



Solemnity of Corpus Christi

"How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him. You touch Him. You eat Him. He gives Himself to you that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment."

- Saint John Chrysostom

The origins of the Feast of Corpus Christi date back to the Middle Ages! In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal. Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today. This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical

feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion. After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, where none had existed before. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. Saint John Vianney said, "If we truly understood the Mass, we would die of joy". The Eucharist is such a fundamental aspect of our faith but unfortunately, one that we can easily take for granted. It is said that if Angels could envy humans, they would envy our ability to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. When we receive Communion, Christ is closer to us than ever! We should never take this precious gift for granted.

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324), a reality which is doubly stressed and underlined in the Second Vatican Council. Christian life begins in Christ and reaches its culmination in the same person. He is the central figure, the alpha and the omega. A powerful and effective Christian living takes its root in the paschal mystery, the life, death and

resurrection of Jesus, celebrated in every Eucharist that is offered.

In this editorial, I would like to add some practical, but effective points to be considered in our Christian living taking the Eucharist as the center.

- We may encourage the parents to remind their children of the day of their first Holy Communion and make them relive the memorable day by underlining the importance of the Eucharist and Communion in their life. They may be told to draw the Monstrance, color it and place it in their self-made altar.
- It is very good if every family, presbytery and convent speak about Jesus in the Eucharist during the common meal or any time during the day when the members come together. Today, it is a great need that we learn to speak about the Eucharistic Lord to give him a place in our daily conversations.
- Before we approach the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, it is advisable to spend some moment in silent reflection of the mystery we are about to approach.
- An effort to start regular Holy Hour in the different parishes would bring in a lot of grace. The Priests are called to spend some precious moments in presence of the Eucharistic Lord. This brings healing and prosperity in the Parishes.

+ Shyamal Bose

CAREER COUNSELLING PROGRAM



Career Counselling program for the youth of the Catholic Diocese of Baruipur was organized from May 03-05 May, 2024 in Palli Unnayan Samiti, Baruipur. The warm welcome extended by the youth director, Fr. Rajen Singh to all the 41 participants in the beginning of the programme set the tone for an enriching experience ahead.

The program encompassed various insightful sessions led by Fr. Saumen Malik, Mr. Bablu Sarkar and company aimed at guiding the youth towards informed career decisions and personal development. The significance of career counselling in today's dynamic world was elucidated, emphasizing its role in helping individuals to navigate career choices effectively. Understanding the stages of the human life cycle provided a holistic perspective on career planning, considering various life transitions and milestones. Leadership qualities and their relevance in shaping successful careers were discussed,

inspiring participants to cultivate essential leadership skills. Strategies for effective career planning were explored, empowering them to identify goals, assess strengths and chart a path towards fulfilling careers. The concept of SWOT analysis was introduced as a tool for self-assessment, enabling them to identify their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in relation to their career aspirations. The art of decision-making was emphasized, equipping them with techniques to make informed choices aligned with their career goals.

We hope the knowledge and skills gained during this program will serve as a guiding light in their journey towards a fulfilling and successful career. The program was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Fr. Rajen Singh.

- Fr. Rajen Singh

PALLI UNNAYAN SAMITI BARUIPUR

Rallies and Street Plays

On May 07 and 09, 2024, Rallies and Street Plays were conducted on social violence issues against Women and Children at Boria and Balaharani village under Basanti & Gosaba Blocks in the District of South 24 Parganas. Altogether 207 people participated in these Rallies & Street Plays and raised their voice for the eradication of the woeful effect of underage marriage, trafficking, domestic abuse and violence.

Inauguration of Tailoring Training Course

The 3rd batch of Tailoring Training Course was inaugurated on May 15, 2024. Fr. Saumen Malik, the Director of Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur, shared the objective of the Course as to provide Vocational Skill to



rural young women from most backward community for creating better earning opportunity to add some income to their families towards better Livelihood. There are 34 women who enrolled their names for this Tailoring Training Course. The duration of the Course is for 6 months. All the participants who successfully complete the course will be awarded with certificate.

Mass Awareness Campaign

The mass awareness campaign was organized on May 23, 2024 in "Dharmaraj Babar Mela" held at Charavidya village under Basanti Block in the District of South 24 Parganas. The aim of this mass awareness campaign was to mitigate the social violence against adolescent girls, women and children so as to restore social justice.

The posters and banners on social violence issues against adolescent girls, women and children were displayed and informative leaflets were distributed among 5800 people with a view to make them aware about these clutches of social evils.

