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### FR. GENERAL APPOINTS

Fr. Francis Pudhicherry S.J. (GUJ): Rector, DNC

Fr. Nirmal Raj S.J. (DUM): Rector, Vidyajyoti

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#### **Effective from April 02, 2021**

Fr. Thomas NP: St. Xavier's Social Service Center, Director, HRDRC Minister

Fr. Rajasekaran: Nepal Jesuit Social Institute, Finance Officer, Minister & Additional Responsibility

Fr. Paul Chemparathy: Nepal Jesuit Social Institute

David Donald Minj: St. Xavier's Deonia, Minister & teacher

Bro. Broney Bede Chettri (DAR): St. Xavier's Godavari, Minister

Fr. Dilip Toppo: Vocation Promoter

Fr. Greg Sharkey: attached to Campion House

#### **Effective from May 12, 2021**

Fr. Augustus Ekka: Nepal Jesuit Social Institute, Regional Center, Kavre, Minister & Additional Responsibility

Fr. Manu Mathew: Good Shepherd Parish, Tipling, Assistant Parish Priest

Fr. Michael Parent: St. Xavier's Deonia, Jhapa, Acting Superior

Fr. Bill Robins: St. Xavier's Jawalakhel, Students Counselor

Zacharias Surin (RAN): Moran Memorial School, Maheshpur, Regency

#### **Additional Responsibility effective from April 02, 2021**

Fr. Nicholas Christuraj: Moran Memorial School and Faber House Treasurer

Fr. Sanctius Beck: Faber House Minister

Fr. Anup Minj: Tipling, Mission In Charge

Bro. Irenius Guria: St. Xavier's Sadakbari School Treasurer

#### **Frontier Mission effective from June 16, 2021**

Fr. Dilip Toppo and Bro. Clarence Joseph: Province 2. Attached to Campion House

Fr. Arul Selvam and Fr. Jomon Jose (after completion of studies): Karnali Pradesh. Attached to St. Xavier's Jawalakhel

#### **Theology**

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#### **Higher Studies**

Ashish Ekka: MBS, St. Xavier's College, Kathmandu, St. Xavier's Jawalakhel, teacher

Deepak Jans: MBS, St. Xavier's College, Kathmandu, Campion House & additional responsibility

#### **Juniorate**

Anthony Hemrom: Vinayalaya, Bombay

# St. Xavier's School, Godavari



“In the face of adversity, we have a choice. We can be bitter, or we can be better.”

On 1st of February, the school resumed the physical classes for 10, 11 and 12. Same day an Orientation

tract. Fr. Bill was busy with his physics classes and also available to give a day recollection to Salesian fathers in Lubu. Fr. Lawrence M. also gave online seminar to teachers in India. Fr. Samuel kept himself busy in planning and recruiting teaching staff for the school.

In Ashram various groups have used the premises like Manmohan college students, Church pastors and NGOs. From July 12 to August 13 a month long retreat is going to be held at Godavari Ashram for Congregation of Jesus (CJ) Tertiaries guided by Fr. Pierre Jacob, S.J. (CCU).

Now Ashram building is opened to use for seminars, meetings and retreats. You are most welcome to use the premises in new normal.

We have a normal then as you move outside of your comfort zone, what was once the unknown and frightening becomes your new normal.

*SXG correspondent.*



Class 11 & 12 resume attending physical classes

programme for class 11 was conducted by the school. SXG land is yet to be settled. Fr. David and Subarna K.C. continued to work with new district officials like SSP and CDO. They seemed to be good listeners.

On February 8 Public hearing at city hall was organized by urban development team where Fr. Samuel with the school staff, Mr. Subarna K. C., Mr. Sano Nepali and Mr. Ratan Tamang attended. The school also shared their views and suggestions. Last year the school had lost two dogs, eaten by leopard. This month a little dog called “SHINGHAM” has replaced them. The second week the school resumed physical classes for Standard 8 and 9.

On 16th of February, the community celebrated “Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday” with sumptuous meal sans dance, parade and colors.

During Region days all community members were present at St. Xavier's Jawalakhel (SXJ). After the Region Days Sch. Ashish and Deepak Jans joined their scholastic programme in Panchkal, Kavre dis-



new bhote dog “SHINGHAM”



# ST. XAVIER'S JAWALAKHEL

Fr. Sanjay Ekka had gone home for the requiem mass for his mother which was held on 31 of Dec. and he came back to Kathmandu on 30 of January after spending some time at home.

