



The Empty Tomb of Christ

The early disciples witnessed the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They could not forget about the open tomb and His wounded hands and feet and pierced side. The living Christ had a powerful and profound effect on them. The people who went to the tomb on that first Easter morning testify to the power of the resurrection. They were in awe and wonder.

What do you think it would have been like to observe the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave? What if some listeners had understood when Jesus said that he would rise from the dead? What if he sought an opportunity to make this event a glorious show? What if he advertised in the newspapers and a huge crowd showed up to watch?

Many Churches try to depict this event during the night vigil with sound, light and music. A sense of wonder and ecstasy fills everyone watching. The feelings would never be forgotten.

The crucifixion of Jesus has left a vivid picture in the minds of the observers. It happened in an open place. There were so many witnesses to the suffering and death of Jesus. However, the event proper of resurrection of Jesus itself is never described anywhere in Scripture, presumably because no one saw Jesus exit the tomb. Not a single person beheld the moment when Jesus burst forth from the grave on that first Easter morning. No one witnessed the resurrection, but many have experienced it. No one can explain the resurrection, but many feel its effects. While the passion, death and crucifixion were public events, the resurrection was left to personal experience of life.

The Bible teaches that Jesus was crucified on a Roman cross and then buried in a borrowed tomb. But, on the third day after his crucifixion, the women who had been followers went to his tomb and found it empty. They told the disciples, some of whom also went to the tomb and found it empty. And they left wondering what had happened to Jesus' body?

Why is the empty tomb significant in Christianity? Why is the empty tomb so central to the gospel narratives?

While the resurrection and the empty tomb are bound together, they are distinct. In the resurrection, Jesus demonstrated his mastery over

death and it holds promise for believers as well; that we also will have victory over death. But, unlike the resurrection, the empty tomb does not do anything for us. Instead, it tells us something. It tells us that the grave could not hold Jesus.

The empty tomb to the child of God means that sin's ability to keep us from God is empty, death's power to separate us from God is empty and anything in this world that could try and keep us from knowing the love of Christ in our lives is empty!

When we empty ourselves of things such as worry, anxiety, concern, frustrations and bitterness, all those things that come from our carnal flesh; there is more room for God inside of us. To be emptied of the things of this world and filled with the presence of God is a very important aspect of the Christian life.

The empty tomb provides us an opportunity to rejoice because now we know where to find Jesus. We need to redirect our search as the angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as he said."

There are many stones in life that keep us away from experiencing the empty tomb. These blocks disappear when we witness the resurrected Lord. When the disciples experienced him after resurrection, they became a new creation. Heavy stones were removed from their hearts to believe the resurrection and say that truly the tomb is empty.

Over the years, there have been many skeptics who have sought to explain away the empty tomb. Among them is Frank Morison, a skeptic who sought to write a rebuttal to the story of the resurrection. But during his research for the book, he became convinced that the tomb was empty. So instead he wrote, Who Moved the Stone in defense of the empty tomb.

So, in the end, why is the empty tomb important? It is primary important because it points to the bodily resurrection of Jesus. That death could not hold him. And, secondarily, because Jesus has risen, we can look forward to our own resurrection as well. The empty tomb demonstrates that death is not the end of the journey. There is much more to come.

+ Shyamal Bose

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Major Activities for the Month of March 2022

International Women's Day Celebration

On 8th March 2022, Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur celebrated international Women's Day at Baruipur in the District of South 24 Parganas.

Altogether 150 mothers of special children, Teachers and representative from Baruipur Women Police Station participated in the program.

The program began with the rally and ended with gathering in a street corner. All the invited guests shared the objective of Celebrating International Women's Day towards the eradication of Gender discrimination and equal participation of women in decision making process. Rights are there, but only way to deserve the rights is increasing the status of women's education. They also shared about the fundamental right of women in all sectors of life and livelihood. The gender discrimination also can be chased away through the practice of equal rights. The program concluded with thanks and gratitude to the participants.



Ring the Bell Activities - 2022

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur conducted we Ring the Bell campaign in the following schools from 10th to 17th March 2022. The aim of "WE RING THE BELL" campaign is to make aware the school officials, community and the school children; specially the children with disabilities who ought to be enrolled in local school as per RTE act 2009.



