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The business club of Plus 2 students held their annual General Meeting 2021 on April 10, 2021 in the school auditorium. The club members of Plus 2 were



Fr. Sanjay with teachers & students



Business club of Plus 2 students

accompanied by Fr. Sanjay Ekka, Arjun Sunam Sir, the Coordinator of management Department and Dr. Rakesh Singh, senior faculty and the advisor of business club of SXJ. In this program, the present board members along with new executive members and new shareholders participated. The board of directors presented an annual report and highlighted the objectives of the business club. Thereafter, Fr. Sanjay Ekka presented the certificates to the students. The business club of St. Xavier's is formed with the purpose of creating future entrepreneurs and managers by providing entrepreneurship. This club strives to execute the textbook knowledge into practical fields so that the students can have the experience to manage business organization. On 29 March, while school was running smoothly, suddenly in the afternoon the whole atmosphere was covered with the smog; eyes had burning sensation. It was an unprecedented experience for many of us in Kathmandu. However, the government came into action immediately and circulated the directives to close down the school for four days.

Looking at the uncertainty of running the school, the school administration had planned out to have exams in two phases in order to tackle the unexpected situ-

ation. Somehow the first phase of exam was conducted on 20 April and the school was closed again due to the second wave of corona virus spreading rapidly. The parents were afraid to send their children to school, however they sent them just to write exams. Thus, some of the panicky parents came to school every day and took their children after the exam. Now the school has gone back to the online mode of class.

A long awaited desire of Fr. Ignatius Hemrom to go to Tipling was fulfilled. On March 31, 2021 he went to Tipling along with Fr. Amrit and Fr. Juel for the Easter service. Fr. George P.M. presided over the mass on the Maundy Thursday at St. Ignatius Church, Baniyatar. On the other hand, Fr. Sanjay Ekka presided over the Easter Vigil Mass at St. Ignatius church, Baniyatar. Sr. Mary Palliparambil, Sr. Asunta Kindo and Sr. Chinju Babu from Loyola school, Simalbari came to Kathmandu on April 13, 2021 and stayed with us. Fr. Tomson was generous enough to give his time to take them around Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Nagarkot. Fr. George's niece Teresa also came to Kathmandu from Kerala and stayed with us for a few days. Br. Hermon Anthony went around different parishes in order to revive his Crusvir ministry. He celebrated his birthday with community members on April 7, 2021. Fr. Anil Beck is busy in post Easter house blessings in Baniyatar.

Fr. Sanjay Ekka



Jesuits of SXJ participating in Easter Vigil mass

St. Xavier's School, Godavari



Hearty Welcome Bro. Broney and best wishes for new mission. Bro. Broney Chettri as a new minister arrived SXG at the end of March with a missionary spirit.

We celebrated the birthday of Fr. Lawrence Maniyar which was very

exceptional due to Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday, government officials of Forest and Land Measurement Department measured SXG land to make official record. Mr. Damodar Wagle, District Chief also visited SXG while his staff were measuring the land.

with various departments of the government with regard to SXG land issues.

In spite of pandemic and uncertainty the school had online Coordinators meeting for school planning of 2021-22 on Gode Jatra Day. Let's hope for better. In the second week of April Fr. Lawrence M. visited Darjeeling for death anniversary of his friend.

Godavari was the right place to celebrate the Nepali New Year. A sea of people from valley visited the area for the celebration. Same day Hebron church group from Dolahithi used Ashram premises for their prayers.

The most of school staff took Covid-19 vaccine



Classes 1, 2 and 3 resumed the school physically after pandemic on 5 April. New comers of class 1 were excited and were very cheerful to see their class rooms. During the school assembly Bro. Broney was officially welcomed by the school. The virtues of patience and humility are needed in SXG mission. The Jesuits here continue to work

from Anandban hospital. In the community Frs. Bill and Lawrence M. took Indian and the rest community members have taken Chinese vaccine. So readers! As time passes by, you will see the effect of the vaccine.

Due to uncertainty the school announced on 19





April that it would go for online classes for all. Fr. Bill was available to give a day recollection to Salesian Fathers.

On April 25 SSP of Lalitpur District Ms Kiran Bajracharya visited the SXG and had lunch with the

community. US secretary of State John Kerry and Senator Bob Corker has honoured and awarded Superintendent of Nepal Police Kiran Bajracharya, as a 2016 Trafficking in Persons Report Hero whose efforts have made an impact on the global fight against modern slavery.

Upward spike in Nepal reported Covid-19 cases continue as 4774 cases surfaced on Wednesday. Lockdown began in the valley on 28 April. Our staff continued to come for the work in the school.

