



# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

## LA SALETTE MATHA PROVINCE



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**When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him.. (Mat 1: 24)**

Dear Fathers and brothers,

First of all, I wish God's grace and blessings up on all of you who celebrate the anniversary of your profession on 1st of May. I specially greet Fr. Baiju Avittappally MS, Fr. Biju Chempottickal MS, Fr. Rojan Cheriyan MS, Fr. Joseph Peethuruthel MS, and Fr. Joy Porathur MS who begin the Silver Jubilee year of their profession. My prayerful greetings to Fr. Johnny Vadakkan MS, Fr. Jose Muttathan MS and Fr. James Kalliath MS who complete the year of silver Jubilee. I thank all of them for their committed service to the community.

Every year 1st of May we observe as the day of workers and we venerate the St. Joseph the worker. To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. St. Joseph places before us the model of life patterned after hard work and obedience to the will of God.

It is very little written in the Gospel about St. Joseph. In silent spirituality he speaks the whole of Gospel and its values. The Gospel presents himself as an upright man, a man of principle. We also know that Joseph had dreams. God spoke to him in his dreams and he followed his dreams. Joseph is a man of action: he does what the angel tells him; he takes Mary as his wife; he goes to Bethlehem; he finds a place to stay for the night; he takes his family to Egypt. He's a man of action- not a man of words.

Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfils the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labours. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labour.

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Saviour of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

At La Salette blessed mother emphasised the dignity and value of work. She told the children to labour by "not swearing in God's name", keeping the day of the Lord holy, through conversion harvesting the richness of labour, by observing the changes in the field and in the crops, recognising it as God's call... She was calling her children to the dignity of work.

She wore the clothes of a working peasant woman of the Alpine village. Through this she identified herself with the people of the area. She spoke their language. She spoke about their agriculture. Like St. Joseph, Mary was a woman of action through her words.

It is to these poor children, who were working for their family or being hired for work that Mary disclosed the mysteries of reconciliation and rewards of conversion. She was reminding the children the fruits of reconciliation are first visible in the fields of their labour. She said "if her people obeyed, the very stones would become mounds of wheat in the fields, and potatoes would be self-sown in the fields".

Her message and mission still have the power to renew and reconcile us back to God. They help stir up within us the believe that, through the power of faith in her Son, we can do the works Jesus did and, as he once proclaimed, even "do greater ones than (he did)" (John 14:12).

Yours in our Blessed Mother,

**Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS**  
**Provincial Superior**





## LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

**Holy Week:** Community organised solemn liturgical services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. A large number of faithful devotedly participated in the ceremonies. Brothers made a beautiful tomb for the Easter services to recreate the resurrection event of Jesus, and it was well appreciated by all.

**Ordination Anniversary:** La Salette Sadhan community were fortunate to celebrate the Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Jino Chackiath MS and Fr Saneesh Alappattu MS in this month.

**Arrival of Scholastics:** The Scholastics Brothers joined back with our community after successfully completing their Theological studies. Word of appreciations to our beloved Scholastics for their great success.

**End of Liturgical Services:** All the public liturgical services in the community were cancelled from the second week of this month due to the rise of Covid 19 cases in the Karnataka as well as due to the strict instructions from the Diocesan authorities.

**Killing the Giant Pig:** Sadhan community bought a pig from Suvidya College and the whole community took a great initiative to slaughter and to pack the meat in to the freezing room for the use.

**Birthday:** Sadhan community happily celebrated the birthday of Bro Ajin M Biju.

**Comprehensive Exam:** Philosophy Brothers successfully completed their comprehensive exam, congratulations to our brothers. Few of our brothers are in their home holidays.



## LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

**Jubilee:** The ashram community attended the golden jubilee celebration of the parents of Dn. Bineesh Muttathil MS.

**Couples Retreat:** The couples retreat was conducted successfully with a group of 24 couples. The presence of Rev. Fr. Provincial was also a blessing.

**Visitors:** Ashram community was blessed with the presence of our dear Frs. Benny Thadathilkunnel, Rojan Cheriyan, Jeneesh Mundithottiyil, Robin Vallattu, Kuriakose Chennelil, Jobins Veluthedathuparambil, and Jesbin Pulavelil.



**Hearty Welcome:** The ashram community was happy to welcome Sr. Subha SD the newly appointed mother in SD convent at Kayakkunnu.

**Shalom Television:** The ashram community is once again blessed with the presence of Team of Shalom Television. The team came over here and recorded 5 Holy masses and Talks of Fr. Jenson for *Vachanam Thiruvachanam*. They have also recorded the novena to Our Lady of La Salette.





## LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU

**Ordination Anniversary:** It was a month for us to thank the merciful Father in Heaven for the gift of priesthood to Fr. Joseph Punnakunnel and to our Rector Fr. Rojan Cheriyan MS, especially on their ordination anniversaries on 15th and 21st of this month respectively.

**Birthday Celebrations:** The Bhavan community happily celebrated the Birthday of our Assistant Rector and Procurator Fr. Jobins Veluthedathu Parambil MS on 28th of April.



## LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Ambedkar Jayanthi:** On 14 of April 2021, we celebrated Ambedkar Jayanthi honouring Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, one of the architects of Indian Constitution. There was special prayer service conducted in our La Salette Vidya Nikethan on this special day.