"WE RING THE BELL" campaign is right based approach to make appropriate atmosphere accessible for children with disabilities; Enrolment and retention of children with disabilities in schools to ensure free compulsory education; Reduce the number of dropouts children with disabilities due to lack of accessible toilets, ramps and child friendly classrooms.

Altogether 1023 Children, Teachers and Guardians, PRI members and village leaders participated in we Ring the Bell Activities and brought awareness concerning the rights to education acts for the children with Disabilities.

School children encircle on their schoolyard and played the drums, blowing the whistles and raised huge voice together by ringing the bells, upholding posters and banners to get the attention of the school authority to have the enrolment of children with disability towards accessible infrastructures like Ramp and child friendly Toilets facilities and atmosphere in School for the Children with Disability.

Capacity Building Training on Children Parliament

Capacity Building Training on Children Parliament was conducted at PUS on 8th, 14th, 15th and 16th March 2022 under Protection of Adolescent Girls from Under Age Marriage program supported by Kindermissionswerk.

Altogether 120 selected adolescent boys and girls from Belegachi, Nikaryghata, Sarengabad and Dhosa area participated in these two phases of Training program. Mr. Pralay Bayen an expertise personality on children parliament facilitated the trainings as Resource Person.

Child Parliament is the platform open for learning opportunity to make them responsible for their growth towards child rights and social security. These capacity building training promote the quality of youth leadership among the neighborhood children in project operational area.

Each Child Parliament has its own Prime Minister and other cabinet ministers in charge of various issues like Health & Hygiene Promotion, Education, Climate Change Adaptation, Environmental Pollution, Juvenile Delinquency. The members of the children parliaments meet regularly and discuss their issues and problems such as Social issues, child right violation.



Nutritional Food Distribution to 175 Children in 5 Free Learning Centers

PUS Baruipur distributed Nutritional Food Kits to 175 Poor and needy children belonging to Marginal farmers and migrant labour under Free Learning Centers Project Supported by Kindermissionswerk Germany on 28th & 29th March, 2022. All the parents were extremely happy to have nutritional diet for the prevention of mal nutrition of the children.

Dishari at a Glance

SCC Seminar at Bharu on 5th March, 2022

"He replied, 'blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey it' (Luke 11:28). The Word of God is the only principle of Christian life. A one-day SCC seminar was organized at Bharu under St. Stephen's Church, Kalyanpur to shed the light on the subject. Altogether 37 participants took part in the seminar. Mr. Dipankar Sardar, being the resource person enlightened the minds of the people and encouraged them to spread the Word of God through SCC. The seminar came to an end with a blessing from the Word of God.

Hotor Happily held a SCC Seminar on 6th March, 2022



"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of God endures forever" (Isaiah 40:8). The Word of God is the everlasting comfort for us. A SCC seminar was held at Hotor. A huge number of faithful from children to elderly were present for the seminar. Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar, the resource person of the day inspired the gathering with his explanation of Word of God. People took interest to take the Word of God as the centre of their life. The seminar was concluded by God's blessings given by Fr. Goutam Naskar.

Jalashi Joyfully Organized SCC Seminar on 11th of March, 2022



"The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24). It was a great joy for the people of Jalashi to experience the Word of God in the SCC seminar organized at Jalashi. Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar, Fr. Sarojit Mondal, Fr. Rajen Singh were the resource persons of the day. An eye-catching crowd of people took part in the

seminar. Fathers shared with them their personal experience with Word of God and people were deeply touched by the Word of God. They have taken a special interest to share the joy of having the Word of God in their hearts. The seminar came to an end with a final Blessing from the Word of God by Fr. Goutam Naskar.

Bonmagra Organized a One Day SCC Seminar on 12th of March, 2022



"Every Word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him" (Proverbs 30:5). The Word of God has the power to protect our lives from evil. A one-day SCC seminar was conducted in Bonmogra under Rishi Bankim Nagar parish, to make the faithful aware of the importance of Word of God in our lives. Mr. Dipankar Sardar, the resource person of the seminar led the gathering into seven steps of Gospel Sharing. A big number of participants from children to elderly people took part in it. The seminar ended with a blessing from the Word of God by Mr. Pankaj Bag, the Catechist.

