



## The Passion of Christ and the Joy of Resurrection

As we approach Holy Week and Easter in April, we are called to reflect on one of the most profound mysteries of the Christian faith: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. While many of us are eager to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, the path to it is paved with suffering, sacrifice, and the ultimate expression of God's love. In this editorial, we will explore the importance of embracing the Passion of Christ, how it prepares us to fully experience His Resurrection, and the life lessons it offers.

### The Passion: A Path to Glory

No one desires suffering. It's natural to seek comfort and avoid pain. Yet, the Passion of Christ teaches us that through suffering, we draw closer to God and participate in His redemptive work. The events of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday and culminating in Good Friday, mark the intense suffering and sacrifice of Jesus. He did not avoid the cross, but embraced it. He did not shy away from agony, but accepted it as the will of His Father.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). Jesus' willingness to submit to God's will, despite the pain He faced, is a lesson for us. The disciples, however, fell asleep, unable to stay awake with Him. This moment of weakness reflects human nature our tendency to turn away from difficulty and seek comfort. Yet, it is in those moments that God's grace works most powerfully.

Interestingly, the same disciples who slept in Gethsemane were the ones who witnessed the glory of Christ's Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36). The Transfiguration was a moment of divine glory where Christ's true nature was revealed. Despite their earlier weakness, they were called to witness a glimpse of the glory that awaited them. It's a reminder that while we may falter in suffering, God offers moments of grace to strengthen our faith.

### Resurrection: The Victory Over Suffering

The Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday is the ultimate victory over sin and death. It shows us that death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life with God. As St. Paul writes, "If we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:5).

This truth is central to the Christian faith. The Passion and Resurrection are inseparable one cannot fully experience the joy of the Resurrection without first recognizing the gravity of the Passion. The duo of suffering and glory is a powerful reminder that the trials we face in life are not meaningless. Like Jesus, we are called to carry our crosses, trusting that they will lead to a deeper union with God.

Pope Francis often emphasizes the importance of embracing both the Cross and the Resurrection. He reminds us that "the Resurrection is not the end of

the story but the beginning of a new way of life." In his message for Easter 2020, he encouraged us to find hope and joy in Christ's Resurrection, even amidst the struggles of life. Just as the disciples were initially fearful and scattered after Christ's death, they were transformed into bold witnesses of the Resurrection. The same transformation is possible for us when we allow the Passion and Resurrection to shape our lives.

### Companionship with God: Walking with Christ in Suffering

One of the most profound aspects of the Passion is the companionship of Christ. During His suffering, He was never alone. God the Father was with Him, and He was strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Even when the disciples failed Him, Jesus continued His mission of salvation. We, too, are never alone in our sufferings. God is always with us, walking beside us, just as He walked beside Jesus on the road to the Cross.

In our own struggles, we are invited to imitate Christ and carry our crosses with love and patience. The Catholic Church teaches that suffering is not something to avoid but embrace, for it is through suffering that we grow in holiness. St. John Paul II, in his apostolic letter *Salvifici Doloris*, wrote, "Suffering, then, is not a punishment but a part of the very structure of human existence. It is a means by which man can share in the redemptive suffering of Christ."

This sharing in Christ's suffering is not just for our benefit; it is a call to participate in the life of the Church and offer our suffering for others. Just as Christ's suffering brought salvation to the world, our own suffering, when united with Christ, can bring grace to others.

### Lessons for Life

The Passion and Resurrection of Christ offer profound lessons for life:

1. **Embrace suffering with faith:** Like Jesus, we are called to embrace our suffering with faith, knowing that it leads to something greater.
2. **Stay awake in times of difficulty:** Just as the disciples slept in Gethsemane, we are tempted to fall asleep in times of trial. But God calls us to stay alert, watch, and pray.
3. **Imitate Christ:** Christ's humility, patience, and obedience to the Father are models for us to follow, especially in our suffering.
4. **Trust in God's plan:** Even in darkness, trust that God is at work. His plan for us is one of hope, and the Resurrection proves that suffering does not have the final word.