- Fr. Saumen Malik

PARIBAR JYOTI

This month, apart from the trainings and seminars, Paribar Jyoti took the initiative to strengthen the Family Cells that have been amply contributing in assessing and addressing spousal and familial issues in different parishes and sub-stations. Some parishioners of a few parishes wanted to join this Family Cell. So, this month Paribar Jyoti has successfully formed two more Family Cells in the diocese and is looking forward to form more wherever it is needed. In mixtures of inclement weather of this month, we had a variety of programmes and the total number of participants were 540.

- Fr. Uttam Naskar



DISHARI AT A GLANCE



"For God gave us spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" - 2 Timothy 1: 7.

A new BEC unit has been formed at Bibirchawk, Baruipur with the initiative and enthusiasm of the parishioners on May 29, 2024. The meeting commenced with a procession and veneration of the Bible. There were 33 members present for the meeting that was headed by Sarama Mandal and Mina Das. It was very impressive to see all the participants attending the meeting with great eagerness and devotion.

A seminar on Catechism of the Catholic Church was organized for the Sunday school children at Rakhaskhali on June 02, 2024. All together 49 children actively participated in the seminar. Fr. Goutam Naskar, the resource person highlighted in his sessions the necessity of Sacraments and the importance of the Eucharist. He also shed light on the creed and prayer. It was a memorable day for all of them.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFIRMATION IN SACRED HEART CHURCH, MORAPAI



The Confirmation Ceremony for the children at Sacred Heart Church, Morapai was held on May 19, 2024.

The Holy Confirmation Mass was concelebrated by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur, along with Fr. Durluv Bor, Parish Priest, Fr. Meghnad Singha

and Fr. Amrit Ekka, the assistant Priests. The Bishop underlined the importance of Confirmation in his homily. He emphasised that the Holy Spirit offers individuals greater ability to live out their Christian faith. He encouraged all youngsters to be Jesus Christ's messengers and witnesses in all aspects of their lives.

The Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 260 children during the Mass. The hymns sung by the Church Choir enhanced the entire ceremony.

Fr. Durluv Bor greeted the Bishop and thanked him for conferring the children. He also thanked all those who helped with the preparation. He congratulated all the children on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At the conclusion of the Mass, certificates were distributed and each of them were presented with Divine Mercy picture.

- Fr. Durluv Bor

SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFIRMATION AT INFANT JESUS' CHURCH, RAJARAMPUR

Infant Jesus' Church, Rajarampur, a substation of Thakurpukur Parish, witnessed the conferring of the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation to 31 candidates on the Feast Day of Holy Trinity on May 26, 2024 by our Bishop Most Rev. Shyamal Bose. Along with the Bishop, Fr. Santhanam J. A. Parish Priest and Fr. Arulappan Rayappan SJ concelebrated the Holy Mass.

Before the Mass Bishop was received warmly and led to the Church with procession and kirtan by the choir and the faithful of the village. At the entrance of the Church Bishop himself rang the new church bell.

The Holy Mass was started by an entrance dance by youth. In his homily, Bishop highlighted the love and communion that exists between the three persons of the Holy Trinity and the invitation to every human being to become part of the Trinitarian community.

After the Mass there was a short Felicitation program where Bishop, Fathers and Sisters were felicitated. The candidates were congratulated and presented with the certificates and picture of Divine Mercy. It was indeed a wonderful experience of God's presence and especially the Holy Spirit.



- Mr. Richard Naskar

RABINDRA JAYANTI CUM MOTHER'S DAY



The joyous occasions of Rabindranath Jayanti and Mother's Day were celebrated at Cathedral Church, Baruipur on May 12, 2024. The dual events commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp and garlanding of Gurudev Rabindranath's portrait followed by colourful programmes. There were many events like drawing, dance, song, recitation, speech and narrative acting based on Tagore's creation. Through these various events, the parishioners had shown the diverse facets of Rabindranath, a literary luminary.

Besides, the catechism children gave it their all as they paid tribute to the mothers with an action song depicting the special bond that we have with our mothers. Thereafter, all the mothers were honoured with Chandan Tika and bouquet.

