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Message

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Greetings and prayerful wishes from Bishop's House, Thuckalay

Return to the Lord Your God.

Once again, we are at the doors of the Lenten season, which infuses in us a desire for spiritual enrichment and fraternal charity and leads us to the eternal glory of the Paschal mysteries of Christ, passion, death and resurrection.

During these 40 days of lent we determine to 'remove something to make room for one thing'. That one thing is 'Pursuing God with Greater Intensity'. The fervent experience with God will disclose our true self as we are, and the need for healing. It is attainable through the means of deep interior silence, introspection and admitting our fallibilities with humility, honesty and allowing God to make His dwelling among us (Jn 14:23).

Prayer: Is Love For God

Fasting: Is Love For Oneself

Giving: Is Love For Others

The hallmark of consecrated men and women is "PATIENCE" says Pope Francis. Patience in tribulation and hardships will promote endurance and unshakable faith. On the other hand, impatience can result in losing hope. St. Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation. "Be reconciled to God (2 Cor 5:20). During this lent may we be increasingly concerned with "Speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not the words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn" (Fratelli Tutti - 223). Thus dialogue is the only way to open the doors of forgiveness and reconciliation at an individual and communitarian level.

As Christians, through a common discernment, we have the task of transforming this critical phase of our history into an occasion for a missionary conversion of pastoral care, while, at the same time, we confront the men of our time to offer a correct interpretation of the events that they stimulate us to a new start. We are called above all to a "Presence of Hope", which invokes paths of communion and co-responsibility, through a work of reconciliation for the benefit of all,

starting with the most vulnerable and the least of society. No one is left alone in the face of the psychological, economic and spiritual upheaval we are experiencing.

The data we receive record alarming situations, deriving from loneliness, social isolation, the increase in diseases related to mental illness, and new forms of poverty. Above all, the sick, the young, the elderly, the disabled, and families reduced to poverty by the economic crisis are the categories that particularly question us. In this regard, I can't close my pen without expressing my heartfelt gratitude towards all of you for your selfless and loving concern for each member of the Diocese of Thuckalay. I am sure that it is the grace of the Lord, which inspires us to go beyond our lives to help others.

There is no better time to reconnect with or deepen one's faith than Lent. During this time, we can draw closer to God as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Indeed, without this means of grace, we cannot eradicate evil from our lives and bear fruits of peace, hope and love. So it is a favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word and sacraments. May the Lenten season help us to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life, who need a sympathetic presence, to stand with stumble and fall, give hope to hopeless and to uphold the abandoned and neglected.

Dear friends in Jesus Christ, I assure you our sincere prayers during these days of Lent, which may bring good tidings of LIFE. May God bless you all and Mother Mary protect and guide us.



+ **George Rajendran sdb**
Bishop of Thuckalay

**CHERUPUSHPA MISSION LEAGUE
PLATINUM JUBILEE CLOSING CEREMONY
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CML Platinum Jubilee Closing Ceremony

Cherupushpa Mission League (CML) is an indigenous pious organization for Catholic children, founded in 1947 at Bharananganam in Kerala by Rev. Fr. Joseph Maliparambil and Mr. P. C. Abraham Pallattukunnel (Kunjettan) under the saintly leadership of His Excellency Mar James Kalassery, the then Bishop of Changanassery and it was officially inaugurated by His Excellency Mar Thomas Tharayil, Bishop of Kottayam on 03 October 1947. CML has St. Theresa of Lisieux as its heavenly patroness and St. Thomas, St. Francis Xavier and St. Alphonsas as its co-patrons. Pope Leo XIII prophesied that the salvation of India is in the hands of her children. Taking the words of the Holy Father as the motto, this organization is meant for the lay apostolate in the various dioceses of India and now spread to several foreign countries as well. This year marks 75 years of CML mission.

