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Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe. (John 19: 27)

Dear Fathers and Brothers in Christ,

On July 3rd the church in India celebrates the Solemnity of St. Thomas, the Apostle to India. The Indian church is proud of its rich heritage handed down by Apostle Thomas. We the Christians of India keep burning the light of faith proclaimed by Apostle Thomas.

It is an opportune time to reflect on our witnessing of faith we have in Christ. Apostle Thomas challenges us with his approach to Jesus and his gospel. He was courageous that he was ready to die with Jesus. He then said to the disciple to go with Jesus to Jerusalem even if they have to face death. "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11: 16). St. Thomas teaches us about the consequences of faith. Faith is meant to be lived. We are called to stake our life on what he reveals to us, to become a martyr, a witness, to what he reveals. He was willing to die for Jesus who was going to die in a week for him. That's where faith leads. A faith that doesn't trust in the Lord, in his promise of resurrection, in his teaching us the way to live and die enough to stake our life on his resurrection and ours, really isn't worthy of the description "faith."

He was eager and curious to learn from Jesus. During the Last Supper when Jesus was talking about his needing to go away but then come back again. Jesus stated, "Where I am going, you know the way." That's when Thomas, who had the guts to say what others were thinking but were perhaps too timid to ask, blurted out, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?" Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman once said that a thousand questions don't constitute a single doubt.

The third encounter of Apostle Thomas mentioned in the gospel is the post resurrection narrative. It is where I call your attention. Jesus calls Thomas near to his wounded heart. Jesus wanted to show to Thomas the depth of his love. In a closeness which is between them, Thomas proclaims "My lord and My God". Faith experience demands closeness to God and closeness to Jesus. Being away from the community of disciples, Thomas lacked "Jesus experience". He was compelling that he wanted to be so close to Jesus that not a third person can move between them. In our relationship with, we need this attitude of Thomas. We see the wounds of love more clearly when we are close to Jesus.

At La Salette, the children testified that, between them and blessed mother "not a third person could pass". They were so close to blessed mother. Indeed, blessed mother stood so close to them. It is this proximity of mothers love helped them to listen to her words and to go deep into the globe of fire. They were surrounded by the same light which engulfed blessed mother. The children viewed mother in a different perspective. They obtained the radiance of love of blessed mother.

The God experience of St. Thomas and the experience of children at La Salette with Blessed Mother tells us about a great message: between us and God there should not be anything that hinder us to experience the love of God and listen to his words. Anything that separate us should be removed. Our deep desire to experience his wounds, our readiness to stand close to God and his Gospel opens the treasures of faith. It gives us a strong courage to witness Christ and his love. Let us be carriers of Gospel, by being close to God and proclaiming, "My Lord and My God".

Yours in our Blessed Mother,

Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS
Provincial Superior





LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Great Visit: May all who enter as guests leave as friends. The Ashram community enjoyed the visit of our Fr. Provincial Rev. Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS and Frs. Bibin, Jesbin and Jobins.

Send Off: Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. We had a wonderful dinner to give farewell to our mother Sr. Lisseena of our S.D Community.

Hearty Condolence: The Ashram community members attended the funeral ceremony of father of Sibi Kunninu MS and offered prayers.

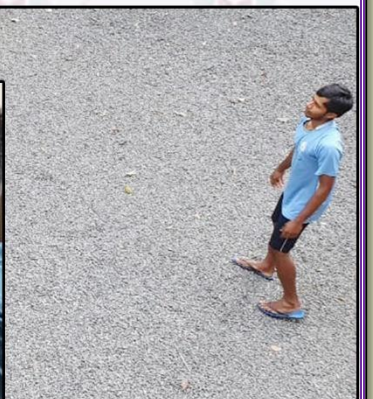
Vacation Duty: On 14th of this month, after completing his Philosophical Studies Bro. Adarsh arrived at Ashram community to share few days and to spend beautiful moments.



Started Again: The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist for the faithful restarted after the long lockdown on 24th Thursday.

Birthday Greetings: We had a wonderful cake cutting ceremony on the birthday of our Minor Seminarian Bro. Joyal.

Newcomers: Fr. Anit. Mavathara MS visited the houses of the six possible candidates and made arrangements for their admission to our minor seminary, La Salette Bhavan.