Region Day program was organized at St. Xavier's school Jawalakhel from February 19 -20. The first day of the Region Day, Bishop Paul Simick presided over the opening mass in the Jesuit community chapel and on the second day Fr. Amrit Rai concluded the Region Day with the Holy Eucharist. Jesuits

stayed in different communities. However, Eight Fathers from Maheshpur, Deonia and Godavari stayed at St. Xavier's Jesuit community. Br. Hermon meticulously planned and gave his best to provide accommodation and delicious meals. Thank you, Br. Hermon. Fr. Tomson is busy with his Master's study. He was having online classes and recently for a few days he had physical classes in the University and now he has got study leave for the final exam.

The beauty of the school premises is gradually getting back as step-by-step classes are being started af-

ter a long period of time. The students are happy to come back to the school. On 7 of February, regular class began for Class 11 and 12.

Following the Lalitpur Municipality's directives of running the physical classes, we had meetings with parents and gathered the opinion and consent of the parents whether to run the school or not. However, the opinion of parents' is 50/50, for and against. Hence the school administration decided to run the school and began with classes 10, 9 and 8.

On 15 of February Class 10 began with the Exam and followed the regular classes. On 22 of February class 8 and 9 also began their exams. On 1st of March onwards classes 6 and 7 will commence the regular classes.

A few development works are in progress in the school. A bridge between auditorium and Law block is being built and the iron staircase is being added up to the newly constructed hall.

*Fr. Sanjay*



## HRDRC

Fr. Amrit is busy attending various meetings in schools, colleges of ours and also visiting often the Municipality officials. Due to such meetings he was compelled to cancel his trip to Patna recently to participate in Patna Jesuit Centenary celebration. Fr. Mathew went to Jhapa Mission with Mr. Kiran Maharjan to check community and school account bookkeeping and also give brief individual workshop to accountants. From Jhapa, he is heading to Patna to represent Nepal Region in the Centenary celebration of Patna Jesuit Province. Fr. Juel came out negative of Corona sickness and is back to his office desk. He has also resumed his part time teaching in the college. Fr. Paul Chemparathy has been

staying with us for last few weeks. During the Region Days our community members in dispersion from Tipling and Pokhara stayed with us. Frs. Mike and Anup extended their stay for few more days for Visa work and Master studies respectively.

*Juel Kispotta*



Frs. Mathew and Tek at Mai khola (river)

# CAMPION HOUSE

All the classes are in full swing physically. In the meantime, admissions for the new batches are also underway. Entrance examinations and interviews for some of the bachelor programs have been completed and admissions are taking place. For the

While all the other members attended the Region Days at SXJ, Cap decided to stay back. His discernment was made easier by a minor spasm of his back. We were happy to have our house full after a long time with four Jhapa Jesuits spending the nights



*Mr. Kunda Dixit, the chief guest is welcomed by Principal, Fr. Augustine*

science and computer faculties, we await the TU entrance examinations and processes. First semester classes for the new batch of BSW students have begun already.

Finally, we were able to have the graduation ceremony for the Plus 2 batch of 2018 – 20. Mr. Kunda Dixit was the chief guest. The principal during their years in the college delivered a message virtually as he was able to be present only in spirit.

Social Service, Technology and Environment Council, popularly known as the SET Council is gearing up for the 8th cycle rally on 6 March and the 26th exhibition on 12 March. Those interested are requested to mark your calendars.

Loyola Block was full of life as the A Level students were having their SAS activities. They also availed the facilities at SXJ for their sports activities on two Saturdays. BSW department is gearing up for the Social Work Week celebrations.

We request your prayers for Benny, the elder brother of Augustine and Thomson who is admitted in the ICU. A proper diagnosis is yet to take place but the doctors suspect rat fever.

with us during the region days.

Robert has begun his classes at the College besides delving deeply into the research activities. We know summer has arrived because Robert is not wearing his woolen cap anymore! All the other community members also keep themselves fully occupied with the various tasks associated with their responsibilities and keep themselves fit by playing basketball, going for cycling or walks.

Jiju left for Kerala on 25th to celebrate the first death anniversary memorial Mass for his father. The newly introduced health protocols require him to stay in quarantine for 7 days, get a RT-PCR test done after the quarantine and if the result is negative, he can get out.