As we celebrate Holy Week and Easter this month of April, let us reflect on these powerful truths. May we have the courage to walk with Christ in His Passion, knowing it leads to the joy of the Resurrection. As we share in His suffering, may we also share in His glory.

Happy Easter to all!

+ Shyamal Bose

## Infant Jesus' Church, Rajarampur Celebrates 95th Annual Feast Day

Infant Jesus' Church, Rajarampur, a substation of Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur, commemorated the 95th Annual Feast Day on February 16, 2025 since its inception in 1930 with a solemn Eucharist presided over by Fr. Ujjwal Mondal and concelebrated by Fr. J. A. Santhanam, Fr. Arulappan Rayappan SJ, Fr. T. Masilamani SJ and Fr. Tamasin SJ. The celebration was attended by esteemed guests, including MC Sisters, Brothers, Catechists and representatives from neighboring Churches. The event marked a significant milestone in the church's history of unwavering faith, gratitude and togetherness. The homily emphasized the importance of faith and unity. After the Eucharist, dignitaries were felicitated and a fellowship meal brought families together.

This milestone celebration honoured Infant Jesus, the patron of the Church and reflected on the community's journey over the past nine decades. The event paid tribute to the Church's rich legacy and its contributors.

- Mr. Purnendu Sooth



## Paribar Jyoti



Paribar Jyoti hosted enriching programmes in March 2025, including a Marriage Preparation Course, Animators Workshop and Young Couples Workshop. Participants over

whelmingly praised the training, citing its immense value in fostering a deeper understanding between partners and cultivating a blissful and happy married life.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Rev. Fr. Gautam Naskar for his generous support in providing accommodation and facilities for the Young Couples Workshop at Dishari.

- Fr. Uttam Naskar

## Glimpse of Dishari Diocesan Pastoral Centre



Dishari Diocesan Pastoral Centre hosted a series of spiritually enriching programmes in March 2025, aimed at deepening faith and fostering community. The month's events kicked off with a BEC Seminar at Rajarampur,

followed by Faith Formation Programmes at Sorbonondapur and Hotar. A Day of Recollection at Rakhoshkhal and a Retreat for Parents at Dishari provided opportunities for spiritual renewal and reflection. The month concluded with a Youth Retreat and another Day of Recollection at Bibirchawk, attracting a total of 723 participants. These events were made possible by the dedication of resource persons, led by Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar and the enthusiastic involvement of participants.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar



## Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur took significant steps in March 2025 to strengthen its organizational development and community outreach. Key initiatives included:

- A strategic planning workshop on March 07, 2025 to plan thematic activities for the next five years.
- Launching the Lenten Campaign 2025, "Journey of HOPE, Share to Serve," on March 09, 2025.
- Starting the 2nd batch of the Computer with Spoken English Training Course on March 19, 2025.
- Initiating the 37th batch of the Basic and Advance Beautician Course on March 28, 2025.

These initiatives aimed to promote community development, vocational training and self-sufficiency.

- Fr. Saumen Malik

## Rededication Ceremony of Renovated St. Stephen's Church, Kalyanpur

On March 30, 2025, Most Rev. Shyamal Bose inaugurated the renovated St. Stephen's Church, Kalyanpur, after a revitalizing make over. The ceremony, attended by 1,000 participants, included a Eucharistic celebration and consecration of the Church building. Bishop Shyamal Bose expressed gratitude to parishioners, benefactors and Sisters of Holy Angel's Convent for their support. Parish Priest, Fr. Himangshu Poti acknowledged the overspend of INR 100,000 and assured prompt settlement of outstanding payments. The renovation, completed without financial support from the Diocese, was made possible through collaborative efforts and divine intervention. The revamped Church now offers a visually striking and captivating space for devotees to deepen their connection with Jesus Christ.

