

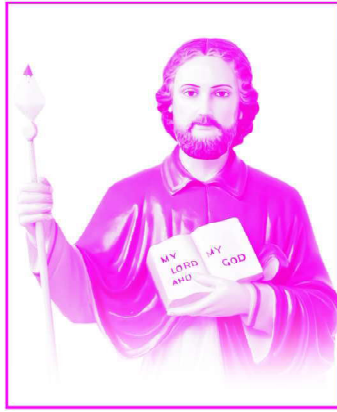


# DIOCESAN NEWS LETTER

## VELLORE

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ST. THOMAS

*Wishing you all...*

*Happy Feast!*



ST. LOYOLA  
IGNATIUS



இறையரசு மலர்  
“அவர் உங்களுக்குச்  
சொல்வதெல்லாம் செய்யுங்கள் யோவான்” 2:5

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**Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters**

In the month of July on 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle of India.

**Thomas the Apostle** also known as **Didymus** in Greek meaning “twin” was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Thomas is commonly known as “Doubting Thomas” because he initially doubted the resurrection of Jesus Christ when he was told of it (as is related in the Gospel of John); he later confessed his faith (“My Lord and my God”) on seeing the wounds left over from the crucifixion.

*According to traditional accounts of the Saint Thomas Christians of modern-day Kerala in India, Saint Thomas travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling as far as the Tamilakam which is in South India and reached Muziris of Tamilakam (modern-day North Paravur and Kodungalloor in Kerala State, India) in AD 52. In 1258, some of the relics were*



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*brought to Ortona, in Abruzzo, Italy, where they have been held in the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. He is regarded as the patron saint of India among its Christian adherents, and the Feast of Saint Thomas on July 3 is celebrated as Indian Christians' Day. The name Thomas remains quite popular among the Saint Thomas Christians of the Indian subcontinent.*

St. Thomas is known for 3 great things: 1. **His brevity**, “Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” (Jn 11:16) 2. **His deep faith** where he confessed, “My Lord and my God” (Jn 20:28) 3. **His zeal to witness Christ**, where he travelled across the world and brought the Good News of Risen Christ to India sowed the seed of Christianity for which he gave his life by shedding his blood in our Tamil soil.

Let us also follow these three great things of St. Thomas as the Manipur Tribal Christians did that they have shown their brevity, deep faith and witnessing Christianity by their brutal death and shedding their blood of martyrdom.

I wish all the fathers, sisters and the parishioners who bear the name of St. Thomas as Patron.

As we are well aware of the Manipur tragedy, let us keep praying for the innocent people who were brutally killed and who have lost their parents, family members, relatives, homes and properties and living as refugees. If you are really concerned about them kindly help them either monetarily or materially. Kindly follow the guidelines of CBCI and do prayer worship, offer mass and Holy Rosary for the victims and their families. The letter from CBCI is given in the news letter.



In this regard I would like to bring to your kind attention that coming Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July there will be a big Inter-Religious convention (மத நல்லிணக்க மாநாடு) is going to take place in Vellore (near Vellore City Corporation Building) to foster Peace and Harmony across the country. Rev.Fr. Thangaraj, diocesan secretary for Inter-Religious dialogue commission co-ordinate this with other religious people. Kindly come with your parishioners and institutions for the success of this historical event.

In this month we also celebrate the feasts of St. Anne and Joachim, St. Ignatius of Loyola respectively. We wish both the Sisters of St. Anne of Madhavaram and Jesuit fathers for their wonderful service to the people of Vellore diocese. **WISH YOU ALL HAPPY FEAST.**

I take this opportunity to wish all the fathers, sisters and people those who celebrate their birthdays, feast days and ordination days. May God bless them abundantly and Mary Help of Christians intercedes for them and brings abundant blessings on them.

From 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July we are having TNBC/TNLBC annual meeting in Coimbatore. Kindly keep all our bishops in your prayers and pray for the success of the meeting.