Training for the Trainers at Dishari on 13th & 14th March, 2022



"A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40). A special training for the leaders of SCC was organized at Dishari on 13th and 14th of March 2022. Fr. I. P. Sarto, the regional director of SCC was the resource person for the same. He was emphasizing on the quality of a SCC leader. He encouraged the Animators through his rich personal experience. The Animators showed great interest to promote SCC in their respective places.

SCC Seminar at Sajnaberia on 15th March, 2022



"But he answered, 'it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God' (Matthew 4:4). The Word of God is the only spiritual food for the Christians. A one-day SCC Seminar was conducted at Sajnaberia. Altogether 75 men and women including children attended the seminar. Rev. Fr. Ujjwal Mondal, Fr. Goutam Naskar and Mr. Ananda Makhhal enlightened the gathering. People conveyed their desire to make the SCC into an enormous flock of Christ. They also formed different units to complete the mission of Small Christian Community. The meeting came to an end with the final blessing from the Word of God.

Faith Formation Programme for Catechumens at Dishari



"For we live by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor 5:7). Followers of Christ must trust in God and live their lives accordingly. An impressive number of people came from different corner of the diocese of Baruipur to know Christ, the saviour of the world. A three-day seminar on faith formation was organized in Dishari from 17th to 19th of March 2022. Rev. Fr. Rajesh Bag, being the resource person of the seminar explained The Bible and history of Roman Catholic Church along with the basic Catechism of the Catholic Church. He further explained the importance of sacraments and its effects in our lives.

Sr. Binoy M.C. taught them the prayer of Rosary. Most importantly, she said "Catholics pray the rosary as a means of entreaty to ask God for a special favour." People showed their interest in prayer, adoration and Eucharist. Finally, the seminar came to an end with the Holy Eucharist presided by Rev. Fr. Rajesh Bag.

Canning held a Day of SCC Seminar on 20th March, 2022



"Finally, all you have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind" (1 Peter 3:8). Believers of Christ are to unified and refuse to seek revenge when wronged. A one-day SCC seminar was held at Canning to be compassionate to others by the Word of God. Altogether 53 people including children and elders participated in the seminar. Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar enlightened them with his talk and guided them to form different SCC units. Rev. Fr. Rajeeb Singh C.M concluded the seminar with the blessing of God.

Gosaba Glorified the Word of God through SCC



A one day SCC seminar was arranged in coordination with Rev. Fr. Prolay Boidya at Gosaba on 27th of March 2022 for the faithful to acknowledge the Word of God during the time of Lent. People from main parish as well as from different sub-stations came to take part in the glorification of Word of God. Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar resourced them with the enlightenment of God's Word. He explained the importance of the Bible and stressed on the daily reading of the Bible. Further, he made them aware of the importance of SCC to keep peace, harmony and unity in the family. People were fascinated to form SCC units in the name of different patrons. The seminar successfully ended with the Holy Eucharistic Celebration presided by Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar.

News from St. Mary's School - Kalyanpur

25 years of Religious Life

The staff of St. Mary's School, Kalyanpur celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Sr. Kiran Minj, RNDM, the headmistress on March 22, 2022 in the school. In the short programme that was put up by the staff to felicitate were present Fr. Kanauj Roy, the president of the school Managing Committee; Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, Fr. Himangshu Poti, Fr. Sanjay Minj and Fr. John Britto, secretary. Also present were, the community members of Holy Angels Convent. Mrs. Gargi P. gave a brief sketch on Sr. Kiran's religious life. A beautiful dance by Mrs. Nayanika Dutta and a group song of felicitation by the staff made the occasion special. At the climax of singing Sr. Kiran cut the Jubilee cake. Fr. Kanauj Roy, in his message congratulated Sr. Kiran on reaching the mile-stone, thanked her for her service to the diocesan school and wished her all the best. In her small and emotionally charged speech, Sr. Kiran, was overwhelmed by the loving and appreciative gestures of the management, teachers and staff and thanked one and all for making her day special. The regular occasion of the annual staff get-together got a special significance this year with the Silver Jubilee of its headmistress.



Sr. Kiran Minj, RNDM, a Sister of the Congregation of Our Lady Queen of the Missions, hails from Siliguri, West Bengal. She made her first religious profession in 1997 in Bangalore and her final profession in 2008 in Kolkata. She is qualified with M.A., B.Ed. and has worked in different missions of the congregation, mostly in education ministry. Currently she is also in charge of the junior Sisters. The school wishes her a long and healthy life and a happy ministry in His vineyard.