In school premises there is a Koirala plant which beautifies the place and adds flavor as we make pickle for Nepali meal. The image of Koirala tree is shown below. By the way beauty and taste are relative term.

SXG Sources

WHERE FLOWERS BLOOM, SO DOES HOPE.
Let's care for our common home.



CAMPION HOUSE

Dilip joined our community from 30 March and has begun to explore various possibilities of starting the new mission in Province 2. Recently, he went to Jhapa to renew his license and on his way back visited a few possible places in Province 2 with Clarence.



The second wave of Covid has caught up with the College activities. We shifted to online classes from 21 April and decided to continue with the pre-scheduled examinations physically. However, all exams and administrative work are henceforth suspended following the government order.

For Easter ministry, Jiju went to Gyalthum along with three IMCS members and two SPC sisters. The IMCS members prepared the faithful there in celebrating Good Friday and Easter more meaningfully. Jomon went to Surkhet for Easter ministry while James joined the Godavari parish. Cap, Robert and Victor had their Holy Week celebrations at home. Augustine was in Kerala for Easter and returned on 10 April.

The commencement and award ceremony for the A Level students of the batch 2019-21 was held on 10th. Dr. Buland Thapa, a well known alumnus of



our schools was the chief guest and delivered the commencement speech. Likewise we had the graduation and award ceremony for the bachelor and master level students of Microbiology and Physics on 12th. The newcomers of the Department of Major Arts and Social Work had a welcome program organized by their seniors.

On 23rd we received the sad news of the untimely passing away of Ms. Merina Manandhar of our English department. She was suffering from cancer for more than a year and was undergoing treatment. She was a staff of our College from 2010. Both her children went through S X J.

She is going to be dearly missed for her excellent teaching and for her kind and caring nature towards all.

We were in for yet another shock, when on 24th we heard about the demise of Fr.

P. T. Augustine who was the Principal of the College from 2001 to 2007. His footprints are visible all over the College through various physical and academic developments he accomplished during his tenure. Generations of students and staff will be ever grateful to him for the numerous measures he took for the growth of the College.



Campion House Source



ARRUPE NIWAS

Our joy of Easter was doubled after having received Sch. David Donald Minj S.J who joined motivated the youths with his encouraging words on Power of Being Youth.



the Arrupe Niwas community as a regent. We were happy to welcome the Jesuits of North Point Darjeeling on Easter Sunday. Arrupe Niwas community, Deonia hosted a fabulous Easter dinner for all the Jhapa Jesuits and their collaborators. We heartily welcomed Fr. Mike Parent to Arrupe Niwas to take up the new office as the Local Superior of the community. We were happy to have Bro. Broney who stayed with us for a day before he left for Godavari to join his new community. We were also glad to receive Ms. Treesa, a niece of Fr. George P.M., S.J. She stayed with us for a few days.



The community was happy to celebrate Sch. Wilson Kandulna's birthday on 21 April 2021 along with the Jesuits of Jhapa.

Fathers continue to go for the Easter house blessing at various Mass centers. The Scholastics with the youths of Deonia went to Dhulabari Mass center for exchange programme on 24 April 2021. Fr Dilip

The students of Class XII - both Science and Management went for their four-days educational tour to Pokhara in the first week of April. Students were accompanied by four teachers along with Fr Daniel Bara, S.J., the Coordinator. In the second week of the month, the Pre-Final Exams were conducted for classes I to VII and IX. However, the Pre-Board Exams and Term exams for students of classes VIII, X and XI could not be completed as the local government has ordered to close down all the schools due to increase in COVID 19 cases. Now the classes are going on online. Under the supervision of Fr. Daniel Bara, S.J. a new Basketball court

is coming up. Thanks to Fr. Boniface Tigga, S.J. for all the help received from CDSS. The teachers and supporting staff went to Sadakbari on 20 April 2021 for the marriage reception of our Vice-Principal, Mr. Simon Hembrom.

