



## The Heartbeat of Faith: The Enduring Beauty of Catholic Devotions

The life of the Church is enriched not only by her liturgy and sacraments but also by the many devotions that have nourished the faith of generations. These practices, often called popular devotions, are expressions of a living faith that accompanies believers through every stage of life. They arise from the deepest desires of the human heart the longing for God's presence, strength in times of difficulty, gratitude in moments of blessing, and hope amid uncertainty. Passed on from one generation to another, they remain a treasured spiritual heritage that continues to sustain believers in their daily journey of faith.

Among the most cherished spiritual practices in the Church are **novenas**, nine days of prayer inspired by the period during which the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit after the Ascension of Jesus. For centuries, the faithful have turned to novenas seeking God's grace for healing, employment, success in studies and business, family harmony, peace during crises, and guidance in important decisions. Their value lies not merely in obtaining a favour but in cultivating perseverance, patience, and trust in God's providence.

In our diocesan community, devotion to **St. Anthony of Padua** occupies a special place. The Tuesday Novena continues to draw countless faithful who seek his intercession. Though popularly known as the patron of lost things, St. Anthony helps believers recover much more than misplaced possessions. Through his intercession, many seek renewed hope, stronger faith, inner peace, and direction when life becomes uncertain. His enduring popularity reflects the confidence of God's people in the communion of saints and God's loving care. Some Churches also celebrate the novena to St. Anthony in the month of June.

Also, The month of June naturally directs our attention to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, one of the Church's most profound devotions. The Heart of

Christ symbolizes God's boundless love a love that forgives, heals, consoles, and embraces. In a world often marked by division, loneliness, and anxiety, devotion to the Sacred Heart reminds us that God's compassion remains constant. The Novena to the Sacred Heart invites the faithful to contemplate this love and allow their own hearts to be transformed by mercy, forgiveness, and charity.

Closely related to the novena is the **Triduum**, a three-day period of prayer and preparation before a feast or significant spiritual celebration. The Church understands that meaningful celebrations require preparation. Just as fertile soil is prepared before receiving seed, the human heart must be prepared before receiving spiritual blessings. A triduum creates a sacred space where anticipation deepens into reflection and reflection blossoms into encounter with God.

Many of the Church's great feasts are preceded by such preparation. The **Novena to the Holy Spirit** before Pentecost is often regarded as the first novena in Christian history, inviting believers to pray for wisdom, understanding, courage, and renewal. Christmas celebrations in many places are enriched by special novenas, while patronal feasts are often marked by tridua, novenas, processions, and acts of charity. These practices remind us that every feast is an opportunity for spiritual renewal.

Marian devotion occupies a unique place within this rich spiritual heritage. In our diocesan community, special devotion is shown to **Our Lady of Vailankanni, the Mother of Good Health**. Countless faithful turn to her seeking healing, protection, comfort, and spiritual strength. This enduring devotion reflects the confidence of God's people in Mary's maternal care and intercession. Alongside this cherished devotion, the Church honours Mary under titles such as **Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, each

highlighting a unique aspect of her loving presence. Through every Marian devotion, the faithful discover anew the tenderness of a Mother who always leads her children to Christ.

Alongside these novenas, other devotions continue to nourish Christian life. The **Rosary** remains one of the most beloved prayers of the Church, enabling believers to meditate on the mysteries of Christ through the eyes of Mary. **Eucharistic Adoration** and the Holy Hour offer moments of silence before the Blessed Sacrament, creating a refuge from the noise of modern life. The **Angelus** sanctifies the rhythm of the day by recalling the mystery of the Incarnation, while **Marian processions** become public expressions of faith that strengthen Christian community and witness.

The **Stations of the Cross** help believers unite their sufferings with those of Christ, discovering meaning and hope even in moments of pain. Similarly, prayers offered on the third, seventh, and fortieth days after the death of loved ones express the Church's belief in the communion of saints and the promise of eternal life. These moments of remembrance affirm that love transcends death and that prayer continues to unite the living and the departed.

Popular devotions endure because they bring faith into the realities of everyday life. They accompany the sick seeking healing, the unemployed searching for opportunity, families facing challenges, students preparing for examinations, and those mourning the loss of loved ones. Far from being secondary practices, they are treasured pathways that lead believers more deeply into the mystery of Christ. Through every novena, Rosary, Holy Hour, procession, and prayer of remembrance, the Church proclaims a timeless truth: God remains close to His people, accompanying them with love through every season of life.

+ Shyamal Bose

## Vocation Camp Baruipur Diocese

The Baruipur Diocese organized a Vocation Camp from May 24-26, 2026, bringing together 11 young participants who were eager to explore and discern God's call in their lives. The three-day program provided a meaningful opportunity for the boys to deepen their relationship with God and reflect on their future vocation. Throughout the camp, the participants attended inspiring sessions, prayer and guided reflections centered on the vocation stories of various biblical figures. These reflections helped them understand how God calls people in different ways and invites each person to respond with faith and generosity. Special emphasis was placed on recognizing God's presence in everyday life and learning to listen attentively to His voice.