'Beware of dogs' board on Campion House gate once again has some relevance as our former dog kancha is back with a new kanchi. While most dogs bark when someone opens the gate, kancha gives a welcome howl in his own way. Hopefully, kanchi won't learn such a lesson from kancha and do what dogs are normally supposed to do!

*Campion Jesuit Source*





# ARRUPE NIWAS

On 2nd of January 2021, Fr Vijay P. Toppo S.J. professed his Final Vows at the Arrupe Niwas



*Seniour students guide juniors*

Jhapa and our collaborator Sisters of Jhapa. Hearty Congratulations to Fr Vijay P. Toppo S.J! After the Mass we had a short felicitation program followed by a sumptuous dinner.

On January 17, 2021 Fr. Arul and Fr. Boniface went to St. Mary's School, Biratnagar for the blessing of the newly constructed convent. Fr. Boniface offered the Holy Eucharist and Blessed the Convent.

Fr. Arul went to Rajganj, India to meet scholastics and Pre-Novices at Matigarha. We were happy to have Fr. Jomon for data collection for his Ph.D study. Fr. Daniel made



*School staff picnic*

a short home visit at the end of January. Fr. Am-

rit Rai and Fr. Augustine visited us before going to Matigara for joint consult. On February 17, 2021 the Arrupe Niwas community went to Kathmandu for Region Days. The scholastics had their one-day Recollection and get together at Nepal Jesuit Social Institute Regional Center, Panchkal. We were happy to have Fr. Mathew A, and Mr. Kiran for the internal Auditing of our school and community.

The school started the regular physical classes. It is a wonderful feeling of having all the students back to the school. In the middle of January, the school



*Sch. Wilson instructs a junior class*

conducted Cycle Test for all the students. On January 29, 2021 the School teaching and non-teaching staff went for picnic to Kalika Simsar. On February 13, 2021 the Green Club

students with their guide Mrs. Babita Gurung had their plant caring and plant beautification activities. Deonia mass centre had their Family Day celebration at the end of January. Fr. Arul celebrated Mass for the faithful highlighting the importance of family and prayed for all the families to become like that of the Holy family of Nazareth. Kudos to all Deonia youth for organizing the Family Day celebration a memorable one.

*Sch. Wilson Kandulna*

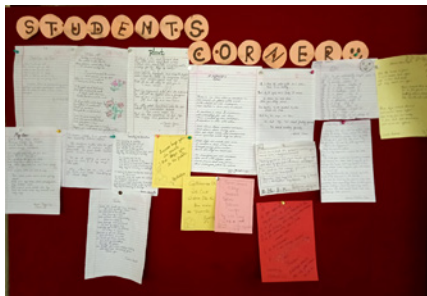


*School Eco-club participants*



# FABER HOUSE

Now the school is in full swing, the students are actively taking part in different activities. Mrs. Bhojkala Poudel one of our permanent teachers left our school on January 27, as she got a teaching post in a Government school. The school is grateful to her for 11 years of her dedicated service to the school and wishes her well for her future. Miss. Sarishma Subba, a new science teacher has joined the teaching faculty on March 1. The students are



*Multimedia teaching-learning exercise*

getting ready for the cycle test, which will begin from 28th February onwards.

Mr. Nirmal Bara, the father of Sch. Bipin Bara, had a fall, which caused a severe head injury. Fr. Arul Selvam helped him to get admitted in the Birta City Hospital. He is better now. Mr. Nirmal belongs to Maheshpur parish. After nearly 11 months we have started using the main Church for our regular masses from February 13, 2021 onwards. On Ash

Wednesday, we offered masses in different mass centers. February 2, two Catholics from Kathmandu came as a pilgrimage to our Parish and they stayed with us. They are one of the first pilgrims to come to Maheshpur parish in the year 2021, the year of St. Joseph.

At the end of the Region days all the community members felt the Region days were planned and organized well. Special appreciation to Br. Hermon for the sumptuous meal provided under his supervision during the Region days. There was a great joy and excitement among all the Jesuits of meeting one another after more than a year (Lock down year). Though our both ways journey to Kathmandu for the Region days was long and tiresome, we still enjoyed it, as both Maheshpur and Sadakbari community, travelled together in a micro bus. It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the Jesuit companionship, we felt it was like a community outing. Fr. Mathew and Mr. Kiran stayed with us for two days (25th & 26th), checking our accounts and giving us some feedback. Our Dean, Fr. Boniface, with the co-operation of Jhapa Jesuits, is organizing two days of catechetical training for the village catechists of this deanery in Maheshpur. We are expecting around 60 participants and the preparations are underway.