Blessing of the Site for the New School Building



March 26, 2022 is a very special for St. Mary's School, Kalyanpur as Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, blessed the site for the school's new building. The program began with a short introduction followed by a prayer dance by the students. Subsequently Fr. John Britto, the manager of the school welcomed one and all and coordinated the felicitation of special guests. Blessed Mother Mary was honoured with a garland followed by lighting of *panchapradeep*. Thereafter, Bishop Shyamal Bose addressed the gathering with a short message in which he expressed his gratitude to all for the support the school receives and hoped for continued support and patronage. This was followed by the prayer service of blessing the site accompanied with a few hymns. There were a number of special guests including the *panchayet Pradhans* of Shikharbali II and Kalyanpur, invitees from other religious institutions, parents and students of the school, friends, benefactors and well-wishers. Their presence definitely brought further more colour to the occasion.



The staff, children and parents are looking forward eagerly for further development of the school. St. Mary's school was started in 1980 as a Bengali medium primary school. In 2014, the school building underwent major repairs and renovation and in 2015 it was converted to English Medium with plans to upgrade to high and higher Secondary school. The school which has grown up to class VI this year (2022-23) has over 350 students in 9 classes. A new school building is an immediate need as the school is growing.

- Sr. Manjula Beck, RNDM



Novena to St. Joseph at 6 No. Sonatikari

The Church of 6 No. Sonatikari, a substation of Khari parish is dedicated to St. Joseph. It was for the first time the faithful conducted the Novena to St. Joseph starting from March 10, 2022. The people showed a lot of enthusiasm towards the devotion to St. Joseph by their daily participation. The feast of St. Joseph was celebrated on March 19, 2022 by a solemn Eucharist at 7.30 a.m. by the parish Priest. The novena had been a great blessing to every family of the village. The novena was initiated by Fr. Ramen Pailan, the priest from the village and his mother who is the catechist of the village. The people really liked and wish to have every year.

Seminar for the Couples at Khari

A team of Parbar Joyti under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Uttam Naskar, Director of the family commission conducted a day-long seminar to enhance the relationship of the couple on March 24, 2022. Around sixty participants from Bamunerchak and surrounding villages took part in the seminar. The day started with the prayer led by the Parish Priest. He welcomed the participants and assured them that the seminar would be of great help to all. Today the family life is becoming very difficult with a lot of problems and mystery of understanding each other. The participants took a great interest to clear their doubts and learned some tactics to handle the family puzzle.

Confirmation at 12 No. Sonatikari

Fifty seven children received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Shyamal Bose on March 27, 2022, at 12 No Sonatikari (Chuprijhara), a substation of Khari Parish. The children are from four substations, i.e. 12 No Sonatikari, 6 No Sonatikari, Bhasa Madhya Gurguria and Moipith. The people gathered at main road to welcome the bishop with a lot of crackers, garland and *uttariam*. Then he was taken to the church by singing *kirtans* and prayers.

At the beginning of the Mass, there was an entrance dance. Mr. Purnendu Ghughu, a Catechist from Panchamkhanda taught hymns to village people and led the choir with great devotion. The solemn Eucharist was concelebrated by Fr. Sisir Khan, Fr. Panneer Selvam and Fr. Pradip Dari.

The children were prepared for the sacrament by their four village catechists and Bro. Satyajit Naskar who is doing his regency at Khari parish. This was the first time a Bishop came to the village to give the sacrament of Confirmation. All other times, the village children were going to the Parish church for this sacrament. The village Church Committee prepared a sumptuous lunch for the candidates and their parents. They expressed their gratitude to the Bishop, Priests, sisters and brother for this great experience.

For the first time a new Church Committee was formed with fifty percent of women as a fruit of the Synodality in the village of 12 No. Sonatikari.