Sch. Wilson Kandulna



FABER HOUSE

We had a spectacular Easter Vigil service at St. Xavier's church in Maheshpur. A great number of faithful gathered for the service. Thanks to



Fr. Boniface for making the school buses available for the parishioners from farthest places to attend the Vigil service. The next day, Easter Sunday masses we had in different mass centres. In Maheshpur after the morning mass, a fellowship Easter meal was arranged by the parishioners. We celebrated Nepali New year with Eucharistic celebration followed by refreshment for the people. We had



the First Holy communion ceremony for 16 children on 17 April at the first mass. We thank Sr. Bindu for preparing the children for the sacrament by teaching them prayers and catechism. The community was happy to have Fr. Arulandam during Easter time. He helped us in the Easter Ministry. Br. Clarence handed over Minister's job to Fr. Sanctius and Treasurer's job to Fr. Nicholas. Sr. Vinay's first year Death Anniversary was celebrated by the F. C. Sisters on 22 April. We had mass in the convent thereafter dinner. We celebrated the birthday of Br. Clarence on 24 April in the community; the Jhapa Jesuits and



Maheshpur Sisters were present for the celebration. Br. Clarence and Fr. Dilip went to Mirchaiya on 26 April to explore their new mission area. Our students par-

ticipated in the 'Rashrapati cup' tournament and sports event conducted by Bhadrapur Nagarpalika. Our boys' Kabadi team won the 3rd prize and one of our girl student, Pritam Oraon won 2nd in 200mts and 3rd in 800mts race. The North Point Jesuit community visited the Maheshpur mission on 5 April. They were introduced and felicitated in the school assembly; Fr. Stanley,

the Rector addressed the students. We had the parents meeting on the 10 April to inform them about the forth coming events in the school such as exam routine, results announcement and Re-admissions for the new academic year. There was a good response from the parents. Mr. Indra Prasad Oil gave two hours "Addiction awareness" seminar for parents, senior students and staff on the 18th. Our final term exam which is supposed to start on 2 May is postponed as we received order from our Bhadrapur Municipality to close the school till further notice.

Fr. Nicholas Christuraj



GONZAGA HOUSE

St. Xavier's Scool (SXS) had its half yearly exam from Easter Monday, 5 - 13 April, followed by a

The stormy weather blew away the cycle shed, toilet shed and the shed in Gonzaga house on the night of



break till the 17th. On 18 April, school reopened. Mechi Eye Hospital came to the school on April 18 to check the eyes of students and staff as a part of Nepal REACH Program. We ran school smoothly till April 26. Then Local Government issued a notice to close down the schools till the end of Baishakh (mid-May). Right now, schools are closed in Jhapa Rural Municipality.

On Easter Sunday after lunch, Fr. Vijay left for home. He had to offer a requiem mass on 7 April for his Late Uncle Thaddeus Bar- w a who met with a motor accident. He stayed with his ailing dad for six days and offered mass at home on 12 April to mark 34th Death Anniversary of his mother. He came back to community on Nepali New year morning. This month is a month of blessings; community along with Jhapa Jesuits and collaborators thanked God for the gift of Frs. Peter and Tek who celebrated their birthdays on 16 and 18 April



17 April.

Twenty Fifth was the 6th Priestly Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Tek but this joyous day turned into a sad day when we received the news of demise of his Brother-in-Law, Mr. Chitra Bahadur of Madhumalla, Morang. We had visited him previous month.

Two of the Sisters - Aleyamma and Kalista are transferred. Sr. Aleyamma is leaving on 29 April and Kalista in mid-May. Meanwhile the new ones are expected to be here by 16 May. The

new ones are in fact old faces, Srs. Nalina and Bailata.

Parish work goes on as usual. In Sadakbari, Mass is held in the village chapel whereas in Simalbari, it's in the Loyola school premises. The Easter house blessing is almost finished. Now the new covid guidelines need to be followed for the Mass. Plan is to have two masses in both the places.

At Loyola there are three new Sisters: Janet, Pushpa



respectively. We marked this thanks giving day on the 17th. SXD staff visited us on 21 April when they came to the wedding reception of Simon Sir. On the same day, we went to Deonia to join the rest of the Jesuits in thanking God for the gift of lives of Br. Clarence and Sch. Wilson. There was death anniversary mass of Sr. Vianney in Maheshpur on 22 April.

and Sudha. Sr. Mary Palli left the place on 20 April and Srs. Mary Chinju and Asunta left on 27 April. The approach road to Loyola is under construction and it will be black topped soon. Hanging bridge is inaugurated in the Sano Mai river east of the school thus school is no more isolated.

Fr. Vijay Toppo

SHISHU BIKASH KENDRA, POKHARA

The lake city Pokhara observed three weeks of smoky weather which interrupted the regular city



life. Most of the schools, colleges and businesses were shut down. Amidst the widespread Covid-19 pandemic all walks of life has once again succumbed to lockdown. SBK had reopened the school with proper consult of teachers and parents with prior information. A decade of students had turned up to the school on the first day but due to the uncertainty of the Covid – 19 situations SBK is closed down again. When the situation betters, SBK will resume the classes. The supporting staffs come to centre everyday to make the land cultivable. All our staff, students and parents are well. Sr. Angela Mandi, SCC said goodbye to SBK. Big thanks to her for her selfless and committed service to SBK and to the Church. She kept our vegetable garden ev-



ergreen and took care of house pets. We gave best wishes to her future ministry.