The camp also included interactive discussions, personal sharing and spiritual guidance from priests and religious, who encouraged the participants to be open to God's plan. Moments of silent prayer and Eucharistic adoration provided space for personal reflection and discernment. The atmosphere of the camp was both joyful and enriching, fostering friendship, faith and a spirit of openness among the participants. By the end of the program, all 11 boys returned home with a deeper understanding of vocation, renewed enthusiasm and a greater willingness to respond to God's invitation, whether to the priesthood, religious life, or dedicated Christian service.

- Br. Subilash Bar

## First Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church, Kalipur

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026, was a day of great joy and blessing for the parish community of St. Peter's Church, Kalipur, as 19 children received their First Holy Communion. During the solemn Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Fr. Deepak Ekka, the young communicants received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time, marking an important milestone in their spiritual journey.

The children were carefully prepared for this sacred occasion through catechetical instruction and faith formation by the MC Sisters and Mrs. Sima Majhi, the catechist. Their dedicated efforts helped the children understand the significance of the Eucharist and approach the sacrament with faith and reverence. The celebration was marked by prayer, devotion and thanksgiving as families and faithful joined in witnessing this special moment. At the conclusion of the Mass, the children were presented with certificates and Divine Mercy souvenirs as cherished reminders of their First Holy Communion. The faithful community rejoices with these young communicants and prays that they may continue to grow in faith, remain close to Jesus in the Eucharist and live as faithful members of the Church.

- Philip Pramanik

## Celebrating Sacramental Milestones at Sonarpur

May 2026 was a month of grace and joy for Holy Cross Church, Sonarpur, as the parish celebrated two important sacramental events. On May 17, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, 12 children received their First Holy Communion during a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. Sandip Mondal. Prepared by Mr. Sukesh Sarkar, Mrs. Minu Bar and the MC Sisters, the children joyfully received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. A week later, on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, fourteen young parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Most Rev. Shyamal Bose. Having undergone months of catechetical formation under the guidance of Mr. Sukesh Sarkar, Mr. Peter Koyal, Mrs. Minu Bar and the MC Sisters, the candidates were strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and encouraged to become courageous witnesses of Christ. Both celebrations were marked by prayer, devotion and active participation from families and parishioners. These sacred milestones stand as a testament to the vibrant faith life of Sonarpur parish community and its commitment to nurturing the next generation of believers.

- Peter Koyal

## Recollection cum Seminar

A two-day Recollection cum Seminar was held at Dishari Pastoral Center from May 27-28, 2026. The recollection was preached by Rev. Fr. Julian S. Das, S.J., while the seminar session was conducted by the renowned Professor Ms. Mahua Basu of St. Xavier's College. The theme of the recollection preached by Fr. Julian was "The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Life and Ministry of a Priest." Through prayerful reflections and biblical teachings, he highlighted the importance of the Holy Spirit in the vocation, spiritual life and pastoral ministry of priests. He emphasized that priests are called, guided, strengthened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in their daily mission.

The seminar conducted by Professor Mahua Basu was highly enriching and thought-provoking. Being a well-educated and experienced scholar in the subject, she delivered a powerful talk on Ecology. She beautifully explained the responsibility of human beings in protecting and preserving Mother Earth and reminded the participants that when nature is cared for responsibly, humanity receives its fruits and blessings in return. She also explained how economy, society and the biosphere are deeply interconnected and how human actions directly affect ecological balance and sustainable living. The recollection and seminar included moments of prayer, silent reflection, sharing and meaningful discussions, which greatly inspired the participants. The entire program proved to be spiritually enriching, intellectually enlightening and pastorally motivating for all.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

## Paribar Jyoti

Active participation through significant constructive programs were held in May 2026. A two-day marriage preparation program, organised for 11 couples, facilitated improved communication and mutual respect; participants reported gaining greater confidence in resolving conflicts together. Two animator workshops each spanning two days and involving 13 animators per batch served to strengthen listening and mediation skills. The trained animators demonstrated increased initiative during home visits, encouraging families to be more open in their dialogue. A two-day workshop organised for young couples saw the participation of eight couples; this initiative fostered daily check-ins and joint decision-making, as couples actively shared their challenges, leading to improved understanding and forgiveness within their homes. At St. Mary's School in Kalyanpur, personality development program reached out to 99 students across grades 7 to 10. The students participated enthusiastically in sessions focused on self-esteem and digital discipline and teachers subsequently noted an improvement in mutual cooperation among them. Regular Family Cell meetings and home visits continued across the parish to ensure prompt intervention in cases of family distress. The total number of participants in formal programs stood at 279, comprising 33 men and 246 women.