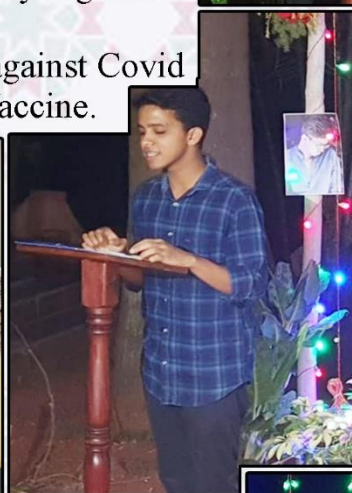
LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Birthdays: La Slette Sadhan community celebrated gladly and happily the birthdays of Fr. Saneesh Alpaattu MS and of Bro. Ajin Mathew. A colourful cultural evening organised by the brothers made this day more memorable.

Back in the Community: All our brothers re-joined with the community after their enjoyable days at home as part of annual holidays.

Rosary Procession: Sadhan community devotedly organised a rosary procession on 19th of June.

Vaccination: All our community is vaccinated against Covid 19 with at least one of the doses of Covishield Vaccine.





LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU



Birthday: Community celebrated the birthday of Bro. Ajil on the 6th of June.

Monthly Recollection: Monthly recollection was led by Bro. Nikhil Thekkineth. In the evening as it was June 11, we had blessing of the House and special prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PPP Program: PPP program was inaugurated at Snehabhavan on the 21st of this month. Parakkadavu community members and seminarians were present at Snehabhavan chapel for the inaugural Mass.



New Batch: The new candidates for First year minor seminary, 8 of them, arrived on the 28th of June and we had our inaugural mass of Academic year 2021-22 on the 29th of June. Fr. Benny Thadathilkunnel MS was the main celebrant. Frs. Jose, Jobins, Rojan and our vocation promoters Frs. Kuriakose and Fr. Anit were present for the Holy Mass. During Supper, Fr Sajive Maliakal MS, the Provincial Superior, welcomed the freshmen to our community.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

Vaccination Drive: Our school ministry aim at the educational wellbeing as well as the standard social life of people around us. It is also always appreciated by the society. This time we extended our generous support for a number of massive vaccination drive against Covid 19 in our school campus in collaboration with the local authorities, and it may continue for another couple of weeks. Special appreciations to Fr. Jince Koothodiyil MS for keeping a good rapport with the local authorities and courageously extending our support in this time of pandemic.

Online Classes: Vidya Nilayam is in her full swing from the initial days of this academic year with the online claases for our students from the primary classes.

LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Admission Open: Admissions began for the new academic year 2021-2022 in La Salette Vidya Nikethan, from the month of June 2021.

Sad Demise: We the La Salette Vidya Nikethan Family offered our heartfelt condolences to Sr. Parimala, the headmistress of our school who lost her father on June 20, 2021. Because of the Covid- 19 protocol, the management and staff could not attend the funeral. Let us continue to pray for the eternal repose of the departed soul.

II PUC Exams: The Karnataka Government has cancelled the II PUC Exams 2021, amid the Covid- 19 situation in the state. The class 12 students will be promoted based on the scores in I PUC and SSLC.

SSLC Exams: Karnataka SSLC Exam 2021, dates have been announced by the state government. In view of the Pandemic, the exams would be conducted only on two dates- July 19 and 22. One paper for three subjects such as Maths, Science and Social Sciences would be held on July 19, and the exam for the languages would be held on July 22, 2021. Requesting your valuable prayers for our students who are appearing for the exam this year.

JULY 2021

03	1971	Birthday	Kalliath James
03	1988	Birthday	Kizhikandayil George
11	1960	Birthday	Chukkananickal Joy
16	1973	Birthday	Peethuruthel Joseph
18	1990	Birthday	Kalapurackal Tinto
22	1987	Birthday	Poovathinkal Sanish





LA SALETTE NIKETAN, MYSORE

B'day of Fr. Benjamine: The Niketan community had very inspiring birthday celebrations of Fr. Benjamine MS. Fr. Benjamine celebrated the mass with special note of his early seminary life at Niketan campus. We had special meal in the evening followed by simple and well organized cultural programs. Everyone wished him and congratulated him for his tireless service for the community.

Feast Day: The community celebrated feast day of Fr. Jojo Kachappilly MS, our Superior, and of Fr. Sanish Poovathinkal MS, the director of the School, and of Bro. Shan Peter.

Vacation: Second year students are gone home for their annual holidays.

Vaccination Against Covid-19: We are so happy that all are vaccinated against covid-19.

Compound Wall: The long cherishing plan of Niketan community is fulfilled. We could complete the compound wall construction, though had Corona restrictions.