The holy week was packed with spiritual activities in the church. Throughout the holy week Fr. Ayar and Amit were available to the parishioners. Fr. Ayar gave talk on reconciliation to Our Lady of Pillar Mata Church. He organized talks, adoration and confession in the church for the parishioners. He manifested the greatest love and service to the people in the church by observing the commandment of Jesus by washing the feet of the parishioners. The passion of Christ movie in Nepali was screened in the church which touched the heart of the people the most. Police had given the security on Easter Vigil Night. Thanks for their care and concern. There were 75 plus participants on Easter vigil mass. Fr. Ayar baptized Satendar Lama, a new



Catholic member who is added to our church. Fr. Amit was the main celebrant for the Easter week. All the celebration went on well. We have remained in our own church jurisdiction as Rev. Bishop Paul Simick instructed and things are functioning smoothly on both the churches of the city. Knowing and working in one's own church territory has smoothened the relationship with the other side Fathers. We feel much effective and are able to give



quality pastoral care and concern to our people in the church. We give three days Mass in a week to Hemja Sisters. Fr. Ayar gives community Mass to Cluny Sisters once in a week. The Easter house blessing and the family Mass continues. Congrats to Karishma Oli, our youth who received black belt in Taekwondo.

A man of good spirit and pastorally committed Fr. Ayar thanked the Lord as he celebrated his Happy Birthday at the end of March. We had good and joyful celebration. Holy Cross Provincial, Sr. Lima Rose paid a short visit to SBK and to the Fathers. Fr. Ayar went to Lumbini with a few SBK staff. Fr. Amit had his physical classes at the college. Fr. Mathew and Kiran Dai visited Pokhara to see our well be-



ing. Thanks to their visit. They stayed for few days and refreshed their old memories. Fr. Mathew offered Holy Qurbana in the church for the parishioners. He was overjoyed to see the little ones grown bigger as he met them after a decade. They took a day out to Dhampus for nature walk. Fr. Ayar went to Kathmandu to meet Bishop and is back with Easter blessing. "The time is always right to do what is right." - Martin L. K. J.

Fr. Amit Lakra

ST. XAVIER'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

The month of April had been busy month for SXSSC students due to several activities such as



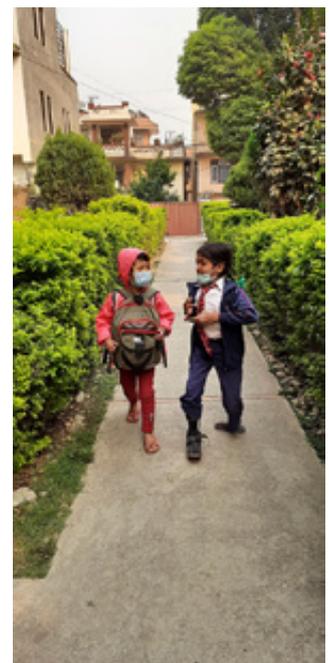
basketball tournament, project works, and plantation in the garden. Mr. Bir Bahadur Ghalan moved to Jawalakhel Center to stay with boys and do his accounting work. Mr. Bal Krishna Devkota has been asked to stay at Gafney Bhawan instead and take care of the elderly. Nepal as a whole and Kathmandu Valley in particular experienced extreme air pollution. Hence, educational institutions were closed for five days. During the closure, students busied themselves in studies, house chores and other extra-curricular activities. We celebrated Easter with great joy, hope and with positive vibe amidst the fear of COVID 19 pandemic. The message of the Easter was that there is always light after going through the darkness and this message filled our minds and hearts with hope and faith. During polluted days, we got to experience some showers of rain which really decreased the pollution level, watering land, and refreshing the environment. We busied ourselves in gardening, cultivating corns and

veggies. Ms. Kanchan Magar, one of our well-wishers came along with her friends and conducted art session on 17 April. Aruna Bhawan thanks them for providing the children with crayons and sketch books. The reared chickens were dying one by one. So we decided to cut all of them and share among all the houses. SXSSC expressed its gratitude towards Mr. Nuchhe Lal Khadgi and Mr. Manoj Kumar Budhathoki for their selfless and dedicated service to the children for more than thirty years. The institute acknowledged their dedication and sincer-



ity in fulfilling their responsibilities. Aruna Bhawan thanked and bade farewell to Ms. Laxmi Tamang who served Aruna Bhawan for three years. We wish all of them a successful and happy life ahead. The recent announcement by the government on possible lockdown to control the second wave pandemic has created hue and cry among us with lots of uncertainty with regard to opening of children's schools and examination.