The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated globally in all the Dioceses in the Syro-Malabar Church. The concluding celebration at the Syro-Malabar Church level was held in our Diocese at Kalluviali on 29 January 2023. The day's programme began with the meeting of delegates held at





Sangamam, Pastoral Centre of the Diocese with 98 delegates from different Dioceses. Mr. BinojPalliparampil, National President of CML hoisted the CML flag and His Excellency Mar Thomas Tharayil, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Changanacherry inaugurated the meeting and presented a paper on the theme 'CML to the next 25 years'.

The Solemn Holy Eucharist was presided over by His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb and concelebrated by His Excellencies Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy, Bishop of Belthangady, Mar Paul Alappatt, Bishop of Ramanathapuram and Mar Sebastian Pozholiparampil, Bishop of Hossur.

The public function was attended by a large number of people. His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb welcomed the guests, His Excellency Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy inaugurated the programme and the National President delivered the Presidential address. His Excellency Mar Joseph Perumthottam, Archbishop of Changanacherry delivered the keynote address. His Excellencies Mar Sebastian Pozholiparampil, Mar Paul Alappatt and CML Representatives from various states and national coordinators felicitated the event.

The mission league Mega Rally of CML children was organised from Kalluvilai to Kattathurai. Rev. Fr. Thomas Powathuparampil, Vicar General, flagged off the Mega Rally in which about 3500 people including guests, delegates, priests, religious, laity and children participated. The concluding meeting was held at the end of the Rally at Kattathurai school campus. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the Mission League Rally. While we remember the founders with gratitude, the Syro-Malabar Church is committed to strengthening the Church with the formation of children and taking several initiatives of Faith with them.





Elevation of St. Chavara Mission Parish

On 03 January 2023, Kuttaicode 'Mission Station' was erected to 'St. Chavara Mission Parish' on the feast of their patron saint, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara. It has been a moment of great happiness and pride for the 20 Catholic families as they kept their faith alive witnessing the values of Christ. The feast was celebrated joyfully with His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb concelebrating the Holy Eucharist with Rev. Fr. Joshy Kulathumkal, Chancellor of the Diocese, Rev. Fr. Augustine Thalodil, Forane Vicar of Manjalumoodu Forane, and Fathers from the Diocesan Curia and the Forane. During the Holy Eucharist, Rev. Fr. Joshy Kulathumkal, Chancellor of the Diocese read the decree of the erection of the Parish and Rev. Fr. Augustine Thalodil, Forane Vicar of Manjalumoodu Forane read the decree of the appointment of the first Parish Priest of Kuttaicode Mission Parish. Besides the faithful of the new Mission Parish, a good number of religious sisters and the faithful from Malaicode Parish participated and prayed for the new Parish.



It is important to mention that this small community of a handful of families formed an *Uraviams* (SCC) of Holy Cross Church, Malaicode. As a result of constant mission works, the number of faithful increased and on 02 February 2019, a mission station was blessed at Kuttaicode. The Diocese has taken into account the need for the continual spiritual and pastoral care of these 20 families.

Bible Fest for Students



The Bible Fest, a Diocesan level competition, was conducted on 14 January 2023 at Sacred Heart Forane Church, Padanthalumoodu. It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Jose Muttathupadam, Parish Priest of Nithravilai and Rev. Sr. Bindhu Chacko MMM (Missionaries of Mary Mediatrix), Principal of the Sacred Heart Matriculation School, Padanthalumoodu felicitated the event. We have been encouraged by the participation of 452 students in various competitions. The concluding function was presided over by Rev. Fr. Thomas Powathuparampil, Vicar General, father and Mr. Mariadhas distributed awards to the winners. We congratulate all the participants for their active participation and appreciate the organisers for their hard work.




Priests' Recollection

A half-day spiritual recollection for all the Priests of the Diocese was held on 17 January 2023 at St. Mother Theresa Church, Kalluvilai. The recollection began with the welcome and introductory talk by Rev. Fr. Thomas Powathuparampil, Vicar General of the Diocese. Rev. Bro. X. Varghese, President of St. Michael's Retreat Team, Kumali was the preacher and he shared his personal experiences and invited all the priests to acknowledge the special call God has given to them as God's representatives.