*Nicholas Christuraj*



*Students get coaching in Basketball game*



# SHISHU BIKAS KENDRA

The month of February brought lots of transformation in the lives of people. All formal schools of upper grades are opened and normal activities of the people have accelerated. People have finally over-

doubled her joy. The convent Masses were consistent despite the rain and sever cold. Father Ayar systematically planned out for Ash Wednesday, blessed the Ash; and distribution was done to all the Catholic



*Church cleaning*



*Physical attendance in the church resumes*

come the phobia of Covid-19 by keeping the Covid protocols. The expected rain doubled the cold in the city for few weeks and eventually evolved into warm climate. The Shishu Bikas Kendra (SBK) campus remained in quietude in the long wait for students' presence. We have had few new children come to seek admission in SBK. Few supportive staffs come regularly to upkeep the compound immaculate. A priest from France named Bernard MEP surveyed SBK to send some volunteers to render their helping hands to SBK.

We visited Catholic families and gave them family Masses. They all expect and pray that our church opens soon. Father Ayar the parish priest of St. Ann's church met His Lordship Rev. Bishop Paul Simick in Kathmandu and briefed him about the pastoral

families. Lenten observation is well instructed to them and they observe conscientiously. Few Catholic members came and made the church spotless. The regular Masses and other spiritual activities in the church have begun by observing the social distance following Covid-19 protocol.

Pokhara Jesuit Community (PJC) took a day out to Tiger Top hill to relax in the lap of nature and enjoyed the scenic beauty of Lekhnath city. Now Father Ayar has become familiar with most of the tourist spots of the city. We kept the PJC campus tidy. We harvested potatoes from our garden. We now relish various sumptuous items of it prepared by Fr. Ayar. Sr. Gemma Kim, SPC was the special guest of the month. We went to Kathmandu to attend the long desired Region Days (19-20 February). It was an ex-



*Jubilee celebration of Sr. Mangda MC*



*Coworkers and a Sister harvest Potatoes*



activities of the church. Sr. Magda MC active celebrated her silver jubilee as a religious sister. Since the churches were in lockdown the Thanksgiving Mass was held in Premadan, Kahuwndada. All the religious priests and nuns of the city participated and

uberant moment to hi-fi with all Nepal Jesuit companions. Hats off to the entire Region Days organizing team.

"WISH YOU ALL BLESSED SEASON OF LENT".

*Fr. Amit*



# KAMAL NIWAS



*Fr. Arul instructing the villagers during a survey*

Kamal Niwas celebrated three birthdays; Mr. Lawrence's on 1st, Fr. Thomas' on 2nd and Tikka Ram's on 23rd of this month.

Fr. Roy is busy meeting Education Secretary for getting permission for Smart Hub programme and medical camps. In collaboration with Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (SCN), Nepal Jesuit Social Institute (NJSI) conducted medical camp at Shreeram Pati, ward no.7. The camp was organized in a local health post of that area. The villagers were informed beforehand regarding the free medical camp. In total, 183 people got benefited from the camp. The camp was on general medical checkup; three doctors were facilitated with two local health assistants. Along with the checkup and free medicine distribution, various health related awareness videos, especially COVID-19 protocol videos and news were prepared and played on a TV screen for the people to watch while they were waiting in queue to meet the doctors. Another Medical camp was arranged from 22 to 25th in Jugal, Sindhupalchowok district.



On February 26 NJSI Medical team went to Dhading district for another Medical Camp.

From February 2 onwards we are busy collecting materials for Regional Centre training programme. We finished a survey at Chapadi last month; and now we finished Kunta and Jerator respectively. We almost surveyed 197 house-holds. The purpose of our survey is not only collecting materials for the training programme but also to reveal socio-economic background of the communities.

On February 2, 2021, we went for a need assessment survey of a village, Kuntabesi Dada. When we reached the location the people of the village had already gathered to welcome us with garland. The villagers were first introduced about the purpose of our visit and the purpose of the survey by Fr. Arul and Mr. Kamal. On January 3, 2021, we went for the survey of other villages - Kavre Kuntabesi, Juri gaun. The activities conducted on the second day was similar to that of the first. On February 6, Fr. Arul visited Jerator, Kavre district alone for the survey.



