি তাঁদেরকেও নির্দিষ্ট লক্ষ্য পূরণে সামিল করার প্রয়োজন আছে বলে আমি মনে করি। তাহলে Road Map-এর মাধ্যমে Journey করা যাবে।

- অসীম ক্যাম্পু

Observance of 40th Day of Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes, S.J.



On 08 April 2021 a 40th day was observed in memory of Late Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes, S.J., the first bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Baruipur, who passed away on 27 February 2021 in the infirmary of St. Xavier's College Kolkata where he was leading his retired life. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, the bishop of Baruipur, who presided over the Mass said in the Homily that Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes, S.J. had inspired many people by his simplicity, humility, service, love and affection. Due to the Covid restrictions the Mass was a private one where only the neighbouring religious communities of Baruipur were present.

Bishop Gomes was born on 07 September 1921, Boro Golla, a small village in present Bangladesh. He entered the Society of Jesus and was ordained priest on 21 November 1954. He was appointed the first bishop of Baruipur on 30 May 1977. He retired on 31 October 1995. Following his retirement he led a Jesuit mission to Bangladesh until 2014. He returned to St Xavier's College Calcutta after an accident in 2014. It is there he breathed his last on 27 February 2021 at 3 a.m.

First Holy Communion

11th April 2021 was a day of great joy and happiness to the parishioners of Panchamkhanda parish. On that day 30 children of the parish received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Fr. Sanjay Minj and Fr. Abonindro Das were the celebrants of the day. Fr. Sanjay Minj, in his homily asked the children to open their hearts to receive the unfathomable Mercy of God in the form of Bread and wine. The children were very happy and delighted to receive Jesus for the first time in their lives. After the celebration, children were given some snacks and sweets that filled their joy to the brim.

- Mr. Purnendu Ghughu



Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Major Activities of PUS Baruipur in the Month of April 2021

Capacity Building Training for Teachers

On 12th April 2021 Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur organized one day workshop on Capacity building for all the teachers of SAD Education Project Langalberia at PUS HRDC hall. Fr. Saumen Malik, Director of PUS, welcomed all the participants and gave a brief introduction of the day. All total 41 participants attended the programme. Mr. Sanatan Bagh, project Coordinator and Mr. Sanjib Mandal facilitated the programme. The topics discussed are given below:

1. Roles and responsibilities of an ideal teacher.
2. Values and Sustainability.
3. Evaluation for last one year- Positive aspects, Challenges and few Suggestions for the holistic growth of the children.

All the teachers who participated in the training gave the assurance that they will put their full efforts for the betterment of the students and in pursuit of the same they made a plan to implement in future.



Launching a New Project

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur has launched a new project “**Global Programme India: Poverty Reduction and Food security, Promoting Social Inclusion of Particularly Marginalized Groups and Increasing Resilience to Disaster in high risk areas**”. The program commenced on April 2021 and it will continue till March 2024. The project will be implemented for 20 villages under six Blocks namely, Gosaba, Basanti, Kultali, Mathurapur II, Kakdwip and Namkhana under the District of South 24 Parganas. The staff pattern for project period: 1. Project coordinator-1, Part time accountant-1 and Animators-3



Staff Selection: PUS Baruipur invited applications from six Blocks for interview for the post of 3 Animators who will be working for six Blocks under the said project. Accordingly 11 applications reached at PUS Baruipur and interview was held on 13th April 2021. 3 animators among 11 candidates were selected by interview board.

Mass Campaigning in Fair and Festivals

Mass awareness campaigns on women and child protection against abuse and violence was conducted in local Fair and festivals on 14th April 2021 at Monmothanagar Charak Mela. The project personnels and Members of Adolescent Girls Group set up a stall in Charak Mela and decorated the stall with Banners and posters. Handbills have been distributed in this festival. The project personnel and AGG member made aware the mass through the miking about trafficking, Child's right, Child abuse and Gender discrimination. Around 2000 people have visited to our stalls and came to know about abuse and violence of women & children and its way of prevention and protection. Mrs. Priyanka Patra, animator of WCP project and AGG members were present at stall and replied the queries raised by the people.



Workshop for Students

On 20th April 2021 Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur organized one day workshop for St. Savio Boy's Hostel at Panchamkhand. Mr. Purnendu Ghughu, hostel in-charge, welcomed PUS staff and shared the objectives of the day. Mr. Sanatan Bagh, coordinator of the project and Mr. Sanjib Mandal facilitated the programme. All together 32 students were present for the workshop. In the history of the hostel it was the first time that they had like this programme. It was very much learning and encouraging for them. This workshop helped them to dream about their future. The theme for the workshop was 1. Guidelines for COVID-19 2. What is Education 3. Need of Education 4. Modern Concepts of Education 5. Discipline.