During the Holy Hour, time was given to everyone to make the sacrament of reconciliation. It was a special time for the priests to experience the powerful presence of God and to feel the brotherly communion of Priests in the Diocese. A simple family meal was served after the prayer at Kanyakumari Social Service Society (KKSSS), the social arm of the Diocese Thuckalay. We appreciate the efforts of the Director of Sinai Retreat Centre for organising the recollection.



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Tenkasi Mission Silver Jubilee Conclusion

The Diocese of Thuckalay began missionary work in the territory of Shenkottai, a single Taluk in the District of Thirunelveli which is 160 kilometers away from Thuckalay, soon after the erection of the Diocese. Just one year before the erection of the Diocese, Rev. Fathers from the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (MCBS) started a Centre for mission works. After the erection of the Diocese, two courageous missionaries, Rev. Fr. Mathew Kuzhinjalil and Rev. Fr. Peter Kizhakkal, were sent to Shenkottai to initiate the mission work. As the fruit of evangelization, the first baptism was administered in 1999 and at present, there are four established parishes and twelve mission stations/centers.





When the Tirunelveli district was divided, the Shenkottaitaluk came under Tenkasi district. The conclusion of the Silver Jubilee of Tenkasi Mission was celebrated solemnly on 22 January 2023 at St. Mary's Church, Vanchinagar. The day's programme started at Border pastoral centre with the gathering of the pioneer missionaries, Rev. Fr Mathew Kuzhinjalil, Rev. Fr. Peter Kizhakkal and Rev. Fr. Thomas Pottampampil MCBS. They shared their happy and Sacrificial hardship moments while starting the mission. A solemn reception for the Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist was accorded to the pioneers, who were accompanied by His Excellency Mar George

Rajendran sdb. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Bishop, and concelebrated by the Fathers from mission territories along with the delegates from different parts of the Diocese. A good number of faithful from Tenkasi mission and Religious Sisters were also present for the event. Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist was followed by a public meeting in which the missionaries shared their experiences, well-wishers of the mission felicitated the event and representatives from parishes and institutions staged cultural events. A fellowship meal was organized, which brought joyous moments to the celebration.



KKSSS: PONGAL *Celebrations*

Kanyakumari Social Service Society (KKSSS), the social arm of the Diocese of Thuckalay, celebrated its Patron's Day, St. Devasayam Day on 16 January 2023 and Pongal, the harvest festival of Tamils on 16 January 2023. The participants attended enthusiastically in both events. The performances included prayer songs, dances and other cultural activities by the staff and Educare students. On these occasions, scholarships were distributed to the Educare students. The beneficiaries for the KKSSS goat rearing project were increased as seven economically poor families were chosen and through the Self Help Groups (SHGs), they were provided with a goat each to enhance their livelihoods.



You can come forward to partner the Educare Sponsorship Program of the Diocese of Thuckalay.

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CARE YOUR HEART

Health Awareness in Schools

The Diocesan Health Commission organized a half-day seminar on the theme 'Save Your Heart' for the students in different schools from 9 to 12 January 2023. The schools that participated on the three days had been St. James High School, Valiyavilai, Mar Mathew Kavukattu Memorial High School, Varuthattu, Holy Family Higher Secondary School, Mukkoottukal, and Holy Family High School, Arukani. Along with the health awareness class, the event was enriched with cultural programmes, a rally and the choreography of the theme song. Rev. Sr. Josephine, Secretary of the Health Commission of the Tamilnadu Bishops' Council (TNBC) was the main resource person. Rev. Srs Dayana, Libiya and Sajitha, assisted in the animation of the students. Rev. Fr. John Paul, Corporate Correspondent of Tamil Medium Schools inaugurated the seminars. We are happy that a total of about 3000 students benefited from these seminars.