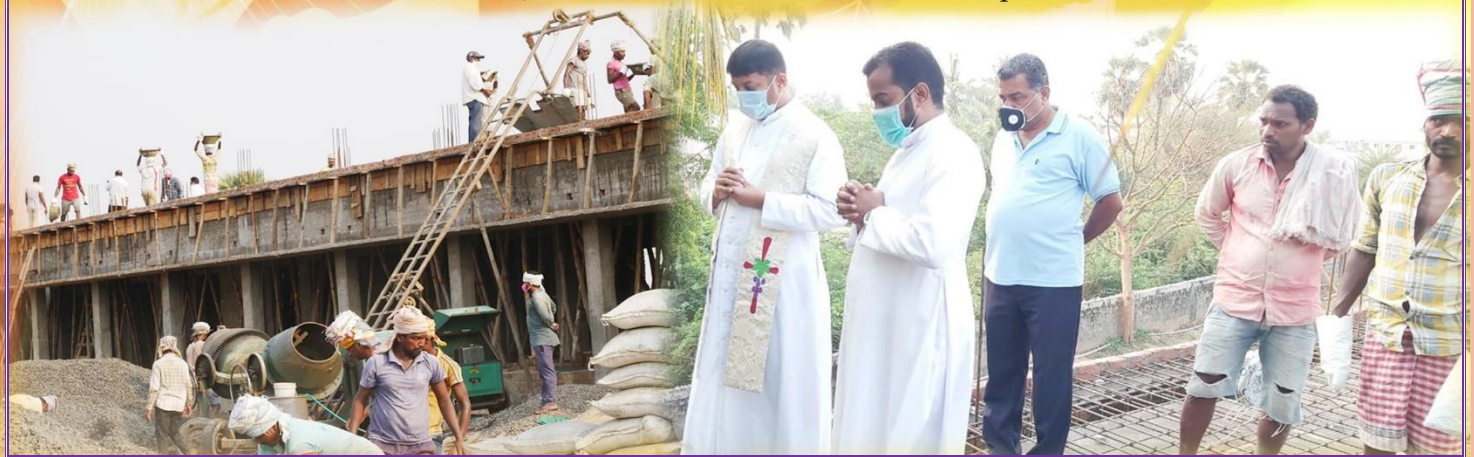
**Preparatory Exams:** In the month of April preparatory exams were conducted in La Salette Vidya Nikethan for both school and PUC students.



## LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

**Its Progressing:** By God's grace we have completed the main concreting for the ground floor of the new school building. Work is progressing well. We request your valuable Prayers.

**Corona Updates:** As per government orders due to the second wave of Corona and taking into consideration the rise of new cases, we have closed our school and parish.





## LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

**Maundy Thursday:** On 1st of April, we had the Solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist, washing of the feet and the adoration.

**Good Friday:** We had the Solemn way of the Cross conducted through the village and the veneration of the Holy Cross on Good Friday.

**Jubilee Bells are Ringing:** On 2nd of April, Fr. Alex Valummel entered into his Silver Jubilee year of Priesthood. Community members wished and prayed for him on this special occasion.

**Easter Celebration:** On 3rd of April, we had solemn celebration of Easter Vigil. All the parishioners participated in the Vigil Mass and received the blessings of the Risen Lord.

**First Holy Communion:** On Divine Mercy Sunday, 17 of our catechism students received the Holy Communion for the first time. Special thanks to Br. Nikhil for preparing them for the reception of Holy Communion.

**Church Front Elevation:** We have begun the front elevation works for the parish Church in Thorredu, as the existing one is in need of repair. We request your valuable Prayers.

**Happy Days:** On 23rd of April, Scho. Nikhil has gone to Parakkadavu for the PPP programme. Community wished him all the best for his future accomplishments.



**Remember**

## JUNE 2021

01	1960	Birthday	Vettathu Jacob
07	1987	Birthday	Alappattu Saneesh
12	1990	Birthday	Arugolanu Benjamin
16	1988	Ordination	Cheerakathil Augustine
22	1984	Birthday	Manchira Anoop
24	1988	Birthday	Gompa Manibushana Rao
30	1989	Birthday	F. Thooyanathan



## LA SALETTE NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Birthdday of Mrs. Siji and Shalbin:** The Niketan community celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Siji (wife of Mr. Johnson) and Shalbin (brother of Bro. Shan). May the good Lord bless them abundantly.

**Compound Wall:** The Niketan community could bring amicable solution for the long pending land issue near to the novitiate house. Now, we are constructing the compound wall as the permanent solution and safety of the land. We also request the province members to continue to pray for the completion of the paper work and fencing work near the river side land.

**Easter Celebrations:** The Niketan community celebrated Easter with Covid restrictions.



## Renewal of Vows

Bro. Anson Palatty MS renewed his religious commitemet with Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS, the Provincial Superior in Provincial House, Banagalore, Bro. Tinto Kalapurackal MS with Fr. Johhny Vadakkan MS in Trivandrum, Bros. Nikhil Thekkineth MS and George Kizhikan-dayil MS with Fr. Kuriakose Chennelil MS in Parakkadavu on 1st of May 2021.

Bro. Joyal Narimattathiil MS with Fr. Jobins Veluthedathu Parambil MS in Parakkadavu on 30th of April 2021.