- Mr. Rakesh Makhal

SEMINARIANS
Catholic Diocese of Baruipur
Academic Year 2024 - 2025

Sl. No.	Name		Place
01	Br. Uday Mondal	2nd Yr Theology	Oriens Theological College, Shillong
02	Br. Satyajit Naskar	2nd Yr Theology	Oriens Theological College, Shillong
03	Br. Hrittick Hazra	Licentiate in Philosophy	Papal Seminary, Pune
04	Br. Soumik Mondal	1st Yr Regency	Catholic Church, Morapai
05	Br. Pritam Mondal	1st Yr Regency	Catholic Church, Panchamkhanda
06	Br. Rajesh Naskar	1st Yr Regency	Cathedral Church, Baruipur
07	Br. David Panja	1st Yr Regency	Catholic Church, Gosaba
08	Br. Nayan Bor	1st Yr Regency	Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur
09	Br. Rohit Sharma	1st Yr Regency	St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur
10	Br. Kenedi Kabi Ghughu	3rd Year Philosophy	MSRS, Barrackpore
11	Br. Subilash Bar	3rd Year Philosophy	St. Charles' M S, Nagpur
12	Br. Soumen Kanji	2nd Year Philosophy	St. Charles' M S, Nagpur
13	Br. Sudip Chakraborty	2nd Year Philosophy	St. Charles' M S, Nagpur
14	Br. Anshu Ghoroi	2nd Year Philosophy	St. Charles' M S, Nagpur
15	Br. Pabitra Sardar	2nd Year Philosophy	MSRS, Barrackpore

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE

02	Fr. Himangshu Poti
02	Fr. Sandip Mondal
10	Fr. N. Jinesh Sebastian, SJ
11	Fr. Charles M. Kanji
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

09 Fr. Jansingh Sobhapati, C.M.

**Congratulations Dear Father
Episcopal Ordination**

24 **Most Rev. Shyamal Bose**

The clergy, religious and laity of the diocese wishes His Lordship Most Rev. Shyamal Bose Hearty Episcopal Anniversary. With prayer of gratitude, we ask God to grant His Lordship continued grace, peace and wisdom in his vocation. Ad multos annos!

Memorable & Admirable Month of June

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

TRANSFERS AND NEW ARRIVALS OF RELIGIOUS IN THE DIOCESE

Place	Arrival	Outgoing
MC, Kacharibazar	Sr. Edna MC	Sr. Anvita MC
St. Montfort, Balarampur	Br. Jayapal Reddy SG	Br. Johnson SG
St. Montfort, Balarampur	Br. Pradeep Horo SG	Br. Manoj Lakra SG
St. Montfort, Balarampur	Br. Joseph Regis SG	Br. Gabriel Pradhan SG
St. Montfort, Balarampur	Br. Saroj Xess SG	

NOTICE BOARD

Paribar Jyoti

Marriage Preparation Course from June 07-08, 2024

Young Couples Programme from June 28-29, 2024

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of June 2024

For migrants fleeing their homes:
We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of June 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
02	Sun	03.00 p.m.	Bhasa, Khari Parish	Blessing of Renovated Church
03	Mon	04.00 p.m.	Dishari, Baruiapur	Meeting of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission
07-09	Fri-Sun		Gosaba	Pastoral Visit & Confirmation
10	Mon	10.30 a.m.	Barrackpore	Final Profession of Sisters of Providence
13	Thu	06.00 p.m.	Kalyanpur	Mass of Feast Day of St. Anthony
14	Fri	10.30 a.m.	Nimpith Ashram	Visit to Lokmata Rani Rashmoni Mission
16	Sun	09.00 a.m.	Budge Budge	Mass
17	Mon	10.00 a.m.	Paribar Jyoti	G. B. Meeting of Paribar Jyoti
		03.30 p.m.	Dishari, Baruiapur	Meeting of the Proclamation Commission
18	Tue	11.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiapur	G.B. Meeting of Dishari
		03.30 p.m.	PUS, Baruiapur	G.B. Meeting of PUS
19	Wed	10.30 a.m.	Bp's House, Baruiapur	Meeting of the Radio Veritas Asia
20	Thu	10.30 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiapur	Meeting of All Commissions
		03.30 p.m.	Bp's House, Baruiapur	Meeting of the Financial Committee
21	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Bp's House, Baruiapur	Meeting of the Board of Consultors
23	Sun	06.30 a.m.	Basanti	Mass and Installation of Fr. Sisir Khan
27-28	Thu -Fri		Seva Kendra, Kolkata	Seminar of Canon Law
29	Sat	10.30 a.m.	Abp's House, Kolkata	Meeting of ABCD
		04.00 p.m.	Abp's House, Kolkata	Meeting of BRBC
30	Sun	09.00 a.m.	Barrackpore	G.B. Meeting of MSRS, Barrackpore

Bishop Salvadore Lobo's Programme for the Month of June 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Sat	07.00 a.m.	Baruiapur	Parliamentary voting
02	Sun	09.00 a.m.	Keorapukur	Mass of Body and Blood of Christ
04	Tue	11.00 a.m.	Anandapally	Attends a prayer service
08	Sat	12.50 p.m.	Dum Dum	Picks up Bishop Stephen Lepcha
09	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Raghabpur	Mass and First Communion service
30	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Thakurpukur	Mass for the Feast of Sacred Heart