PARIBAR JYOTI NEWS

1) Animators Workshop - 28th Feb.-1st April 2022: The Animators monthly meeting was an active one as they shared their monthly activities. They made corrections for a little more improvement in explaining the subjects clearly. They also planned various programs like one day seminar, couples retreat, different orientation programs for Panchayat members, influential persons, husband-wife, parenting and in-laws etc. They have also finalized the dates for these programs in the upcoming months. -Gurupada Dolui

2) Marriage Preparation Course - 4th-5th March 2022: Would be couples participated in this training. Though at the beginning some were shy to open up but others were very attentive and co-operative and encouraged the others. We were really moved as after one session they became so spontaneous in going on with the activities that we had for them. They also did not step back from clearing their doubts by asking questions which we answered by giving examples from our practical lives. Having given training to these would-be couples was a great time for us as we enjoyed their company here at Paribar Jyoti. -John Francis Lobo



3) In-laws Seminar at Madhusudanchak- 8th 2022: In-law's seminar was held at Nandokumar Gram panchayat Madhusudanchaksangsat under the Patharpratima-2 Block (BDO). It started along with a few Panchayat members of the villages. The seminar introduced them to the well-being of relationships in the family between father in-laws, mother in-laws, daughter in-laws and son in-laws. They were very happy to attend the seminar and asked several questions related to their family life. They articulated the role and responsibility towards the family in the group discussion and recognized the requirement of the behaviour and language to use with their daughter in-laws, son in-laws so that they may build up a healthy relationship in the family. Lastly, for our experience we asked for a few clarifications and they responded with appropriate answers. -Gurupada Dolui



4) Orientation for the Influential Persons and Panchayat Members Glichat GP.-9th 2022: Mathurapur-2 Block (BDO) under Glichat Gram Panchayat arranged a day seminar for influential persons on married life. There were well-known persons like Pradhan, all Panchayat members from the different villages and SHG Secretary. They took interest to know the husband-wife relationship that breaks down and then what to do and how to bring back peace again and make a family life fruitful. They supported us to have such an orientation programme for married life. They said that once again we like to have this programme for our villages. They were very keen to listen to us as we were explaining their relationships, behaviour and acceptance to save gourd from family violence and divorce. -Gurupada Dolui



5) Parenting for Parents of Jolly Bud Primary School at Basanti-12th March 2022: We really felt honoured as the principal of Jolly Bud Primary School invited us to give training to the parents of his school. At the beginning the parents shared so many problems that they face from children of this age. After answering their problems, we helped them to find out the good qualities they see in their children. After which we explained through a Power Point presentation the different characteristics of children of different ages. This really helped them to understand their children. At the end they felt the need to keep up a good husband- wife relationship as it has a great impact on their children. The parents as well as the principal are looking forward to inviting us for many more programmes in the future. -John Francis Lobo



6) Couples' Seminar at Morapai Parish-13th March 2022: After the pandemic once again animators with the family cell members organized for the couple's seminar for the couples of this parish. It was really very nice to see so many couples gathered here for this seminar. The young couples had so many questions and clarifications in their minds to be cleared. By answering these questions, we could feel that they reflected on their own practical lives. At the end they vowed to each other to lead a happy, peaceful and joyful married life. Some of them had wished to come to Paribar Jyoti to know more in details about married life. -Joya Doloi



7) Family Cell Follow-Up Meeting at Thakurpukur Parish-12th March 2022: The Family Cell meeting was held at Thakurpukur Parish with family Cell members in the presence of the parish priest. In the meeting there were various discussions but a topic was taken on "broken family" as the main discussion. However, in the meeting it was discussed that they want to have a husband-wife seminar for one-day. The Parish Priest was so helpful and cooperative. The family cell members took the initiative to increase family Cell members. -Joya Doloi



8) Family Cell Follow-Up Meeting at Ranigarh Parish 17th March 2022: Finally in the third meeting after the lock-down the family cell has been formed as it should be by the interest of the existing and newly joined members and of course with the inspiration and support of the parish priest Fr. Sirnus Topno. The family cell now has a total of 15 members where the parish priest is the president. The cell also has a secretary, a contact person and a treasurer. The members have decided to contribute Rs. 10/- every month to create a fund which will be utilized as expenses for different programmes. They have taken the task to organize programme for the In-laws on the 8th of May 2022. -John Francis Lobo