- Joachim A. Campoo



## Charismatic Retreat at Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur

From March 21-23, 2025, over 800 people from Calcutta and nearby parishes gathered at Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur, for a Charismatic Retreat led by Fr. George Arackal V.C. and his team. The retreat featured healing sessions, praise and worship, and inspiring sermons, bringing participants closer to Jesus during Lent. The event included daily Mass, Adoration and a solemn procession on the last day. Fr. George Arackal presided over the concluding Eucharistic Celebration, blessing religious articles and fostering spiritual renewal. The retreat left a lasting impact, inspiring all to walk more closely with Christ.

- Fr. J. A. Santhanam



## Ordinary Jubilee Celebration and World CLC Day

The Cathedral Church, Baruipur, celebrated the Ordinary Jubilee with a program for C.L.C. mothers on March 03, 2025, at St. Peter's Church, Kalipur. The event, led by the Missionaries of Charity, brought together 48 C.L.C. mothers and 3 Diocesan CLC Core Committee members. The day began with a Holy Mass, where Fr. Deepak Ekka emphasized the significance of the Jubilee. The participants then engaged in enriching activities, including a one-act play, group singing and a quiz on St. Mark's Gospel.

- Sr. Jean Baptist



On March 25, 2025, World CLC Day was celebrated in Panchamkhanda, Keorapukur, Raghobpur and Cathedral Parish, with the theme "To Christ, through Mary." The occasion was marked by solemn Masses, report presentations and uplifting songs, showcasing the CLCers' commitment to spreading Christ's message. The celebrations were a testament to the vibrant spirit of the CLC community, with appreciation and applause acknowledging their hard work and dedication.

- Mrs. Kalpana D'Cruze

## Youth Retreat

The two-day youth retreat at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur, was a spiritually enriching experience for all 52 participants. Centred on the theme "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5), the retreat aimed to deepen the participants' faith and strengthen their connection with Christ and the Church.



Through group discussions, the youth shared their faith experiences and explored ways to deepen their spiritual journey. This was followed by a reflective session on the Stations of the Cross, which guided participants to meditate on Christ's sacrifice. Led by Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, the retreat also included Lenten reflections, emphasizing the significance of repentance, renewal and preparation for Easter.

- Fr. Rajen Singh

## Children-Adolescents' Protection Legal Awareness Seminar

Baruipur Gyan Deep organized a seminar on the Protection of Children-Adolescents from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act on March 20, 2025 in Dishari. The seminar featured three distinguished resource persons: Fr. Faustine Brank, an advocate, Mr. Arindam Acharya, Retd. Police Officer and Mr. Shambhunath Gangopadhyaya, former SP.

The seminar successfully raised awareness about the POCSO Act among the 56 staff of 10 Minority Schools of Baruipur Diocese, ensuring they understood its implications and the importance of adherence to legal standards. Overall, the event was a significant step in promoting legal awareness and social responsibility within the school community.

- Fr. Durlov Bor

## Consecration of Renovated Church Ranigarh Parish



March 23, 2025, marked a significant day for the Church of Immaculate of Mary, Ranigarh as Most Rev. Shyamal Bose consecrated the renovated Church.

The ceremony began with a ribbon-cutting at the Church entrance, followed by the blessing and Holy Eucharist. During the Mass, Bishop delivered a Lenten message on "Repentance of Heart," emphasizing the importance of true repentance, recognizing sin and embracing God's transformative grace. Following the Mass, the parish council core committee met with the Bishop to discuss new parish initiatives.

- Fr. Arup Bor

## In Loving Memory

We mourn the passing of **Mr. Pradyut Naskar**, the beloved father of Br. Satyajit Naskar, who left us on March 22, 2025, at the age of 58. A funeral mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, accompanied by priests and relatives, followed by burial in the parish cemetery.