Minor Seminary Honours Parents HOME DAY



The saying 'happiness held is the seed; happiness shared is the flower' is the perfect description of St. Mary's minor seminary's home day celebration. The 24th Home day was celebrated, in a solemn manner, on the auspicious morning of 26 January 2023. Along with His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb, the day was blessed with the presence of Professors, Parents and relatives of seminarians, and parish priests of their Home Parish. The celebration started with a prayer service at the chapel of the seminary. Thereafter, various cultural events were held at the auditorium. Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Joji Marangattu



CMI, welcomed the gathering and in the address, His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb appreciated the seminarians and encouraged and thanked the parents for their great faith and witness by sending their sons for the mission of God and His kingdom. His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb released the magazine 'Luminare' and honoured the seminarians who won the various competitions held in the year 2022 – 2023.



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Cemetery Chapel Blessing

His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb blessed the newly constructed cemetery chapel of Holy Family Church, Mukkoottukal on 23 January 2023 on the concluding day of the Church Feast. After the Solemn Eucharistic celebration, the Bishop

blessed the common chapel for the cemetery of both the parishioners and priests of our Diocese. It may be mentioned that a special place has been set apart to construct the tombs for priests of the Diocese.



Feast of Denha



Denha is the feast of the great revelation of Jesus as the Light of the World. Jesus is the real Sun that dawned in the world through Incarnation. During the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth, the public did not recognize him as the real Sun who illuminates the whole of humanity. He was manifested to the public by God the Father at his Baptism. In our Diocese, the great Feast of Denha was celebrated on 06 January 2023 in all our parishes. Taking inspiration from Northern Kerala, the parishes observed Pindi Perunnal by decorating the plantain trunk with lighted lamps. Solemn Holy Eucharist was celebrated in every Parish and Mission Centre to commemorate the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. It was encouraging to see the great enthusiasm in the faithful.





Blessing of Grotto and renovated *Kurusadi*

We are very happy that the faithful of the Diocese continues to grow in acts of piety and deep faith. St. Antony's Church, Vayalinkarai is blessed to have a new Grotto and they renovated the Kursadi. Rev. Fr. Thomas Powathuparampil, Vicar General of the Diocese, celebrated solemn Holy Eucharist and then blessed the Grotto and

Kurusadi on 11 January 2023. We congratulate the parish priest and the parishioners for the initiatives taken to complete the work in a short period. We pray that the faithful continue to grow closer to God and undertake acts of charity for the welfare of fellow human beings and mother earth.

CONGRATULATIONS

His Excellency Mar John Panamthottathil CMI
Diocese of Melbourne, Australia





SMYM LEADERS' TRAINING AND PONGAL CELEBRATION

Leaders' Training and Pongal, the harvest festival of Tamils, were jointly conducted on 16 January 2023 by the Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) at Kalluvilai. The morning session was animated by Rev. Fr. Arul Antony sdb, Director of Vazhikatti, Trichy. The resource person spoke of the importance of living together with Jesus. He also motivated the youth to share their spiritual experiences. In the Afternoon Pongal, the Tamil Cultural Festival was celebrated with Kolam (Floor Decoration), and sweet and other team-building competitions were held. The programme was attended by 60 youths from the various Parishes and Mission Centres of the Diocese.