Diaconate Ordination



On 17th April 2021 St. Charles' Seminary, Nagpur gathered as a whole community in prayer and immense joy to witness the Diaconate Ordination of 18 brothers hailing from different dioceses and congregations in India by His Grace Rev. Elias Gonsalves, the Archbishop of Nagpur at 5:30 p.m. Bro. Rajen Singh from Basanti Parish and Bro. Sarojit Mandal from Gosaba joyfully and willingly received the Order of Diaconate from our Diocese, Baruiapur.

The long-awaited dream of these young brothers finally fulfilled at the rite of Ordination which began after the proclamation of the Gospel and the homily during the solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves. In his homily, the archbishop highlighted four pointers to be followed by the newly ordained deacons; firstly, one needs to grow in holiness and serve God and one another through love; secondly, everyone is saintly sinner and sinner saint, therefore, we can overcome sin in order to be a saint; thirdly, our holiness should make us happy and this holiness comes through simplicity; fourthly, we should reach out to those places where humanity is mostly wounded spiritually, mentally and physically. He also emphasized the important role and ministries of the deacons in the church; to preach the Word of God, to assist in the altar of the Lord, to administer the sacraments and to engage in the charitable works.

There was a short felicitation programme after the Holy Eucharist. The Bishop along with the community congratulated the deacons for their decision to serve the Lord and his

people followed by the cutting of the cake. The deacons thanked whole heartedly all those who had been helping and supporting them in their journey to priesthood. The celebration eventually came to an end with a sumptuous meal.

The diocese of Baruiapur heartily congratulates the newly ordained deacons, Rajen Singh and Sarojit Mandal and wishes them well for the diaconate ministry.

SCC- Dishari, Thakurpukur

A SCC animation programme was held at Rosepunja, a substation under Thakurpukur parish on 14th April 2021. It was organized by Dishari Pastoral Centre along with the help of the Parish Priest and SCC animator Mrs. Gargi Mandal. Altogether 47 SCC members combined with new and old and three M.C. sisters joined the meeting actively and cheerfully. The meeting was headed by Fr. Goutam Naskar. During his session, he explained in details the purpose of SCC and its characters. He also underscored how we can walk in the light of the Lord and show that light to others and especially those who are in the dark realm. It



was a good news that the three units among four continued their SCC meetings regularly even during this pandemic following all the regulations of Covid-19. Nothing could withstand them to be "a New Way of Being Church". They were well appreciated for their wonderful dedication. The SCC team encouraged them whole-heartedly to continue this spirit of SCC in the days to come. The programme eventually ended with the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Pradip Dari and concelebrated by Fr. Goutam Naskar.

Confirmation at Khari and Mahamaya



April 25, 2021 was the Good Shepherd Sunday. The shepherd of Baruipur diocese, Most Rev. Shyamal Bose confirmed 69 children with the Sacrament of Confirmation at Khari parish church in the morning liturgy at 7.00 a.m. The children were well prepared by Sr. Martha DSA and Fr. Molloy Mondal, the parish priest. The whole liturgy was well organized with beautiful decorations of the sanctuary and the melodious singing by the choir. The Bishop was welcomed in the beginning of the Mass with a garland, *chandan fota* and arati. The Parish priest thanked the Bishop and all those who contributed directly or indirectly for the success of the day.

Initially it was planned that the children from Mahamaya would join the morning Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation. But due to COVID restrictions, the Bishop was very generous to go to Mahamaya, a substation of the Khari parish to confirm the Sacrament of Confirmation to 41 children. The people gathered at the entrance of the village to welcome Bishop and had taken him in procession to the church. The liturgy was in the evening at 5.00 p.m. at the village church. Mr. Nabin Mal, the Catechist and Mrs. Putulrani prepared the children well for the sacrament. The liturgy was organized well with entrance dance, good singing and well participated by the laity. The village catechist and the parish priest thanked everyone.



- Fr. Panneer Selvam

Mass and Confirmation at Isworipur & Mitani

18th April 2021 was the memorable day for the faithful of Isworipur and Mitani, the substations of Morapai. They had been eagerly waiting for such graceful moment since twenty years. Filled with joy, the community welcomed Bishop Shyamal Bose in procession with singing and showering of petals by little flower bearers until all had reached to the Church. All were happy to participate in the Eucharistic Celebration which commenced at 8:a.m. Bishop in his homily encouraged the recipients of Confirmation and the faithful present to be bold soldiers of Christ and to safeguard the faith in all circumstances. There were sixty nine persons who received the Sacrament of Confirmation with joy.

After the Eucharist a short felicitation ceremony was conducted for Bishop, priests and Sisters.



- Fr. Amrit Ekka

Zonal Youth Orientation at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur

18th April 2021 was a day of joy for the youth of Baruipur Zone. On that day Youth Commission of Baruipur Organized an orientation at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur, where around 100 young people joyfully took part from all four parishes of the Zone. The orientation began with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Tushar A. Gomes, the chief guest of the day. Besides him, there were Fr. Gautam Naskar, Director of Dishari and Fr. Ramen Pailan, Director of Youth commission.