9) Personality Development for Youth - 20th & 21st 2022: The children of the present generation have become much more advanced than their elders in terms of intellect and technology. At the same time

children of growing age lack moral values and proper guidance. Therefore, parents have so many issues and complaints against them as they can't really understand them or read their minds. The parents are busy either for earning or with their personal lives. However, having this training in Paribar Jyoti has helped many youths to understand life achievement to lead a peaceful healthy life. They enjoyed and attended the training well. However, at the end of the session we could find their faces were bright enough to be on a new journey of their lives. This time we invited many priests, Nuns and Laity, who shared rich experiences for the new generations of youth, so that they may grow up with a lot of intellectual strength and proper guidance with moral values. -John Francis Lobo



10) Husband-wife Seminar at Khari - 24th 2022: The one-day seminar was arranged for the married couples so that they may find a better way of living and understanding of married life. The couples, who participated in the seminar asked many clarifications and doubts. Our staff were very happy to explain and encouraged them to make a good relationship between husband and wife. However, the staff made married couples understand that in the family life there is discord but there is much more happiness in married life, which you need to inculcate through peace, respect, love, family prayers, spending time together etc.



There was full cooperation from the Parish priest and the assistant priest. - Jyoti Doloi

11) Young Couples Workshop - 25th & 26th March 2022: The married couples were enthusiastic to know about the different challenges and happiness in married life. They attended this workshop wholeheartedly and they said it was very necessary for young couples as it touched their hearts. Lastly, they wanted to make their married life happy, respectful, delightful with love etc. While we were covering the topics, they raised many clarifications regarding their married life. We could feel through their responses that they were taking it seriously as they shared in the evaluation. -Gurupada Dolui

12) Couples Seminar at Kumrokhali Parish - 27th March 2022: After the pandemic it was a great opportunity for the couples of Kumrokhali parish and for us also to come together for this much awaited seminar.

With the co-operation of the parish priest and his assistant, members of the family cell and other active members of the parish we could conduct this Couples seminar for the couples. Clarifications were given by themselves as we encouraged them to speak. They were very happy to listen to us as we explained through practical examples. Throughout the sessions we encouraged the couples in strengthening their spousal relationship by lifting up their inner-spirit. At the end of the day the brightness on their faces gave satisfaction to our hearts content as we could see them feel as one and they could understand the importance of married life. -John Francis Lobo



Pastoral Visit of The Bishop Rev. Shyamal Bose in our Parish St. Xavier's Church, Budge Budge

It was a joyous event for the entire parish of St. Francis Xavier's Church Budge Budge & Batanagar Catholic Church to receive Bishop of Baruipur Diocese, Most Rev. Shyamal Bose for the Pastoral visit at 20th March, 2022. Rev. Fr. Surojit Mitra along with, altar servers, Youth, Pastoral committee members, representatives from various Associations of the parish and a large number of parishioners of Budge Budge and Batanagar Catholic Church accorded a cordial welcome to the Bishop with a flowers bouquet. Before the Holy Mass Bishop spend time for hearing the confession. Later a prayer dance accompanied him to the serene ambience of the well decorated church altar.

The Bishop Concelebrated the Holy Mass at 9.30 a.m. with the parish priest. Thereafter, He blessed and offered prayers for all the parishioner. After the mass he visited the sick of the parish, offered prayers and gave Communion. The Pastoral Visit was an event of unique experience for the whole Parish, which has enabled the people to express their unity and faith. We hope and pray that this visit will enable the parishioners to live a committed Christian life in the years to come.

- Stephen Dass (Youth Secretary of Budge Budge Parish)



Visit To Bandel Shrine

During season of Lent on 26th March, 2022, the parishioners of Budge Budge parish had a pilgrimage to Bandel Church along with Parish Priest and sisters. Our Parish Priest along with all the active members of the youth decided to make a one day Retreat at Bandel Church. We began our journey from Carmel School at 6:30 am, with a total of 65 members including the members of all age groups. By singing the hymns and praying rosary we reached Bandel at 10:15 a.m. after the break of 15 we gathered in the basilica of Bandel, at 10:30 a.m. we had a talk on reconciliation by Fr. Surojit followed by the sacrament of reconciliation and Way of the Cross at 12 noon we had the Holy Mass followed by lunch sponsored by MC Sisters, then we had a break after the break at 3:00 pm we had mercy rosary and the rosary. By 4:30 p.m. we began our returned journey. At 7:30 p.m. we reached back. It was a very enriching experience for all of us.