- Fr. Uttam Naskar

### Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

The month of May 2026 was marked by several significant activities at Palli Unnayan Samiti (PUS), Baruipur, highlighting its commitment to cultural awareness, skill development and social welfare. On May 08, 2026, PUS celebrated Rabindra Jayanti at the HRDC Hall with the participation of around 150 people, including staff members, trainees and children from the Day Care Centre. The program featured songs, dances and recitations based on the works of Rabindranath Tagore, creating a vibrant atmosphere of cultural appreciation and learning.

On May 21, 2026, it organized a Certificate Distribution Ceremony for the Tailoring Training Course. Twenty-four young women successfully completed the six-month vocational training program and received certificates. Scissors and measuring scales were also distributed to support them in pursuing livelihood opportunities.

The Day Care Centre for children with special needs continued its regular therapeutic services, including Physiotherapy, Speech Therapy, Hydrotherapy and corrective support for children with limb deformities. These interventions aim to enhance the children's physical development, mobility and overall well-being. Through these initiatives, Palli Unnayan Samiti continues to empower individuals, support vulnerable communities, and promote holistic human development

- Fr. Kanauj Roy

### SEMINARIANS : CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BARUIPUR Academic Year 2026 - 2027

Sl. No.	Name		Place
01	Br. Uday Mondal	3rd Yr Theology	Oriens Theological College, Shillong
02	Br. Satyajit Naskar	3rd Yr Theology	Oriens Theological College, Shillong
03	Br. Hrittick Hazra	Licentiate in Philosophy 3rd Year	Papal Seminary, Pune
04	Br. David Panja	1st Yr. Theology	MSRS, Barrackpore
05	Br. Rohit Sharma	1st Yr. Theology	MSRS, Barrackpore
06	Br. Kenedi Kabi Ghughu	2nd Yr. Regency	Catholic Church, Panchamkhanda
07	Br. Subilash Bar	2nd Yr. Regency	Catholic Church, Basanti
08	Br. Sudip Chakraborty	1st Yr. Regency	Cathedral Church, Baruipur
09	Br. Anshu Ghoroi	1st Yr. Regency	Catholic Church, Baidyapur
10	Br. Pabitra Sardar	1st Yr. Regency	Dishari, Baruipur
11	Br. Jit Sardar	3rd Yr. Minor Seminary	Vianney Home Seminary, Krishnagar

### Leave of Absence / Discontinued

1. Br. Pritam Mondal - Discontinued
2. Br. Nayan Bor - Discontinued
3. Br. Soumen Kanji - Discontinued

### REGENCY OF BROTHERS: 2026-2027

Regents for the First Year			Regents for the Second Year		
Sl.	Name	Parish / Institution	Sl.	Name	Parish / Institution
1.	Br. Anshu Ghoroi	C. C. Baidyapur	1.	Br. Kenedi Kabi Ghughu	C. C. Panchamkhanda
2.	Br. Sudip Chakraborty	Cathedral, Baruipur	2.	Br. Subilash Bar	C. C. Basanti
3.	Br. Pabitra Sardar	Dishari, Baruipur			

### Transfers and New Arrivals of Religious in the Diocese

Place	Arrival	Outgoing
Hridaynibas, Don Bosco, Diamond Harbour	Fr. Kariapuram Mani Manuel, SDB (Parish Priest)	Fr. Sunil Lakra, SDB
	Fr. Moonnamvayalil Francis, SDB	Fr. Kuzhipala Sebastian, SDB
		Fr. Pathymoola Thomas, SDB
Missionaries of Charity, Gangarampur	Fr. M. Priya Ann M.C. (Superior)	Sr. M. Blesilla M.C.

### NOTICE BOARD

- # Marriage Preparation Course from June 05-06, 2026
- # Young Couples Programme from June 26-27, 2026

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE

02	Fr. Himangshu Poti
02	Fr. Sandip Mondal
03	Fr. Anuj Hemrom CMF
05	Fr. Sahanaya Rajan CMF
11	Fr. Charles M. Kanji
11	Fr. Tushar Gomes SDB
14	Fr. Henry Crasta
15	Fr. Peter Pradhan, CM
20	Fr. Saumen Malik
21	Fr. Sunil Ray
25	Fr. Jaswant Nayak, CMF

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

### Priestly Ordination Anniversary JUNE

30 Fr. Junesh Gomango, C.M.

Congratulations Dear Father  
**Episcopal Ordination**

24 Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose

Congratulations to His Lordship  
Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose

### Memorable & Admirable Month of June

02	Fr. S. Joseph Maliyekal S.J.
20	Most Rev. Alan de Lastic
21	Fr. Panamthottam Steven, S.J.

### Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - June 2026

For the values of sports: Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS OF THE PRIESTS 2026 (CIRCULAR NO: 09/2026)**

Sl.	Name	Place From	Former Designation	To Place	New Designation
1.	Fr. J. A. Santhanam	Bamanpukur	Priest In-Charge	Cathedral Parish	Financial Administrator of the Diocese, Parish Priest of Cathedral Church, Baruiपुर and Director of Seminarians
2.	Fr. Indrajit Sardar	Kumrokhali	Parish Priest	Baidyapur	Parish Priest
3.	Fr. Molloy Mondal	Baidyapur	Parish Priest	Sajnaberia	Curate
4.	Fr. Parimal Kanji	ABCD	Director	Basanti	Parish Priest
5.	Fr. Amrit Ekka	Thakurpukur	Curate	Kumrokhali	Headmaster of Fr. Gabric English Medium School and Curate of Kumrokhali Parish
6.	Fr. Uttam Naskar	Paribar Jyoti, Baruiपुर	Director	Gosaba	Priest-In-Charge
7.	Fr. Bablu Sardar	Sonarpur	Curate	Morapai	2nd Curate
8.	Fr. John Britto	Kalyanpur	Manager of St. Mary's School & Curate	Keorapukur	Parish Priest w.e.f. 1st October 2026
9.	Fr. Ramen Pailan	MSRS, Barrackpore	Minister of Morning Star Regional Seminary	St. Mary's School, Kalyanpur	Manager of St. Mary's School and Curate, Kalyanpur w.e.f. 1st October, 2026
10.	Fr. Pradip Dari	Gosaba	Parish Administrator	Bamanpukur	Priest-In-Charge
11.	Fr. Charles Montu Kanji	Sajnaberia	Curate	R. B. Nagar, Baruiपुर	Curate
12.	Fr. Faustine Brank	R. B. Nagar, Baruiपुर	Curate	Samarpan, Baruiपुर	In-charge of Samarpan and Curate of Cathedral, Bibirchak
13.	Fr. Alope A Kanji	Samarpan, Baruiपुर	In-charge of Samarpan, Curate of Cathedral, Bibirchak	Thakurpukur	Curate
14.	Fr. Sisir Khan	Basanti	Parish Priest	Paribar Jyoti, Baruiपुर	Director of Paribar Jyoti and weekend Ministry in Kalyanpur
15.	Fr. Rajen Singh	Baruiपुर	DYD, Minister of Bishop's House, Baruiपुर	Gosaba	Curate
16.	Fr. Goutam Naskar	Bishop's House, Baruiपुर	Treasurer of CDB, Secretary of Finance Committee of CDB	Bishop's House, Baruiपुर	Minister of Bishop's House, In-Charge of ASHA, Treasurer of CDB, Secretary of Finance Committee of CDB
17.	Fr. Sanjay Minj	Morapai	Curate & Teacher In-charge – St. Patrick's P. School & Hostel In-Charge – St. Patrick's Boys' Home	Morapai	Diocesan Youth Director, Continues with his previous appointments
18.	Fr. Abonindro Das	Dishari, Baruiपुर	Director of Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruiपुर	Kumrokhali	Parish Priest
19.	Fr. Deepak Ekka	Baruiपुर Cathedral	Parish Priest and Judicial Vicar Marriage Tribunal / Baruiपुर Newsletter / Secretary to the Bishop	Dishari, Baruiपुर	Director of Dishari Pastoral Centre, BEC, Catechetical Commission, Proclamation Commission and Co-ordinator of the Commission of CDB, Judicial Vicar Marriage Tribunal, Baruiपुर Newsletter, Secretary to the Bishop
20.	Fr. Kanauj Roy	Keorapukur	Parish Priest (Continues till September 30, 2026)	Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruiपुर	Director of PUS Baruiपुर w.e.f. 1st March 2026

The above transfers for the Priests will take place by June 15, 2026, by the mutual agreement of the outgoing and incoming Priests / In-Charges with due intimation to the Bishop and in presence of his delegate.

**PUBLICATION**

*Robibasariyo, 'Kho' Borsho* (volume 2) of Fr. Julian S. Das is just out of press. The 320-page book with introductions to all the Sundays, major feasts and solemnities of the Sunday cycle B, introduction to the First, Second and Gospel readings and detailed homily notes and prayers of the faithful, is highly subsidised by Propaganda Fide, through the kindness of the Catholic Diocese of Baruiपुर. The first volume was published in November 2025 and the third and last volume of the series is expected to be out of press by October 2026. Priced at Rs. 100 per copy, the copies are available at Prabhu Jisur Girja, Kolkata and Dishari Pastoral Centre in Baruiपुर.

- Fr. Julian S. Das, SJ

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