God bless,  
Yours in Christ Jesus



**Very Rev. Msgr. I. John Robert,**  
Diocesan Administrator



## ADMINISTRATOR'S PROGRAM

- 01 Eucharistic Day, Arakkonam
- 02 M First Holy Communion, Polur
- E Feast Mass, Gandhinagar
- 03-05 School Auditing
- 08 M CRI - Educational Meeting
- E Silver Jubilee - Holy Cross Convent, Sathuvacharry
- 09-15 TNBC/TNLBC Meeting, Coimbatore
- 16 Feast Mass – Our Lady of Carmel, Koratampet
- 22 Feast Mass – Brgitin Sisters, Sipcot
- 23 - 25 Episcopal Decennial Celebration, Eluru
- 26 St. Anne's Feast Mass, Gudiyatham
- 27 Monthly Recollection
- 29 SC/ST General Body Meeting, Vellore

### MONTHLY RECOLLECTION

**Dear Fathers and Brothers,**

Since the **Feast of St. Anne** falls on **Wednesday, 26 July** and many priests are going for the feast in different places we will have monthly recollection on the following day Thursday, 27 July. Kindly note this change and do come for the recollection.

**Hence Monthly Recollection for the month of July will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 in the Bishop's House.** You are requested to take part in the monthly recollection without fail. The absentees are asked to get prior permission from the Diocesan Administrator.



**Time Table as Follows :**

09.30 - Arrival

10.00 - Talk – I

11.00 - Break

11.30 - Talk – II

12.30 - Lunch

02.30 – 03.30 - Adoration, Confession and Benediction

03.30 - Announcements

04.00 - Tea

God bless,  
Yours in Christ Jesus



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**VELLORE & TIRUVANNAMALAI  
SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY**

**Special Thanks to Mother. Maria Philomi, FBS Mother  
General, Bon Secours Congregation.**

We express our sincere gratitude to Mother. Maria Philomi FBS, Mother General for giving admission with special preference to our diocesan girls for B. Sc Nursing in Bon Secours College of Nursing, Molasur. She has special concern and passion for the marginalised and downtrodden. She is doing a revolution in the field of higher education. She has given concession in academic fee to the most deserving girls of our diocese at the request from my office. The



following students are now studying in Bon Secours College of Nursing, Molasur. We assure our continued prayers to her and Congregation.

- Rajeswari B.Sc Nursing[4<sup>th</sup> yr]
- Sylviya. L. B.Sc. Nursing[2<sup>nd</sup> yr]
- Priyadharshini. A. B.Sc Nursing[1<sup>st</sup> Yr]
- Sweeta. A. B. Sc Nursing[1<sup>st</sup> Yr]
- P. Abinaya B. Sc. Nursing[1<sup>st</sup> Yr]

**12.06.2023** : அன்று VSSS & TVMSSS இயக்குநர் பேரருட்திரு. S. ஜேம்ஸ், MSW, அவர்கள் தலைமையில் கோல்பிங் உறுப்பினர்கள் ஏழை எளிய மக்களுக்கு வீடுகள் கட்ட 3 உறுப்பினர்களுக்கும், கழிவறைகள் கட்ட 10 உறுப்பினர்களுக்கும், கறவை மாடுகள் வாங்கி பயனடைய 10 உறுப்பினர்களுக்கும் கடன் உதவித் தொகை வழங்கப்பட்டது. இயக்குநர் தந்தை அவர்கள் தேசிய கோல்பிங், சென்னை இயக்குநரிடம் பரிந்துப்பேசி இத்திட்டங்களை பெற்றுத்தந்தார். இத்திட்டங்களை பெற்ற மக்கள் எவ்வாறு பயன்படுத்த வேண்டும் என்றும், இதன் நோக்கம் பற்றி மக்களுக்கு எடுத்துக் கூறினார்.

கலந்துக்கொண்ட கோல்பிங் உறுப்பினர்களுக்கு 'தலைமைத்துவ பண்புகள்' என்ற தலைப்பில் VSSS திட்ட மேலாளர் திரு. A. பேட்ரிக் அவர்கள் பயிற்சி அளித்தார். மேலும் இதன் பயன்கள், கடனைத் திருப்பி செலுத்தும் வழிமுறைகள் போன்ற கருத்துக்களை கோல்பிங் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் திரு. ஏசுகுமார் விளக்கி கூறினார். இக்கூட்டத்தில் 30 உறுப்பினர்கள் கலந்துக்கொண்டனர்.



