



Dear Brothers in Christ,

The month of August holds deep meaning for us, both as people of faith and as citizens of our beloved nation. It is a time to pause and reflect on two important occasions that fall on the same day—August 15th: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Indian Independence Day. These two celebrations, though different in nature, invite us to reflect on the values of hope, freedom, and responsibility. They also connect beautifully with the message of Our Lady of La Salette, who calls us to return to God with renewed hearts.

The Feast of the Assumption reminds us that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven. This is a sign of our own hope as Christians—that one day, we too may share in the glory of eternal life. Mary's Assumption is not just about her being lifted to heaven, but also about how she lived her life on earth—with deep faith, humility, and total surrender to God's will. She is a model for each of us, showing us how to live with trust, love, and openness to God's plan. Her life encourages us to lift our minds and hearts above the worries of the world and place our hope in the promise of heaven.

On the same day, we celebrate Indian Independence Day. It reminds us of the hard-fought freedom we received in 1947 and the sacrifices made by so many brave souls. Their struggle was not just for independence from foreign rule, but for justice, dignity, and the right to shape a better future. As followers of Christ, we are called to carry this vision forward. True freedom includes not only political and social liberation, but also freedom from sin, fear, and selfishness. It is a call to live responsibly, to care for one another, and to build a more just and peaceful society.

The message of Our Lady of La Salette, remains deeply relevant today. Mary appeared as a sorrowful mother, shedding tears for her children who had forgotten God. She called for conversion of heart, for faithfulness in prayer, respect for the Lord's Day, and trust in God's mercy. Her message is one of both warning and hope. She reminds us that when we turn back to God, healing and peace are possible—not only in our own lives, but in our communities and our world.

August, then, becomes a special time to reflect on these messages. Mary's Assumption calls us to lift our eyes to heaven. Independence Day reminds us to use our freedom well. And La Salette invites us to conversion and reconciliation. Together, these moments encourage us to renew our faith, deepen our love for Mary, and recommit ourselves to the mission of peace and healing in today's world.

Let us keep each other in prayer before the Lord. May we draw closer to God through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, and may we always carry her message of love and mercy to those around us.

Humbly in Christ and Our Lady of La Salette
Fr. Baiju Avittappally, MS
Provincial Superior



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Spiritual Nourishment: Our postulancy year began with an inspiring and heartfelt spiritual talk from Rev. Fr. Benjamin MS. His words deeply moved and inspired us as we embarked on this new year of formation.

Acceptance of Postulants: On July 27th, we had the official acceptance ceremony for the new postulants and the Solemn Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Baiju Avittappally MS. Fathers from various communities joined us for this joyous celebration.

Birthday Celebration: We joyfully celebrated the birthday of Rev. Fr. Tinto Kalapurakkal MS. We held a cultural evening and spent some memorable time together, sharing in the happiness of the day.

Degree Exams: Brothers had their BA semester exams during this month. We wish them all the best with their results.

Outing Day: The brothers had a one-day outing where brothers explored parts of the city and had a memorable time of joy and good spirit.

Procurators' Meeting: Meeting for all the procurators of the province held at the La Salette Sadhan community. It was a wonderful opportunity to share and spend quality time with them.

Visitors: We were delighted to welcome Rev. Fathers Lithin, Jobins, Jince, Binu, Jino, Benjamin, Sibi, and Anson, as well as Scholastic Brother Sarath and the brothers from La Salette Nikethan. Their presence filled our home with a spirit of fellowship, joy, and fraternity, reminding us of the beauty of community life.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Seminar for Sisters: We conducted one-day seminar program based on "team building" for the Provincial administration team of Bethany Sisters of Calicut Province. Rev. Fr. Sanish Poovathinkal MS led the group.

Birthday Celebration: The community celebrated the birthday of Rev. Fr. Sanish Poovathinkal MS on 22nd July. SD sisters joined us for the Birthday celebrations. La Salette Laity members arranged Birthday function in the evening.

AKCC Program: The diocesan level AKCC Program was held in La Salette Ashram Hall on 25th July.

Funerals: The community came together to pay their respects at the funeral services of Mr.Chacko Thottumkara on 13th July in Kayyunni, and Mr. Thankachan Chakkittakudy on 27th July.

Visitors: Frs. Alex, Jince, and Jobins visited our community this month.



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

Festal Celebration at OCD Ashram: The OCD Ashram in Ayiroor warmly invited us to join their festal celebration, which was a joyful and spiritually enriching occasion. Rev. Fr. Mathew Manjaly MS was the main celebrant of the Holy Mass, while Rev. Fr. Jino Chakiath MS delivered a heartfelt and inspiring homily. All the seminarians and fathers participated in the celebration, coming together in prayer and fellowship. The evening concluded with a delightful dinner, strengthening the bonds of community and shared faith.



LA SALETTE SNEHA BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

Birthday Celebration: The community joyfully celebrated the birthday of Rev. Fr. Joy with great enthusiasm and warmth. All the fathers and brothers came together to make the occasion special, joining in prayers, songs, and heartfelt wishes. The celebration was filled with laughter, joy, and a spirit of togetherness. Everyone enjoyed the day, making it a memorable day for Rev. Fr. Joy.