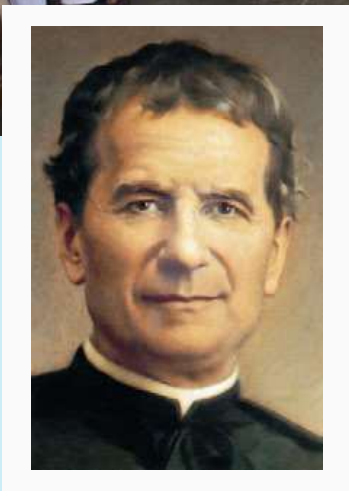




Bible Fest for Catechism Teachers

The Bible Fest for Teachers, a Forane-level competition for teachers was conducted on 26 January 2023 at Sacred Heart Forane Church, Padanthalumoodu. The competitions in the morning were held for Manjalumoodu, Nithiravilai, and Padanthalumoodu Foranes and in the afternoon, the competitions took place for Kaliyal, Arukani, Thuckalay-Pilankalai and Soosaiapuram Foranes. The moment was blessed by the active participation of 318 teachers. In the Bible Quiz that was conducted, 76 teachers participated.





DON BOSCO FEAST CELEBRATED

St. John Bosco, father and teacher of youth, when he was only nine years old, learned through a dream that he was called to dedicate his life to the education of the young.

Through his style of education based on reason, religion and loving-kindness (which he called the Preventive System), Don Bosco helped young people to think seriously about their lives, to encounter Christ, to learn about their faith, to receive the sacraments, to accept their companions, and to involve themselves in apostolic and professional activities. Among the finest fruits of his pedagogy was the 15-year-old St Dominic Savio.

The feast of Don Bosco was celebrated at Sangamam, the Pastoral Centre of the Diocese on 31 January 2022. Forane Vicars, Fathers from Thuckalay-Pilankalai Forane, Provincial Superiors and Representatives from neighbouring Religious communities of Bishop's House were invited. The programme began with a prayer session conducted by Rev. Fr. Michael Arokiasamy sdb, Co-Correspondent and Director of Academics of St. Alphonsa College of Arts and Science. During the short gathering, Rev. Fr. Joshy Kulathumkal, Chancellor of the Diocese welcomed the invitees, the CMC and SABS Sisters presented a meaningful song on Don Bosco and Rev. Sr. Ancilin, FCC, Provincial of San Joe Province and Rev. Fr. Toji Parambilparambil felicitated the event.



Syro-Malabar Synod

The Synod of the Syro-Malabar Church was held from 09 to 14 January 2023 after three days of prayer and retreat at the Archiepiscopal Curia, Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad. The Fathers of the Synod tried to study the contemporary issues that affect the Church and to seek the will of God, in a prayerful atmosphere. The Synod assessed realistically the pastoral difficulties faced by the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly in implementing the uniform mode of celebration

of the Holy Eucharist. Since the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly is currently under the jurisdiction of the Apostolic Administrator, the Synod cannot take any decision on the issues concerning the Archdiocese. It is a notable achievement that the Synod could bring out a renewed text of the Liturgy of the Hours of the Church. His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb participated actively in the Synod.



VOCATION AND MISSION

REV. FR ANTONY MAHESH IN DEDICATED SERVICE TO UPHOLD HUMAN DIGNITY

Institution of Catholic Priesthood is above all human definitions. Certain times we ask ourselves, what does it mean to be a priest? What distinguishes him from others? It may be difficult to get a categorical answer to these questions or to understand with our human intelligence alone. Today, it becomes more complicated with a techno-AI centric world, where man doesn't want to relate himself physically with others. Priesthood is a fruit and exhibition of a relation – strong relation between man and God, through the Sacrifice called Holy Eucharist. It means the fulfilment of God's promise to be with us in the most intimate and efficacious way until the end of time. We are very happy to present the vocation and mission of one young priest in Rev. Fr M. Antony Mahesh.

Rev. Fr Mahesh was born in Athencode on 16 April 1987, as the first son of his parents, Mr. P. Manoharan and Mrs. K. Santhakumari. He has two younger sisters. Athencode is very famous for Athencode Asan, one of the superior poets of Sangam period of Tamil history. Tamil first grammar book Tolkappiam was officially released under his presidency.