In his homily Fr. Tushar encouraged the youth. He made them understand that Jesus always loves us and protects us, so a youth has to stay with him and live with him.

There was welcome ceremony by Dexco members. Mr. Sarbeswar DYP, welcomed Fr. Tushar, Fr. Goutam, Fr. Ramen and all the lovely participants. There was a session by Rev. Fr. Tushar on the theme "Pastoral Plan for the youth". At the end they had workshop regarding their problems and difficulties in their youth ministry. He asked them their future plan and encouraged them to have their daily action plans for their achievements.

At the end Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty thanked Fr. Tushar for his enlightening session and his love for the young people of our diocese. He also thanked Fr. Goutam for his cooperation. He expressed his gratitude to Fr. Ramen and all the participants specially to all the priests who had sent the youth to participate in the orientation.

- Sarbeswar Chakrabarty



TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS OF THE PRIESTS

Sl. No.	Parish Priest / Priest In-charge	From	Former Designation	To	New Designation
1.	Fr. Molloy Mondal	Khari	Parish Priest	Baidyapur	Parish Priest
2.	Fr. Surojit Mitra	Baidyapur	Priest In-Charge	Budge Budge	Parish Priest
3.	Fr. Sandeep Mondal	Budge Budge	Parish Priest	Keorapukur	Curate
4.	Fr. Jonas Singha	Gosaba	Parish Priest	Keorapukur	Curate
5.	Fr. Aloke Kanji	Keorapukur	Curate	Thakurpukur	Curate
6.	Fr. Paneer Selvam	Khari	Curate	Khari	Parish Priest
7.	Fr. Pradip Dari	Thakurpukur	Curate	Khari	Curate
8.	Fr. Uttam Naskar	Kerala	Student	Paribar Jyoti	Director / Secretary
9.	Fr. Sanjay Minj	Keorapukur	Curate	Kalyanpur	Curate
10.	Fr. Pradeep Roy	Paribar Jyoti	Director	ASHA	—
11.	Fr. Deepak Ekka	ASHA	Judicial Vicar of CDB, Secretary to Bishop In-Charge of ASHA	Cathedral Presbytery	Pro-Vicar, Judicial Vicar of CDB, Secretary to Bishop In-Charge of ASHA
12.	Fr. Prolay Boidya	Kumrokhali	Parish Priest	Gosaba	Parish Priest
13.	Fr. Faustine Brank	Baruipur	Pro-Vicar	Sonarpur	Curate
14.	Fr. Indrajit Sardar	Kumrokhali	Curate	Kumrokhali	Parish Priest & Headmaster of Fr. Gabric English Medium School, Kumrokhali

The above transfers will take place by June 15, 2021 by mutual agreement of the outgoing and incoming priests with due intimation to the Bishop. Please follow the Guideline (Circular dated 11.02.2002, Page No. 113 in the Directory 2021 of Catholic Diocese of Baruipur).



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04	Fr. Saju George, SJ
06	Fr. Rajesh Bag
08	Fr. Panneer Selvam
15	Fr. Subodh Kisku, CMF
18	Fr. Subir Sobhapat, CM
19	Fr. Sanjay Minj
21	Fr. Parimal Kanji
24	Br. Sourav Kayal



Ordination

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03	Fr. Silvester Xavier
04	Fr. Subrata Kanji
04	Fr. J. R. Dejus
05	Bp. Shyamal Bose
06	Fr. Michael Cruz, SFX
07	Fr. J. Pathinathan
10	Fr. Sisir Khan
12	Fr. Saju George, SJ
15	Fr. Saumen Malik
16	Fr. Francis Carvalho, SFX
18	Fr. Meghnas Singha
19	Fr. Abonindro Das
19	Fr. Charles Montu Kanji
19	Fr. Kanauj Roy
20	Fr. Augustine E.
21	Fr. Ramen Pailan
22	Fr. Rajesh Bag
24	Fr. Alope Anthony Kanji
24	Fr. Sudhir Barwa, SDB
25	Fr. Molloy Mondal
25	Fr. Soosaiappan Y.
26	Fr. Panneer Selvam
28	Fr. Francis Makhal

News from the Family Commission



We are happy to say that the Family Commission of our diocese got a new Scorpio S5. As we thank the Lord, Let us also thank the generous donors, Church-in-Need, and pray for them.

Congratulation to Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose for his 30th Priestly Ordination Annverssery on May 05, his appointment as Coadjutor Bishop of Baruipur on May 17, 2019 and Canonical Possession of Diocese of Baruipur on May 04, 2020.

Memorable & Admirable

1st May : Fr. Bronckers Pierre, S.J.

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

No programme in the month of May due to COVID 19.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of May 2021

The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.