We extend our heartfelt condolences to the grieving family and pray for the eternal repose of his soul. May God grant him eternal peace and comfort his loved ones during this difficult time.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

## St. Francis Xavier's Church, Budge Budge, Welcomes Jubilee Cross

On March 21, 2025, St. Francis Xavier's Church, Budge Budge, devoutly received the Jubilee Cross from Diamond Harbour Parish, marking a significant moment in the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 celebrations. The parish community gathered to welcome the Cross, led by Parish Priest, Fr. Sirnus Topno. The ceremony included the incensation of the Cross, followed by a procession to the main Church, where it was made available for veneration.

Over the next fifteen days, members of various parish groups, including Basic Ecclesial Communities, pious associations, youth and catechists, participated in the veneration in their respective villages. The ceremony was accompanied by hymns and prayers, with individuals approaching the Cross to pay their respects, some visibly moved, and touching their rosaries and religious articles to the Cross. The visit of the Jubilee Cross was a privileged occasion for the parish community, fostering spiritual reflection, hope and unity among the faithful.



- Fr. Sirnus Topno

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## APRIL

02	Fr. Deepak Ekka
05	Fr. Goutam Naskar
09	Fr. J. R. Dejus
15	Fr. Sarajit Das
17	Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes
29	Fr. Daniel Makhal
30	Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo

*Priestly*  
**Ordination**  
*Anniversary*

## APRIL

13	Fr. Sushad Baidya
15	Fr. Faustine Brank
16	Fr. Jaswant Nayak, CMF
16	Fr. Rabert R., CMF
22	Fr. J. A. Santhanam
26	Fr. Sunil Ray
26	Fr. Surojit Mitra
27	Fr. Daniel Makhal
27	Fr. Jonas Singha
29	Fr. Prolay Boidya

## Memorable & Admirable

13th April : Fr. Abani Sardar

## Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of April 2025

**For the use of the new technologies :**  
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## NOTICE BOARD

# Catechists Recollection:  
April 09 to 10, 2025.  
# Chrism Mass & Priests' meeting:  
April 15, 2025.

# Paribar Jyoti:  
Marriage Preparation Course from April 04 to April 05, 2025.  
Young Couples Programme from April 25 to April 26, 2025.

## Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of April 2025

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
04	Fri	10.30 a.m.	Archbishop's House, Kolkata	Meeting of the MSRS
06	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Cathedral Church, Baruipur	Blessing of the Renovated Cathedral Church
09	Wed	10.00 a.m.	Bishop's House, Baruipur	Meeting with Sr. Superior General of CSA
10	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	Meeting the Catechists and Mass
12	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Don Bosco, Park Circus	Meeting of WBA Christian Schools
13	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Cathedral Church, Baruipur	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
15	Tue	10.30 a.m. 02.30 p.m.	Kalyanpur Kalyanpur	Tuesday of Holy Week - Spiritual talk to the Priests Chrism Mass - Blessing of Oils
17	Thu	06.00 p.m.	Raghobpur	Maundy Thursday of the Lord's Supper
18	Fri	02.00 p.m.	Panchamkhanda	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
19	Sat	10.30 p.m.	Cathedral Church, Baruipur	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil and Mass
20	Sun	06.30 a.m.	Basanti	Easter Sunday - Resurrection of Our Lord
21	Mon		Budge Budge	Silver Jubilee of Sr. Johny CMC
24	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Noorpur	Golden Jubilee of Bro. Ambrose Minj MC
25	Fri	07.30 p.m.	Behala	Mass in St. Thomas Church at Behala
30	Wed			Goes to Jalpaiguri for Episcopal Ordination

## Bishop Salvadore Lobo's Programme for the Month of April 2025

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15	Tue	10.30 a.m. 02.30 p.m.	Kalyanpur Kalyanpur	Tuesday of Holy Week - Spiritual talk to the Priests Chrism Mass - Blessing of Oils
17	Thu	02.30 p.m.	Basanti	Conducts Maundy Thursday services
21-28	Mon-Mon		Holy Land	Participates in Jubilee Year Pilgrimage
29	Tue			Goes to Jalpaiguri



## Easter and Bengali New Year wish

Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur, Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo, Bishop Emeritus of Baruipur 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 - 1432.**

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