## HUNGER AND DISEASE FUND COLLECTION – 2023

S.NO.	PARISHES	AMOUNT
1	Pavithiram	6,000
2	Haffieldspet	7,000
3	Allikondapattu	4,500
4	Avoor	2,500
5	Ranipet	23,000

குறிப்பு :

- பசிப்பிணி போக்கும் திட்டத்திற்கு பங்கு தந்தையர்களும், இறைமக்களும் தாராளமாக நிதி வழங்கியமைக்கு நன்றியும் செபமும்.
- பசிப்பிணி நிதி வழங்காத பங்குகள் VSSS அலுவலகத்தில் செலுத்தி இரசீது பெற்றுக்கொள்ளுமாறு கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறோம்.

செய்தி தொகுப்பு  
திரு. A.பேடரிக் &  
திரு. T.இன்பசேகர்  
VSSS & TVMSSS  
திட்டமேலாளர்கள்

பேரருட்திரு. S.ஜேம்ஸ், MSW  
இயக்குநர், VSSS & TVMSSS  
ஆயர் இல்லம், வேலூர்

### PROCURATOR'S OFFICE

#### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - 2023

S.No.	Parish	Amount
1	Uriurkuppam	5000
2	Kariyandal	12000
<b>Total</b>		<b>17000</b>

Thanks for all those who have already remitted the Good Friday Collection and May I request to give those who have not yet given.

**Very Rev. Fr. A.Kulandesu**  
Procurator

**Mr. S.Justin**  
Staff Accountant





## BIRTHDAY

1	Fr. L.Susainathan	02-07-1956
2	Fr. C.Arun Kumar	11-07-1985
3	Fr. P.Gnanasekar	17-07-1982
4	Msgr. M.Joe Lourdusamy	24-07-1956
5	Fr. S.Malaiyappan	25-07-1964
6	Fr. M.Amalanathan	27-07-1975



## ORDINATION DAY

1	Fr. L.John Stephan	20-07-1998
2	Fr. S.Raj Kumar	20-07-2019
3	Fr. C.Arun Kumar	21-07-2019

## NECROLOGY

1	Rev. Fr. Francis Cusini SDB	03.07.1963
2	Rev. Fr. Joseph Baracca SDB	03.07.1996
3	Rev. Fr. K.K. Thomas SDB	06.07.2007
4	Rev. Fr. S .Arulappan	08.07.2020
5	Rev. Fr. Lourdunathan Arockiasamy SDB	09.07.2000
6	Rev. Fr. Celestine Mauri SDB	10.07.1961
7	Rev. Fr. John Antheenat	10.07.2006
8	Rev. Fr. S. Susai	11.07.1994
9	Rev. Fr. D. A. Arockiasamy	15.07.1992
10	Most Rev. David Marianayagam SDB	16.07.1969
11	Rev. Fr. Viadimir Ondrasek SDB	16.07.1977
12	Rev. Fr. Joseph Amaladossan SDB	16.07.1979



13	Rev. Fr. P. J. Thomas	17.07.1997
14	Rev. Fr. S. P. Antony	19.07.1976
15	Rev. Fr. K.P. Kurian	22.07.2020
16	Rev. Fr. M.A. John Velankannan	27.07.2017
17	Rev. Fr. Joseph Cheruvil	28.07.2003
18	Rev. Fr. Divita SDB	29.07.1983

### **Holy Father's Intention:**

#### **For a Eucharistic life**

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

### **CALENDAR**

2	13th Ordinary Sunday
3	St. Thomas, The Apostle of India
4	St. Elizabeth of Portugal
5	St. Antony Maria Zaccaria, Pr, Rf
6	St. Maria Goretti Vir.,Mr
9	14th Ordinary Sunday
11	St. Benedict Abb., Mem
13	St. Henry
14	St. Camillus de Lellis., Pr
15	St. Bonaventure, Bp., Rel., Dr
16	15th Ordinary Sunday
20	St. Apollinarius., Bp., Mr



- 22 St. Mart Magdalene, Feast
- 23 16th Ordinary Sunday
- 25 St. James Apostle., Feast
- 26 Ss. Joachim & Anne, Parents of BVM, Mem
- 28 St. Alphonsa Muttathupadathu Vir., Mem
- 29 Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus Mem
- 30 17th Ordinary Sunday
- 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Pt., Rel., Mem

## **RIP**

In your Charity kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Fr. Stanislaus Swaminathan (72) SDB, the former Principal of Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur passed away on 17.05.2023. Let his Soul Rest in Peace.