*New administrative block, classes, NJSI, Kavre*



Observations on both days were quite similar. As the villagers were engaged in agriculture and animal rearing, most of the people do not want to go beyond what they are doing. Rather they are further ready to learn more about their own skills. As most of the people there are illiterate, hence, they feel they are not able to learn new things. However, some women showed interest in computer training on behalf of their children.

They were spent channeling a Personality Development Camp (PDC) at Shree Ram Secondary School in Koshi Dekha, Kavre from February 2-3, 2021. Shree Ram Secondary School is located in a fairly spacious location atop a hill, overlooking the entire surroundings. There were 53 students from grade 9 and 10 who attended the program. The students who took part in the PDC training were a very spirited crowd. 90% of the students were from the Tamang community. The participants showed interest to have further such programs conducted at their school in coming days. They expressed their delight and said they would be looking forward to having many more good sessions with the NJSI team in coming days. Eco club follow up Program at Shree Saraswati Secondary School was on February 5. NJSI team went there for monitoring and to evaluate the Eco club. The students had



*A villager carries fodder and his daughter*  
passed out with whom the club committees were formed. Thus, the teachers and the Principal formed a new member committee to give continuation to the club. This shows that the teachers are encouraging the students to follow the obligations towards their environment and as well as the club they have formed. The school management committee was very cooperative and ecstatic to have NJSI for the informative program in their school.

Before February 19, Region Day crowd gathered around Kathmandu; guests from outside Kathmandu come. A small group of Priests and Scholastics from Mahespur reached Kamal Niwas on February 18. Region days began on stipulated time and ended with warm note from Superior. Scholastics who were staying in Kamal Niwas went to Panchkal for their recollection and outing on February 21. They returned next day and went back to their respective communities.

The Regional Centre construction is almost at last stage. Now cleaning and gardening work is going on. A horticulture team is planning to visit the place for soil test and planning for further development.

*S. Arulandam*



*Mr. Teka Ram's birthday celebration*



# ST. XAVIER'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

Month of January went smoothly till the end. We had an awareness program at St. Xavier's



*Talent show by children*

er's Social Service Centre (SXSSC) which was organized by Germen Health Association. The entire program was monitored by Mr. Raju B.K (one of the association's member). We all benefited a lot from this awareness program. On 10th of February, we had staff meeting with SXSSC Director about better functioning of the house. The same day one of our staff, Silbanti Tudu, left for a short home visit.

On 12th February, our boys organized talent show on the occasion of the Sonam Loshar. It was a nice opportunity for the boys to exhibit their talents. All were amazed to see their hidden talents. The following day Fr. Mathew offered mass in Aruna Bhawan and had lunch with us. It was a blessing for us to welcome Fr. Boniface in Aruna Bhawan on 19th February. Fr. Boniface had come for Region day



*Construction continues*

meeting. After the meeting he made a short visit and interacted with us.



*Fr. Raja speaking to students of SXSSC*



Now SXSSC has got PAN number which adds further responsibility of getting PAN bill on every purchase. Therefore, Mr. Kiran spent few hours to explain our staff on billing. The construction of new building has reached up to first floor. Last but not least, seven of our girls enrolled in Karate class which is helpful to them for their personal safety and personality development.

*B. Rajasekaran*



*Ms. Margaret, a volunteer hairdresser children of Aruna Bhawan*



# ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

In the month of January, St. Ignatius Parish, Baniyatar formally re-opened Church for the regular Saturday worship after the long COVID-19 restrictions. From then on, the Church is slowly re-entering into her regular activities with cautions and keeping in mind all the safety measures. The Church zones have been divided into two groups for the Holy Eucharistic celebration on Saturdays to avoid a big faithful gathering. The first Mass is conducted at 6:30 A.M. and the second Mass at 9 A.M. The COVID-19 food assistance by the Church still continues in a small scale for those who are really in need and struggling. The help mostly sought by the very poor non-Christian families of the Church neighbourhood.



and Mrs. Lucia Gale had been postponing the baptism and had been eagerly waiting for the Church to re-open formally. The couple had invited the entire Church congregation on the occasion and had served a grand lunch for all after the Mass. It marked a day for all the parishioners to gather together after the pandemic restrictions and a good celebration before Lenten season began. On the Ash Wednesday, the Church had an evening Mass for all at 5:30 p.m. Regular 'Way of the Cross' on Fridays followed the mass.