Ms. Vidya Bharati



KAMAL NIWAS

Nepal Jesuit Social Institute (NJSI) handed over and inaugurated 4 classrooms at Jay Golma Basic School on 8 April. The school is located at Barabise Municipality ward no.8. The building was financially supported by “Caritas Germany”. After the earthquake the students had no proper place for the classrooms. They were studying in Temporary Learning Center (TLC). Now they have a secured classroom with concrete walls. In the program, representatives from Local Government, Mayor, students, parents, representatives from Caritas Germany, Mr Richard Rai, Fr.Roy and NJSI team were present.

NJSI has initiated Rural Education Improvement in Nepal (REIN) Project in schools of remote areas. In this project, the schools will be connected through digital and networking technologies. NJSI has a plan to create “Education Smart Hub” in 20 remote earthquake recovered schools in Nepal as a pilot project.



NJSI team installed first Smart Education Hub in Shree Robang Basic School on 9 April, after giving the training program to the teachers. The students and teachers both were pretty excited to see the new technology in the school. The students were so curious and gathered in front of a TV. The teachers are looking forward to use the technology for the teaching and other purposes such as showing videos, pictures, songs, some refreshment games etc.

One more “Teacher’s Training Program” in which 14 teachers participated, was conducted on 19 April. Shree Siddeshwor Secondary School is located in one of the difficult terrains of the country, named Mahabharat Rural Municipality, ward no 3. The earthquake of 2015 had affected the infrastructure of the school. The students were studying in TLC. So, as per their need, NJSI constructed two class-



rooms with financial support from Caritas Italy. The classrooms were handed over and inaugurated on 27 April to the school management committee. Handing over ceremony started at 2.30 PM. Gyan bhadur Lama, Ward Adakshya was Chief Guest of the programme. Utter Singh Jimba, School management committee President was chairman of the programme. Mr. Nani Babu Head Master of the school gave welcome speech. Frs. Arul and Raja and NJSI team participated in the programme as special guests. The programme ended with distribution of snacks to the group.

Fr.Arul went to Maheshpur for Easter celebration. For Holy Thursday service he and Fr. Nicholas went to Gharabari. On Good Friday he was helping in Maheshpur church. For Easter mass he and Fr. Boniface went to Mittal. Fr. Raja joined Kamal Niwas community on 31 March; on the same day NJSI bade farewell to Fr. Thomas. Fr. Augustus joined community on 12 April; next day NJSI gave him a warm welcome.

Fourth batch completed their St. Anne’s Executive Management Course on 25 April 2021. The programme was held on St. Anne’s convent, Taukhel, Lalitpur. The six-month training was comprised of learning basic computer terms and uses, English and Nepali typewriting, personality development, and speaking English. The course had started on January 2020 but due to covid pandemic only 3 months’ course was completed and then the course resumed on January 2021 after slowdown of covid ratio. All the esteemed guests showed their presence including parents of students. Twenty-four students participated in the training program. The students gracefully executed their performances, shared their experiences and had good wishes from everyone. The students expressed their gratitude towards NJSI. At last, certificates were distributed and refreshment were relished. NJSI wishes all the students for their betterment in their future and hope they will inspire others too and help in need.

Ms. Shristi Thapa

ST. IGNATIUS, BANIYATAR

Month of March went on smoothly with Easter preparation and the Lenten services in the Parish. Unlike last year, we got some windows for the grand preparation for the Easter celebration this year. In order to prepare spiritually, the parish organized a night out Easter preparation retreat in Godavari for the Crusvir on 19-20 March and for the Youth on 26-27 March.

Since, the parish priest was busy in the parish activities, Fr. David took the entire responsibility in organizing and arranging retreats and preachers for both the groups. I would like to thank Fr. David and his preaching team for accommodating our parishioners for

the retreat as well as sponsoring the retreats. I also would like to extend my thanks to Fr. George PM for providing vehicles for the Crusvir group to go to Godavari. We had retreat evaluation on 10 April for both the groups where all expressed their happiness for getting the chance to prepare themselves spiritually for the Easter. There were a few suggestions cum expectations to have such retreats on special occasions like parish feast and Christmas as well.