Rev. Fr Mahesh started his nursery education in St. Maria Goretti Kindergarten. Primary education was at Government Middle School, Madichel and Higher Secondary education at St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Thiruthuvapuram. From his childhood, he developed the sense of wonder and purpose driven life. This was seen in his full involvement in activities that benefited the people. He maintained a very close and healthy relationship with St. Maria Goretti Church, Athencode. He received very good counsel and guidance from his parents who are very God-fearing. Rev. Fr Philip Kodiyanthara and Rev. Fr Zacharias Cherunilam instilled in him strong ideals and need for social involvement in every human being. He understood the very mission of the Church in their lives. He never waited for the priests or sisters to instruct him to do things, rather he was the first one to jump into activity in any given situation. He made the Church as his home; beside his time in the school, he was always found in the Church performing one good act after another. He went on to obtain a Degree in Commerce from St. Jude's Arts and Science College, Thoothoor.

From a very early age, Rev. Fr Mahesh had shown leadership qualities. He was elected many times as catechism students' leader,





Mission League leader, a leader in the Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) and St. Vincent de Paul Society. He held different positions at the Parish, Regional and Diocesan levels. He drew lot of inspiration from Mr. Sounder Raj, one of the great leaders in St. Vincent de Paul Society. While working with him, he developed a strong sense of commitment for the cause of the poor. His very life and involvement in Church and public activities made Mahesh a role model for many children and youth.

Rev. Fr Mahesh was a member of Goodwill Arts and Sports Club, Kokkudivilai introducing several activities for the benefit of the people. He ably organized his friends and established Vidiyal Foundation for social work in Athencode.

He began his working career as a tele caller in SERCO BPO at Pursivakam, Chennai. He went on to work as a marketing executive in Club Mahindra Holidays City Centre,

Chennai. It was while he was working in the corporate world that he began to think seriously about his life and its meaning. At these moments, the basic believe and love of the Lord and dedicating his life to Him became strong and found meaningfulness in his life. While he was working in Chennai, he lost his mother due to breast cancer. That was a big blow in the life of young Mahesh. He returned to work in his home District of Kanniyakumari as Accountant in Paul Merchants Ltd, Marthandam, and later worked as Credit Executive in HDFC Bank, Thuckalay.

It took some years for him to discern and decide about his Divine calling. He had to fulfil the commitment as a dedicated son and much more as a brother of two sisters in settling them in marriage, before he could hand him over to the Lord in total commitment to His ministry. Besides, humanly speaking, he sorts all the spiritual help, prayer and support in order to make sure that the decision he was going to make is once

and for all. He met His Excellency Mar George Rajendran sdb and sought his counsel. Once he finally said YES to the Lord, there was a tremendous change in the life of Rev. Fr Mahesh. He committed himself fully to the priestly formation process while he was 27 years of age at St. Mary's Minor Seminary at Mukkuttukal. By then, he had fulfilled his commitment in getting his two dear sisters married. Though he was very senior in age compared to other seminarians, with all his humility, he went through the formative process in the minor seminary and major seminary formation at Good Shepherd Major seminary, Kunnot and Don Bosco Theological Centre, Kavarapet, Chennai.

He was ordained a Deacon on 8 April 2021. He did his diaconate ministry in Madurai mission. At this time the Madurai mission was in its infant stages when other missionaries were pondering on where to go what to do, it was Dn. Mahesh who took courage and visited the villages in and around the great Madurai city. He would gather the children regularly for tuition classes and for other life-oriented



skill training. Within three months he became a friend and well-wisher of every one in those villages. His commitment to the responsibility is beyond one's imagination. This was seen even during his regency mission at Kanyakumari Social Service Society (KKSSS), the social arm of the Diocese of Thuckalay. He was well known to everyone around the Kalluviali. He was able to bring together the children and the needy and guide them on the path of life.