On February 20, Fr. George, a diocesan priest from Dhobighat Church said the Mass for the faithful. Many thanks to Fr. George who had happily agreed to come and say the Mass for the Baniyatar faithful



*Celebration of a Baptism for a baby girl*

On February 13, there was a grand celebration of a Baptism for a baby girl in the parish. The baby girl was born little ahead of the COVID-19 pandemic and due to the pandemic she could not be baptised earlier. The parents of the child, Mr. William Ghale

on Saturday. There was a single mass that day as parish priest was away attending Nepal Jesuit Region Days in St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel.

*Anil Beck*



*Prem bhoj in honor of Baptism*



# GOOD SHEPHERD

February was a month of snow, ashes, picnics, a new year's celebration and the annual gathering of the Nepal Jesuit 'clan' in Kathmandu.



*Fr. Anup enjoys his first snow fall in Tipling*

Frs. Anup and Mike hiked down the mountain for SJ Region Days. They were happy to discover that a track- not exactly a road- has been cleared almost all the way from the nearest town (Dhading) to Tipling. It still requires a half day's walk up or down the mountain to get to Tipling. A far cry however from the old days when it took 2, 3 or more days.

The parish has continued pastoral activities with house blessings, census taking, Masses, touring and youth involvement. The latter accompanied Fr. Anup on a pastoral visitation to two of our far-flung stations in Puru and Lingcho. In turn he accompanied the senior youth on a grand picnic providing them with the parish facilities.

Speaking of picnics, the primary school staff and students held theirs, weather bound, on the parish premises followed by a riotous romp and snow ball fights in a snow storm that also accompanied the

picnic. Many of our Tamang people also celebrated the Tamang New Year by trekking over to Sertung for the annual 3 days gala event there. Yes, the distribution of Lenten Ashes in the village added a sombre note to all the celebration.

As you read this, a team of MEP Fathers are home-staying in our Good Shepherd Parish at the request of the two local schools. The schools are looking for volunteers.

Power lines are coming up all over our valley thanks in large part to all the new road construction. (And by the way there is now Vehicle Bridge

at Dundure connecting Dhading to very close to Tipling.) People here say we will have power twenty-four hours seven days a week very soon. The other good news on the development front is the arrival of 4G, toilets in every home along with a private water connection to spring fed water tanks provided by the municipality.



*Primary school staff and children picnic*

We like to think Xavier Marg - our SJ built road - has had a lot to do with this spate of new developments.

*Jesuit Sources Tipling*



*new bridge after Dhundhure*



## PREMAL JYOTI AHMEDABAD

February was the month of blessings and pleasant experiences. In the first week, Bipin had to travel home (Nepal) because of his father's serious illness. He remained with his family until his father began to recover and then he came back to Ahmadabad. We, the first years, had our end-semester exams beginning in the first week and were busy throughout the month with regular online classes and assignments.

In the third week, some of the first year's scholastics arrived in the community from Jamshedpur, Patna, and Nepal (Vinay). Also, some of the second-year scholastics re-joined the community after a short

stay at their respected provinces due to the pandemic. We are delighted to have both old and new batches together at Premal Jyoti.

A COVID-19 test was done on the community members, and three scholastics were found positive. They are isolated and have been taken care of by our brothers. Keeping this in mind few minor changes were made in the house routine to avoid the spread of COVID-19. We are taking care of ourselves with proper precautions and are looking forward to get back to regular community life.

*Schs. Bipin, Krish & Vinay*

## St. Xavier's Rajgang

The months of January and February were a time of grace, prayerfulness and great joy. Mid of these months Fr. Amrit and Fr. Arul visited the scholastics of Rajgang. The visit was fruitful, en-



*Schoastics at St. Xavier's Rajgang*

couraging, motherly care and concern for us for the future. We began these months with planning for a picnic. At last, that beautiful day arrived. I am sure that we all had been eagerly waiting for that day. On 10th of February we scholastics had gone for picnic to Lohagarh. The most amazing part of picnic was the food. We had prepared appetizing meals. The food tasted more delicious than usual, perhaps because of the whole Jesuit companionships, or might be that we were very hungry. After completing our lunch all of us went for dance and games. The picnic

was a great way to strengthen the bond that we all share. It was a great moment for us and a memory to cherish. The picnic not only provided a break from the everyday mundane life but also made us cheerful and allowed us to spend some quality time with our companions. I hope we can plan more picnics in the future.