In the third week of March, the parish priest informed and requested all the parishioners to come on their own, in their convenient times to make a confession, since it was not possible to organize a day of confession for all due to present COVID 19. This year too we had a very good Palm Sunday pro-



the Easter Mass. I would like to specially thank Sr. Roseline and Sunita K.C. and their crew for their time, hard work and dedication which we enjoyed throughout the Holy Week and on the Easter Sunday.

Since, we could not celebrate Easter last year, and all of us survived and are safe by the grace of God, this year parishioners wanted to make it a bigger and better event so to say to uplift the spirits of the parishioners. Three weeks before the Holy Week, a meeting was held with zone and youth leaders how to celebrate it and plan it out properly. All unanimously decided to have a very special and a

big celebration this year. The parish zones took up different responsibilities along with youths. The parish decided to have a big Bhoj with Khanshi Maasu (mutton meat) on the Easter Sunday. The parishioners, two days before the Holy Week, came to the church to clean up the church premises including a parking space outside the church main gate.

A big thanks to Jesuit Fathers from the valley who came to the St. Ignatius parish, Baniyatar to attend the Holy Week services. On Holy Thursday, Fr. George PM and on Good Friday, Fr. Dilip Toppo presided over the Holy services. On the Easter eve, for the Easter vigil Fr. Sanjay Ekka led us to a meaningful Pasca journey. On Easter Sunday, the parish priest took the whole spiritual and physical aspects



cession and a Mass service despite an absence of youth group since they were out in Godavari attending retreat. In the absence of youth, Crusvir group along with Sr. Roseline led us to a very meaningful Jesus' entry to Jerusalem. We had, simultaneously, an ongoing singing practice for the Holy Week and

of the celebration. On Good Friday, Adoration to Blessed Sacrament was organized for whole day, beginning in the morning until the "Way of the Cross" began. For the Adoration different zones were assigned. On the Easter vigil, three families got baptized among whom three were adults and three were

children. The Baniyatar community was more than happy to welcome the new faithful in the parish.

On Holy Thursday and Saturday, after the services we had dinner for all the guests. The dinner was prepared and helped by the parishioners whereas on Saturday, after the vigil Mass, parishioners were served with coffee and refreshment. The Sisters from Prernalaya too added their special preparation Sarpotel (pork dish) to the occasion. Thank you so much Sisters for making the day for all of us.

For the big celebration on Easter vigil Mass all were requested to put on clean and good dresses and specially on Sunday all were expected to dress up in their traditional ethnic dresses. On Sunday, after the Mass before the big bhoj, stage was open to every individual and groups to put up a cultural programme. After the Easter big Bhoj, common Bendo-Maya group dance went on until late evening.

This year, as everyone wanted special way to celebrate the Easter, the whole parish took extra effort in making it so. The decoration of the Alter for the Holy Week and Easter Sunday along with outdoor decorations were exceptional. There were good



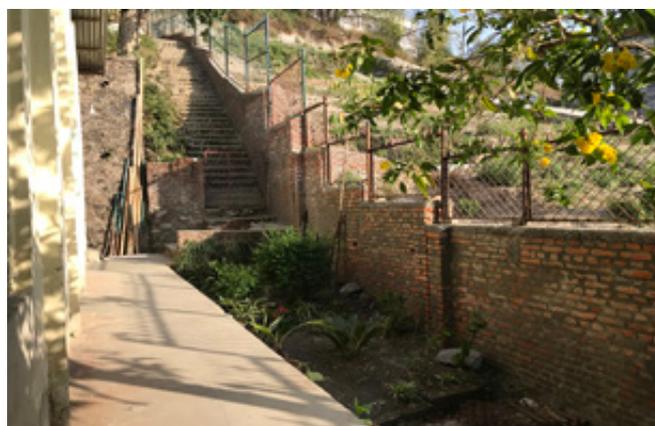
number of families who came forward to help out to meet some of the expenses. St. Vincent De Paul and CFC Baniyatar bore some of the extra expenses incurred for the whole affair as well.

The following week we had a 'Con-validation' marriage blessing for the newly baptized couples on Easter vigil Mass. On the last Saturday of April, we had one more adult baptism for an elderly person who by all means wanted to be baptized before he died. As we came to an end of April, once again we are forced to have small group of faithful on Saturdays' mass to avoid the big gathering. The Baniyatar parish priest has to say at least three masses contin-

uously to accommodate everyone. At the same time parish priest has been constantly reminding and updating the parishioners about the COVID 19. At present parish priest is busy with annual blessing of the houses.

After the levelling and plotting of the right side of the church's adjacent land, church wall was on the verge of collapse. Now, the church has a newly built boundary wall which is completed recently.