Among the many God given gifts, Rev. Fr Mahesh possesses gift of Tamil Language, probably running through the veins of the people of Athencode, the home of the Asan of Sangam fame. He loves Tamil and contributes to the maximum to its growth and development in the Diocese. While he was in the seminary, he wrote articles, and he became an associate editor for the Parisal magazine for Don Bosco Theological Center, Chennai. He is a prolific reader and thinker. During his priestly formation, Rev. Fr Mahesh prepared the Tamil book on Holy Mass, *Paschavin Thirunalinile*.





Rev. Fr. Antony Mahesh was ordained as a priest on 23 April 2022. The priestly ordination has been a beautiful moment of joy and he cherishes this important moment of laying of the holy hands of the Bishop on him. He gratefully recalls the greatest gift of priesthood that the Lord has bestowed upon him. With the gift of ordination, Fr Mahesh continues his love for the Lord in serving humanity.

Today, he serves the Diocese of Thuckalay as the Assistant Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church, Kunnuvilai, as Assistant Director of Kanyakumari Social Service Society, Director of Health Commission of the Diocese, Forane Director of Catechism, Vocation Commission and Catholic Mission League of Padanthalumoodu Forane. The Diocese of Thuckalay rejoices for this precious gift of the priesthood.

Rev. Fr Mahesh is a unique personality, a person who lives his life to the fullest. It can truly be stated that he lives his life fully in the world, at the same time, not of the world. His sense of commitment and duty-bound actions are the best examples which speak about his personality. As a human being, every one finds acceptance and appreciation in his company. His fine character, pleasant dealing and soft intervention make others befriend him and long for, enjoy and benefit in his company. He is a person who never speaks ill of anyone even when someone hurts him intentionally. Giving respect to the individual and upholding their dignity are of utmost importance to Rev. Fr Antony Mahesh.



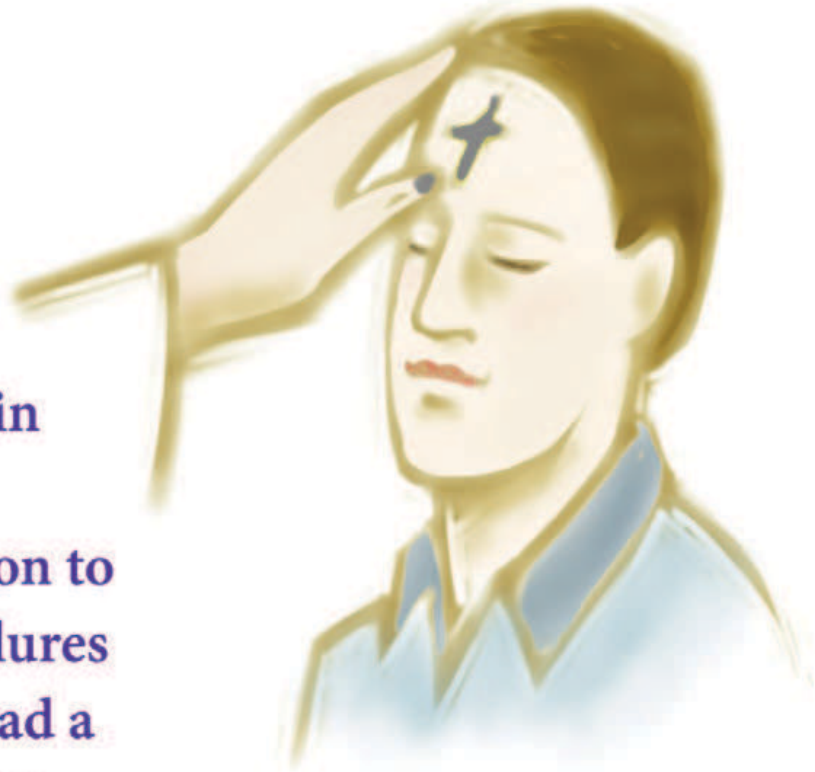
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Ash Monday

A holy day to observe in
fasting and prayer

May it bring true contrition to
our conscience on the failures
And let it inspire us to lead a
renewed life in holiness

*Wishing you a meaningful
season of lent!*



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