LA SALETTE, UMMANNOOR, PUNALUR

Feast of St. Alphonsa at Ayanikod:The Feast of St. Alphonsa was solemnly celebrated on July 27 at St. Alphonsa Church, Ayanikod. Faithful from various parishes gathered in devotion to honor the beloved saint. The celebration began with the Holy Mass, followed by the distribution of *Nercha Bhakshanam* to all participants, fostering a deep sense of community and spiritual joy. As a token of gratitude, gifts were also distributed to the volunteers who dedicated their time and efforts to make the event a success.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

Birthday Celebration: The community joyfully celebrated the birthday of Sr. Mamta on 5th July with heartfelt wishes and prayers. It was a simple yet meaningful occasion shared with love and gratitude.

Student Leadership Election: The general election for Head Boy and Head Girl was held on 11th July with great enthusiasm and participation. Students actively engaged in the democratic process, casting their votes to elect their new leaders. The event encouraged a spirit of responsibility and leadership among the students.

Mothers workshop: Mothers workshop on "Teenage Troubles, Timeless Love - Let's Nurture Not Neglect. It was conducted for the students from 7th to 10th on 15th July.

Investiture Ceremony: The Investiture Ceremony was held on 26th July with dignity and pride as the newly elected student leaders took their oath of office. Badges were presented, symbolizing their roles and responsibilities. It was a proud moment for the school community, highlighting the values of leadership and commitment.



LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Monthly Recollection: Rev. Fr. Tony T. from Adilabad Diocese led the monthly recollection with deep spiritual insight. It was a meaningful day of prayer that left the brothers spiritually enriched and renewed.

F1 Examinations for PU brothers: Our brothers had written their F1 Examinations and it was a challenging step for them to go through all the examinations.

Birthday celebration: Brothers and sisters have celebrated their birthday and community prayed for them for



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Birthday Celebrations: The entire community, including our Khammam missionaries and sisters, gathered for a joyful birthday celebration of Rev.Fr. Manibushan. We celebrated with a special Mass, followed by a communal supper.

LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Calligraphy Program: This month, we launched a calligraphy program for students on July 8th. The goal is to help students improve their handwriting. We are excited that this program will also offer state-level awards for students who excel in handwriting competitions.

Mega PTM for Guinness World Record: Following instructions from the AP government, our school held a mega Parent-Teacher Meeting on July 10th as part of an effort to set a Guinness World Record. During the event, we distributed plants to both parents and students.

Election of School Leaders: The new school leaders for the 2025-26 academic year were elected on July 15th.

ILM Program Introduced: An English enhancement program called the **Institution of Language Management (ILM)** was introduced to the school on July 21st. We have already started to see a positive change in our students.

"Know Yourself" Awareness Program: A special awareness program called "Know Yourself" was conducted for boys and girls from classes 6 to 10. The sessions were led by Sister Jissa Mariya SABS, a professional teacher and psychologist.

School Anniversary Day: La Salette Vidyanilayam English Medium School celebrated its 13th foundation day on July 28th. We marked the special occasion with a cake-cutting ceremony, distribution of sweets, and teachers offering personal well wishes to the management.

Investiture Day: Our school's colourful and beautiful Investiture Day ceremony took place on July 31st, Fr. Manibushan was the chief guest for the program.

ST. JOSEPH'S RCM CHURCH, THORREDU, AP

Grandparents' Day Celebration: On Sunday, July 27th, we celebrated Grandparents' Day at the parish. Our parish priest, Father Manibushan, honoured all grandparents over the age of 60 by presenting them with a towel.



LA SALETTE AUSTRALIA, FR. KURIAKOSE CHENNELIL M.S

Our Three Parish Churches: A Shared Faith, A Rich History. Pambula Parish is home to three churches—St Peter’s (Pambula), St Joseph’s (Merimbula), and Star of the Sea (Eden)—each with a unique history and enduring contribution to our Catholic life on the Far South Coast.

1. St Peter’s Church, Pambula: St Peter’s is the oldest church in the parish, dating back to 1860. It was built by early settlers with the support of pioneering clergy who travelled vast distances to serve the faithful. The church stands as a testament to the perseverance of those early Catholic families and continues to be a cherished place of worship.

2. St Joseph’s Church, Merimbula: St Joseph’s was built in the mid-20th century to accommodate the growing Catholic community in the Merimbula area. As the region developed, the church grew to become the main centre for parish liturgies and special occasions. Its light-filled interior and coastal views make it a welcoming space for locals and visitors alike.

3. Star of the Sea Church, Eden: Star of the Sea was established in the early 1900s, serving the strong fishing and maritime community of Eden. The name reflects both the town’s seafaring heritage and Mary, Star of the Sea, who watches over those who journey by water. The church continues to be a beacon of hope and prayer for the people of Eden.

Together, these churches reflect the faith, heritage, and dedication of generations of Catholics who have lived and worshipped in this beautiful part of the world. Though each church has its own story, we remain one parish family—united in Christ and strengthened by our shared history.





Important
Dates

06. Birthday of Fr. Manjaly Mathew MS.

24. Ordination Anniversary of Porathur Joy MS.

31. Birthday of Fr. Palatty Anson MS.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY TO ALL