On 13th of February, Jesu Ashram community and students had come for the picnic. It added to our joy to have them here when people rarely come in this place. Villages are far and main road too is at far distance. It was good to add some noise of theirs in this quiet place.

At present we all are busy with our philosophy exams and spiritual meetings.

*Schs. Niroj Minj & Lawrence Kerketta*



*Scholastic picnic to Lohagar*

# GESU, ROME

We were very busy with our first semester exams. The exams began on the 25th of January



which went up to the 12th of February. During the exams, the house was in total silence. Each one of us was very much involved in preparation for the exams. The following week we had started the lessons of the second semester on the 25th of February. Because of the COVID-19, we had most of the exams online. But some professors preferred to have the exam in physical presence. In one of the communities, "Comunità Bellarmino," some were tested

positive for COVID. We also chose the new coordinators. The process for the diaconate of the third year had also begun. We resumed our classes both online and in presence by following the odd and even numbers. Gesù scholastics have come up with a film on the life of St. Alphonsus Rodrigues, "The Door," and I am assisting the director. We have just begun our homiletic course to get deep insights into how to preach to various audiences. Please kindly pray for our community, as we are going through different phases of formation in the time of COVID-19. We certainly keep you all in our loving prayers.

*Sch. Deva*



# LOYOLA B.ED COLLEGE

After a few days of staying in Nepal, I came back to Namchi on 27th of January for my third semester exams. Beginning of February, we had orientation program for micro and simulated teaching and now we have completed micro and simulated teaching. These days we are busy with our viva of F.B.A. and waiting for our online exams which will be probably held in the month of March. It is still cold here because of the rain. We are planning to go for community outing one of these days to take break from our regular activity.

*Martin Moris*



# SCHOLASTIC PROGRAMME

It is truly said that the world is our home; and that is what I am experiencing here in Nepal. Being a Regent in Nepal, I have learnt, that universality is the hallmark of the Society. I have now seen how much Society of Jesus is doing for the people of Nepal. We have achieved so much in the field of social service, education and pastoral. It was an enriching experience to see and know during the Region Days about different apostolates done by NJSI, NJS, St. Xavier's schools/college and parishes. The Interactions with the Jesuits of different community members has given me the wide understanding of various ministries of the Region.



*Regents during their outing with Fr. Arul*

We regents- Asish, Deepak, Wilson and Gorakh had a day of recollection at Nepal Jesuit Social Institute (NJSI) after the Region Days. Fr. Roy put us in a reflective mood by his inspiring talk. Due to lockdown and time constraints we could not have scholastics' gathering this year. However, Fr. Arul, RCF had arranged a special trip to Panchkal to see one of the newly constructed regional centers of NJSI. I felt deeply touched to know how much our Jesuits are laboring in our Lord's vineyard. Our outing became even more special when we spent a night in a family resort. It was a graceful time of faith sharing and to continue to recall, reflect and rejuvenate.

*Sch. Gorakh Alphonse Rudum*



02 March	Fr. David Ekka
28 March	Fr. Greg Sharkey
31 March	Fr. Ayar Kujur



\*Fr John Vattanky, S.J. (KER) 89/70 passed away on 22 February 2021 at Christ Hall, Kozhikode.

\*Fr. John D. Mace, S.J. (UMI) 83/66 died on February 21, 2021 at St. Camillus Jesuit Community in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

\*Fr. Anthony Doongdung, S.J. (RAN) 87/63 passed away on 20 February 2021 in Seva Nilaya Hospital, Namkum.

\*Fr. Richard J. Murphy, S.J. (UMI) 91/67 died on February 7, 2021 at St. Camillus Jesuit Community in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

## THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

07/03/80	Mathew V. Mannaparambil
10/03/09	Ludwig Stiller
11/03/00	Bernard Bruneau
12/03/74	Edward Niesen
14/03/71	Francis B. Murphy
18/03/09	John K. Locke
25/03/80	Paul Dent
28/03/87	Tomas Downing