Visit of Missio Munich, Germany

Mrs. Branka Begic, In Charge of the Asia Desk of the Projects, Mrs. Antje Pohner, Media and communication and Mr. Fritz Stark, Media and Communication of Missio Munich, Germany visited Catholic Diocese of Baruipur on March 31, 2022. On their arrival to Bishop's House, Baruipur they were cordially welcomed with bouquet by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of the diocese. After spending some time with them, the Bishop accompanied them to Dishari, the diocesan Pastoral Centre of the diocese. There was a short program wherein Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar, the Director of Dishari, warmly welcomed them with bouquet and utorio. It was followed by their felicitation and expression of gratitude for their selfless donation to run the projects on faith formation and other projects. Bishop in his address gratefully acknowledged and placed on records enlisting their various projects to the diocese. Thereafter, they made their way towards St. Peter's Church, Kalipur. The part of newly built St. Peter's Church, Kalipur was donated by them. The advent of donors was a day of jubilation for the faithful of St. Peter's Church, Kalipur. They received them with kirton gaan from the main road to the church. In a short program they felicitated them with bouquet and utorio and gratefully acknowledged their contribution for the building of the church. Here too the Bishop while addressing thanked them for their generosity. Mrs. Branka Begic on their behalf expressed her happiness to be with them and acknowledged the hospitality of the people and assured to convey the same to others in the organization.



APPOINTMENT

Fr. Sarojit Mandal - Curate of Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baidyapur
Fr. Rajen Singh - Curate of Sacred heart Church, Thakurpukur
Fr. Rajeeb Singh, C.M. - Curate of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Canning

Fr. Panneer Selvam - Member of Finance Committee of CDB
Fr. Saumen Malik - Member of Board of Consultors of CDB
Fr. Aloke Kanji - Diocesan Ecclesiastical Assistant for C.L.C.



APRIL

02	Fr. Deepak Ekka
05	Fr. Goutam Naskar
09	Fr. J. R. Dejus
15	Fr. Sarajit Das
17	Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes
23	Fr. Francis Baraik
29	Fr. Daniel Makhali
30	Bp. Salvadore Lobo

Ordination

APRIL

11	Fr. Sushad Baidya
15	Fr. Faustine Brank
15	Fr. Subodh Kishu, CMF
22	Fr. J. A. Santhanam
26	Fr. Sunil Ray
26	Fr. Surojit Mitra
27	Fr. Daniel Makhali
27	Fr. Jonas Singha
29	Fr. Prolay Boidya
29	Fr. Mildon D'Souza, SFX

NOTICE BOARD

- All the Diocesan Priests shall attend the morning meeting on April 12, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur and Chrism Mass in Cathedral Church, Baruipur at 2.30 p.m.
- ParibarJyoti:** 1) Marriage Preparation Course from 8th to 9th April, 2022.
2) Young Couples programme from 29th to 30th April 2022.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of April 2022

Health Care Workers:

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of April 2022

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Friday	02.30 p.m.	Banspalla	Way of the Cross and Mass
04	Monday	09.00 a.m.	Dishari	SCC-DST Meeting
07	Thursday	11.00 a.m.	Dishari	Mass
08	Friday	04.00 p.m.	Bharu, Kalyanpur	Way of the Cross and Mass
10	Palm Sunday	06.30 a.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Palm Sunday
12	Tuesday	02.30 p.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Chrism Mass
14	Maundy Thursday	06.00 p.m.	Gangarampur	Maundy Thursday
15	Good Friday	02.00 p.m.	Sajnaberia	Way of the Cross and Adoration of the Cross
16	Easter Vigil	11.00 p.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Easter Vigil
17	Easter Sunday	07.00 a.m.	Ranigarh	Easter Sunday
22	Friday	07.30 p.m.	Behala - St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Church	Rosary and Mass
24	Sunday	07.00 a.m. ----- p.m.	R. B. Nagar	Mass and Confirmation Departure for Darjeeling
25-28	Mon. - Thu.			Meeting of the Regional Pastoral Council
29	Friday			Returns to Baruipur
30	Saturday	10.00 a.m. Evening Bandel	Departure for Bandel Mass & Confirmation at Bandel

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 - 1429.