In your Charity kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. James (64), beloved Father of Rev. Fr. Amuthan, from Chetpet parish passed away on 19.05.2023. Let his Soul Rest in Peace.

In your Charity kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Chinnapan @ Kunasekar (55), beloved elder brother of Rev. Fr. Lawrence Pious, from Japthikarani parish passed away on 19.05.2023. Let his Soul Rest in Peace.

In your Charity kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. A. Francis (96), beloved Uncle of Rev. Msgr. Joe Lourdasamy, from Vettavalam parish passed away on 19.05.2023. Let his Soul Rest in Peace.



In your Charity kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Y. Antony Selvaraj (37), Younger brother of Rev. Fr. Y. Satheeshraj and Nephew of Rev. Fr. Jesudoss Periyamayagam SDB, from Thirumalpadi parish passed away on 02.07.2023. Let his Soul Rest in Peace.

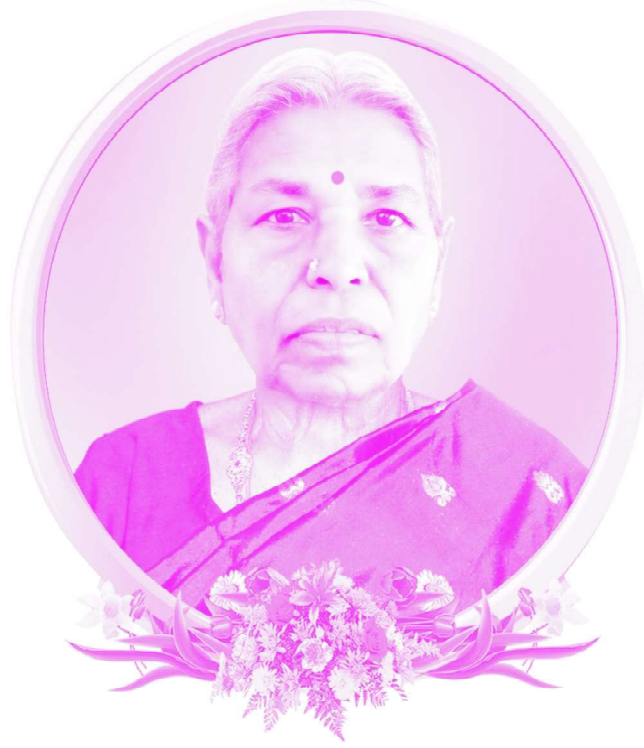
In your Charity kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. I. Amsa Mary (83), beloved Mother of Very Rev. Msgr. Dr. I. John Robert, Diocesan Administrator from Udayendiram parish passed away on 06.07.2023. Let her Soul Rest in Peace.

In your Charity kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary Paulin (89), beloved Mother of Very Rev. Fr. M. Martin, Parish Priest of Katpadi Parish, from Udayendiram parish passed away on 07.07.2023. Let her Soul Rest in Peace.

In your Charity kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Arulnathan beloved elder brother of Most Rev. Dr. Neethinathan, Bishop of Chingleput and Maternal Uncle of Very Rev. Fr. S.M. Anandraj VF, Arakkonam parish passed away on 10.07.2023. Let his Soul Rest in Peace.



நீத்திய இளையாற்றியை  
இவருக்கு அளித்தருளும் ஆண்டவரே!  
முடிவில்லா ஒளி இவர்மீது ஒளிர்வதாக!!



வேலூர் மறைமாவட்ட பரிபாலகர் தந்தை  
Msgr. I.ஆன் இராபர்ட் அவர்களின் தாயார்  
தீருமதி. I.அம்சமேரி

ஆழ்ந்த வருத்தத்துடன்  
வேலூர் மறைமாவட்ட  
குருக்கள், துறவியர்கள், கன்னியர்கள், இறைமக்கள்

***St. Thomas***

"For those with Faith, No evidence is necessary;  
For those without it, no evidence will suffice"

***St. Ignatius of Loyala***

"Love ought to show itself  
in deeds more than in words"