Fr. Anil Beck



HRDRC, SANEPA

Fr. Thomas N.P. was welcomed to HRD community as a new minister on 2 April and Fr. Raja was given farewell on the same day. Frs Amrit, Juel, Mike and Ignatius drove back from Tipling after the Easter services on 4 April through snowy mountains. They rested for a night at Syabrubesi and reached Sanepa in the afternoon next day. Fr. Mathew and Mr. Kiran Maharjan went to Pokhara to check on community and SBK account keeping. After they finished scrutinising the accounts, they went for a day trek to Dhampus and see the majestic Mt. Fishtail. They came back to Kathmandu on 20 April. Fr. Amrit started his annual retreat on 28 April in Godavari Ashram. Mr. Bimal Basnet, one of our staff was tested Covid positive on 16 April and is in home isolation for weeks. The community members, however are alright.

Fr. Juel Kispotta

GOOD SHEPHERD, TIPLING

The month of April began with the Holy week celebration. For the celebration, Frs. Amrit, Juel and Ignatius arrived Tipling on 31 March. On Maundy Thursday, Fr. Anup was the main



faithful. Fr. Manu Mathew from his pastoral experience in Sacred Heart Church, Darjeeling arrived Tipling on 9 April. On his way to Tipling, he was accompanied by a porter in Borang. Well



celebrant. On this day, due to heavy and long rain, very few people attended the service. On Good Friday, Fr. Ignatius was the main celebrant. The Way of the Cross started from Crus danra and the service ended in the Church. Good number of faithful, young and old attended the service. Fr. Amrit was the main celebrant on Easter Vigil



done Fr. Manu for safe arrival.

Fr. Manu was welcomed on 17 April by the parishioners with khada and garlands made of Laligunras. On the same day, the Good Shepherd Church witnessed five couples' marriage blessings. Four faithfuls from Namsa village were baptized on 24 April by Fr. Anup. We have



Service. During the Mass, Fr. Amrit gave baptism to 22 of catechumens and 14 of them took confirmation. Fr. Juel took the lead for the Easter Sunday celebration and after the service parishioners bade farewell to Fr. Mike, who served Good Shepherd Church for three years. Fathers from Kathmandu left Tipling soon after Easter Sunday Mass and Fr. Mike joined them to be available for his new assignment in Deonia community as a Local Superior.

For few days, Fr. Anup was alone in Tipling, guarding the house and meeting the needs of the

started house blessings - Fr. Manu goes to Namsa and Fr. Anup goes to Lapdung and Majet.

Fr. Manu has started teaching in Dongden Devi Secondary School. Fr. Anup continues to teach in Gothan Devi Basic School. Nepali New Year 2078 was celebrated by having school staff picnic in Tatopani, which was organized by Ruby Valley Palika. There were around 75 teachers who joined the picnic from Lapa, Shertung, Borang, Tipling, Puru and Chalise. We enjoyed hot spring bath, meal and Tamang dance.

Fr. Anup Ranjan Minj



DIASPORA

PREMAL JYOTI, AHMEDABAD

Month of March was quite good because corona was under control but due to elections and different festivals now the situation is alarming. During the holy week we went to St. Xavier's Parish, Navrangpura for mass, abided by the covid protocols and also attended Easter vigil in the Parish. It was a moment of grace for all of us because after a year we celebrated Easter. On 4th of April, we had Easter celebration in the community. After Easter we had lots of fourth coming community activities but due to sudden increase in positive cases of covid we cancelled all those activities.

The unexpected demises of four Gujarat Jesuits due to covid has aggrieved us severely, shaken us extremely and left us in despair and confusion. In-

deed, the cloud of hopelessness and despair cover all around us and we are faced with alarming situation. And right now, the situation here in Ahmedabad is out of control due to exceptional increasing in number and there are not sufficient beds and oxygen in the city.

Apart from all these prevailing situations First year students are busy with our daily online classes while second year and third year are busy with 4th and 6th semester examinations respectively. Recently we had monthly recollection given by Dr. Daniel (a lay man recently converted from Jainism to Catholicism).

