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A Heart That Still Loves

We live in a connected world divided by indifference. Hatred, violence and loneliness wound humanity. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque invites us to rediscover Jesus' love and bring it into a world that needs healing.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was born on 22 July 1647 in France. She entered the Visitation Monastery at Paray-le-Monial in 1671. Between 1673 and 1675, she reported mystical experiences of Jesus and received the mission of spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart. She died in 1690 and was canonised in 1920.

At the centre of her mission was the love of Jesus for humanity. In one reported vision, Jesus showed her His Heart and spoke of His love: "Behold this Heart which has so loved men." They show that Christ continues to love even when His love is rejected. To honour the Sacred Heart is not simply to admire a religious image. It is to receive this love and allow it to change the way we live.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart means contemplating the human heart of Jesus as the sign of His divine love, wounded by our sin yet always open to us. It invites us to prayer, before the Blessed Sacrament; to receive the Eucharist with love; and to make reparation by turning away from sin and repairing harm. This devotion is not a private sentiment alone. Its fruit is conversion, deeper trust in Christ, reconciliation, and practical love for our neighbours.

Margaret Mary expressed her desire for this transformation through her love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. She wrote: "I could have spent whole days and nights there, without eating or drinking, and without knowing what I was doing, except that I was being consumed in His presence like a burning taper, in order to return Him love for love." She did not want devotion to

remain external. She wanted Christ's love to shape every thought, word and action.

Her message speaks to our hunger for relationships. Technology connects us constantly, yet many feel lonely and unheard. The Sacred Heart challenges us to rediscover listening, kindness and personal attention. A patient conversation, a visit to someone who lives alone or listening without interruption can express Christ's love.

Margaret Mary's devotion challenges indifference towards suffering. Yet the Heart of Jesus is close to those who suffer. To follow Margaret Mary means recognising Christ in them and responding with compassion. Visiting the sick, supporting a struggling family or standing beside someone grieving are not separate from devotion. They give devotion a human face. An image of the Sacred Heart reminds us that we, too, must have compassionate hearts.

Her message invites us to practise reparation: responding to Christ's love through prayer, sacrifice and conversion. Reparation begins when we acknowledge harm and take steps to repair it. When we hurt someone, we need humility to apologise. When we create divisions, we must work towards reconciliation. When we witness injustice, we should not remain silent. We cannot ask Jesus to heal the wounds of His Heart while refusing to care about the wounds we inflict on others.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart must become visible in our families. Parents and children may live under one roof but rarely share their joys and sorrows. Margaret Mary reminds us that love is expressed through patience, sacrifice and faithfulness. Family prayer matters, but its fruit must be seen in how family members treat one another. A sincere apology, a gentle response or

time given to an elderly parent can restore peace. Charity begins at home, but it must not end there.

Her message is equally important for young people. Many struggle with insecurity and loneliness in a world focused on achievement, appearance and approval. The Sacred Heart reminds them that their worth does not depend on marks, popularity, wealth or online recognition. Families and the Church must help young people experience this love through encouragement, understanding and genuine accompaniment. Instead of asking only, "What have you achieved?" we should sometimes ask, "How are you really doing?"

Margaret Mary's perseverance offers another lesson. Her mission met misunderstanding, yet she continued with humility and obedience. She showed that change begins quietly through a patient response, a difficult apology, faithful prayer or an act of service no one applauds. These choices allow Christ's love to take flesh in daily life.

The feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque is more than an invitation to remember a saint or honour an image. It is an opportunity to receive the love she proclaimed and share it. Her life points us towards the Heart of Jesus, but also asks us to examine our own hearts. Are we becoming more loving and forgiving? Do our words heal or hurt? Can others recognise Christ's love through our lives?

Margaret Mary reminds us that the Heart of Jesus continues to love a wounded world. May her example inspire us to receive that love and share it generously. The world does not need more hatred, indifference or division. It needs hearts that still know how to love in our encounters with one another each day.

+ Shyamal Bose

41st Day Memorial Mass of Late Fr. Daniel Makhal



A solemn Memorial Mass was offered for the eternal repose of the soul of Late Fr. Daniel Makhal on the 41st day of his heavenly departure, September 10, 2026, at St. Teresa of Child Jesus Church, Basanti. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur, concelebrated by Fr. Kanauj Roy, Vicar General, and 21 priests, in the presence of Fr. Daniel's family members and the faithful of the parish. At the beginning of the celebration, the life and dedicated priestly ministry of Fr. Daniel Makhal were recalled through a reading of his life history, highlighting his faithful service to God and His people. The Memorial Mass became a prayerful occasion for the diocesan and parish community to remember with gratitude his life, ministry, and witness of faith. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all who had gathered to honour his memory and pray for his eternal repose. The grace-filled celebration brought together the faithful in faith, prayer, and love, entrusting Fr. Daniel to the merciful love of God.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

- Br. Subilash Bor

Youth Orientation Programme in Gosaba Parish

Youth Orientation Programme at Gosaba Parish was held on September 13, 2026. The programme was led by Fr. Sanjay Minj, Diocesan Youth Director (DYD), along with Fr. Rajen Singh and Fr. Uttam Naskar. The programme began with an opening prayer and the introduction of the DEXCO members. Fr. Sanjay Minj conducted a session on the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM), while Fr. Rajen Singh addressed youth mental health, substance abuse, emotional challenges, and spiritual guidance. Fr. Uttam Naskar shared an engaging reflection on the qualities of a "potato" and their relevance to modern Christian living. The programme concluded with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Sanjay Minj, followed by interactive games and fellowship. The event helped the parish youth deepen their faith, understand their responsibilities, and strengthen their bond with the DEXCO.

- Miss. Julie Mondal



Faith Formation Programmes at Dishari



Dishari Pastoral Centre hosted two faith formation programmes in September 20, 2026, bringing together children, altar servers and married couples from different parishes of the Diocese of Baruipur. On September 13, 2026, a Catechism Training Programme for Sunday School children and Altar Servers was held with 78 participants. Fr. Ramen Pailan led interactive sessions on the teachings of the Catholic faith and introduced the participants to the liturgical articles and sacred vessels used during Holy Mass. The programme helped the children deepen their understanding of the Eucharist and their responsibilities in serving at the altar, and concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist.

On September 27, 2026, a Seminar on Faith Formation for Spouses brought together 62 participants from various parishes. Fr. Goutam Naskar guided the couples in reflecting on Christian faith, married life and the vocation of building Gospel-centred families. Special emphasis was given to the Eucharist as a source of love, forgiveness, sacrifice and faithful commitment in married life. The seminar concluded with Holy Mass, encouraging the participants to strengthen their family life through faith and bear witness to the Gospel in their homes and communities.

- Mr. Dipankar Sarkar



A Graceful Day: First Holy Communion Celebration



On September 13, 2026, the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Panchamkhanda, witnessed a joyful and grace-filled celebration of the First Holy Communion of 21 children. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, V.G. of the Diocese, and concelebrated by Fr. Sarajit Das. In his homily, Fr. Kanauj encouraged the First Holy Communion candidates to keep their hearts pure and remain in a state of holiness whenever they receive Holy Communion. He reminded them that receiving the Eucharist is a sacred encounter with Jesus and called them to live their lives with faith, love, and devotion. The celebration was a memorable and spiritually enriching occasion for the children, their families, and the entire parish community.

- Br. Kenedi K. Ghughu

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Palli Unnayan Samiti (PUS), Baruipur, continued its service to the community through various initiatives in September 2026. The practical examination for the 41st Batch of the Basic and Advanced Beautician Course was held on September 1-2, 2026, where students demonstrated their skills and creativity. Fr. Kanauj Roy, Director of PUS, congratulated them and encouraged them to pursue their careers with dedication. A Medical Check-up Camp was organised on September 15, 2026 for the children and mothers of the Day Care Centre in collaboration with FADV Italy and Neotia Healthcare Unit. The children received medical examinations and necessary medicines. On September 22, 2026, the 10th Batch of the six-month Tailoring Training Course was inaugurated with 30 women from economically disadvantaged families, focusing on vocational skills and income generation. On September 24, 2026, certificates were awarded to 41 young women who successfully completed the Tailoring and Basic and Advanced Beautician courses. Beautician trainees received pedicure and manicure kits, while tailoring trainees received essential tools to support their livelihood.

PUS, in collaboration with ALIMCO and the Indian Red Cross Society, distributed need-based assistive devices to 795 senior citizens on September 28-29, 2026, promoting mobility, independence and dignity. The month concluded with an orientation for 20 children aged 9-11 under the SAD Langalberia Education Project on September 30, 2026, introducing *India logo-Italy India School Virtual Exchange*, supported by FADV Italy, which enables children from India and Italy to connect and learn across cultures.



- Fr. Kanauj Roy

Baruipur Paribar Jyoti



Baruipur Paribar Jyoti had a fruitful and active month in September 20, 2026, organising a range of residential and outreach programmes aimed at strengthening happy and holy families. The programmes included Marriage Preparation Courses, focusing on sacramental marriage, communication and responsible parenthood; programmes for young couples and in-laws, promoting adjustment, respect and harmony in family life; and sessions on parenting small children and adolescents, addressing positive discipline, digital addiction and faith formation at home. The Husband-Wife Enrichment Programmes encouraged couples to deepen their relationship through dialogue and forgiveness.

As part of its outreach, the team visited Basanti, Morapai and Kumbrokhali parishes, accompanying families and strengthening family ministry at the grassroots level. A Family Cell Orientation Seminar at Kumbrokhali motivated parishioners to support families facing difficulties and helped develop a future action plan. Altogether, 221 participants took part in the programmes during the month, including 52 men and 169 women.

- Fr. Sisir Khan



October

06 Fr. Surojit Mitra

09 Fr. Subrata Kanji

18 Fr. Ujjwal Mondal

26 Fr. Durlov Bor

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers



11th October	Fr. Pierre Jacob, SJ
17th October	Fr. Francis Davidraj, SJ
24th October	Fr. Indrajit Sardar
25th October	Fr. Pradeep Roy

Congratulations Dear Fathers

Memorable & Admirable

Month of October

07 Fr. Lestienne Louis, SJ

20 Fr. Gabric Ante, SJ

21 Fr. Cukale Jozef, SJ

27 Fr. Rosomoy Kanji

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of Oct. 2026

For mental health ministry : Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Annual Retreat for Diocesan Clergy at Bandel



The Catholic Diocese of Baruipur held its Annual Retreat for the Diocesan Clergy from September 20-26, 2026 at the Basilica of the Holy Rosary, Bandel. The six-day retreat was preached by Fr. Jude MSFS, Director of the Holy Redeemer Renewal Centre, Umroi, Shillong. The retreat provided the priests with a much-needed time of prayer, silence, reflection, and spiritual renewal away from their regular pastoral responsibilities. Through daily reflections on the Word of God, personal prayer, Eucharistic celebrations, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the clergy were encouraged to deepen their relationship with Christ and renew their commitment to their priestly vocation and ministry.

The retreat concluded in an atmosphere of fraternity and renewed missionary zeal. Strengthened spiritually and pastorally, the priests returned to their respective parishes with fresh enthusiasm and commitment to serve God's people and proclaiming the Gospel. The Diocese expressed its sincere gratitude to Fr. Jude MSFS for his inspiring reflections and spiritual guidance throughout the retreat. Appreciation was also extended to Fr. John P.A., SDB, Prior of the Basilica of the Holy Rosary, Bandel, and his team for their warm hospitality and for making the necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of the retreat. The Annual Retreat 2026 thus became a grace-filled occasion of prayer, renewal, fraternity, and renewed commitment to mission.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

Appointments of Priests and Deacon

Sl.	Name	Place	Former Designation	To	New Designation
1.	Fr. J. A. Santhanam	Cathedral Parish	Parish Priest, Baruipur Cathedral; Financial Administrator and In-charge of Seminarians.	Bishop's House	Financial Administrator and In-charge of Seminarians.
2.	Fr. Aloke Kanji	Thakurpukur	Curate of Sacred Heart Church	Cathedral Parish	Parish In-charge, Cathedral, Baruipur.
3.	Fr. Sanjay Minj	Morapai	Curate Mirapai, Youth Director, Teacher In-charge of St. Patrick School, Hostel In-charge	Cathedral Parish	Curate of Cathedral, Youth Director, In-charge of ASHA, Social Commucation, Vocation Promoter
4.	Fr. Prolay Boidya	Samarpan		Morapai	Curate of Sacred Heart Church; Teacher In-charge of St. Patrick's Primary School and Hostel In-charge of St. Patrick's Boys' Home.
5.	Fr. Sunil Ray	Ranigarh	Curate of Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary	St. Joseph's Training Center, Padmapukur	Curate of Cathedral, Baruipur
6.	Dn. Uday Mondal	Khari	Diaconate Ministry, Ascension Church	Thakurpukur	Diaconate Ministry, Sacred Heart Church