Schs. Vinay, Krish & Bipin

ST. XAVIER'S, RAJGANJ

April was an important month for all the Christians this year because they celebrated Easter. But many might not have been able to celebrate due to Covid-19 lockdown. Niroj after his exams went for home visit on 28th. As the Holy week arrived the first year philosophers from Satyanilayam began their 2nd CIA of second semester. We were blessed with exams during the Passion Week. Since it was online, our spiritual activities were not affected. Though people were uncertain of the Easter celebration in different places, we were able to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ meaningfully at Rajganj community. This year it was more meaningful to pray for those especially affected by Covid-19 and those who have gone for eternal rest. After the Easter celebration I was fully occupied with my 2nd Semester exams from 13-21 April. As I was blessed by the risen Lord, I also had a lot of intellectual ac-

tivities. With the final exam the semester was not over. I had to complete (Self-integration paper, Life Skill assignment, summary of "Faith and Reason" by John Paul II) before the end of April. On 26th during the pick time of corona, I travelled to Deonia that I would travel to Kathmandu for my Internship program. But that was not possible because of lockdown in Kathmandu; so on the next day 27th I had to travel back to Matigara. I was happy to visit Deonia community. At present I am at HLDRC for my Internship program; it is a university requirement for P.G. course in Loyola College, Chennai.

Dear Fathers and Brothers, as we all are aware of covid-19 situation all over the world, let us remember each other in our prayers because only God can keep us away from this unpredictable virus.

Sch. Lawrence Kerketta

LOYOLA B.Ed, NAMCHI

After our third semester exams we visited Nathula, a border area between India and China. Sikkim Government obliged us to have online classes for the fourth semester from 21 April. Second wave of Covid-19 seems to be strong here and Sikkim Government is very strict with protocols. We are staying inside the compound and are busy with our classes and games in the evenings. Fathers are concerned about our good health and safety. We are well taken care in our community during this pandemic situation.

Martin Moris



May 05	Sch. Bipin Bara
May 10	Fr. Dilip Kumar Toppo
May 14	Fr. Sanjay Boniface Ekka
May 18	Fr. Daniel Bara
May 26	Sch. Moris Anthony Martin



1. Fr. Gyan Prakash Minj, SJ (RAN 46/25), died on 30 April 2021 in Manresa House, Ranchi.
2. Fr. Christopher Kerketta, SJ (HAZ 68/45), died on 29 April 2021 in the Samford hospital Ranchi.
3. Fr. John Tirkey, SJ (RAN 59/35), died on 29 April 2021 at Deokamal Hospital, Ranchi.
4. Fr. Thomas Thekkethala Joseph, SJ (HAZ 74/56), died on 29 April 2021 at Samford Hospital, Ranchi.
5. Fr. Joy Karayampuram, SJ (PAT 60/41), died on 29 April 2021 in Ruben Memorial Hospital, Patna.
6. Br. Modestus Tirkey, SJ (RAN 72/53) passed away on 25 April 2021 in Ranchi.
7. Fr. Mangal Kerketta (DAR, 46/23), died on 25 April 2021 in Gayaganga.
8. Fr. Peter Terrence Jones, SJ (HAZ 90/66), died on 25 April 2021 at St Stanislaus College Sitagarha.
9. Fr. Royce Wenceslaus Macedo, SJ (AND, 89/71) died on 25 April 2021 at St. Patrick's High School, Secunderabad.
10. Fr. Sushil Sah, SJ (67/47) died on 24 April 2021 in Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna.

11. Fr. Sushil Kujur, SJ (DUM, 58/35) died on 24 April 2021 at St Luke's hospital, Dakaita.
12. Fr. Samuel Marandi, SJ (DUM, 56/32) died on 24 April 2021 at St Luke's hospital, Dakaita.
13. Br. Clestus Baxla, SJ (MAP 53/30) died on 24 April 2021 in Constant Lievens Hospital, Mandar.
14. Fr. Severius Ekka, SJ (RAN 82/60) died on 22 April 2021 at Lievens Hospital & Research Centre Mandar.
15. Fr. Srinivasan T. Joseph, SJ (MDU 89/69) died on 22 April 2021 at Beschi Illam, Dindigul.
16. Fr. Panoor C. Joseph, SJ (MDU 85/66) died on 22 April 2021 at Beschi Illam, Dindigul.
17. Fr. Praveen Hrudayaraj, SJ (41/22), died on 22 April 2021 in Mazumdar Shaw Medical Center, Bengaluru.
18. Fr. George Karamayil, SJ (PAT 75/53) died on 21 April 2021 in Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna.
19. Fr Francis Guntipilly, SJ (KAR 72/54), died on 18 April 2021 in St Philomena's Hospital, Bengaluru.
20. Fr Sylvester Kerketta, SJ (DUM, 62/42), died on 18 April 2021 in St Luke's Hospital, Dakaita.
21. Fr Jerry Sequeira, SJ (GUJ 73/54) died on 18 April 2021 in Sola Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad.
22. Fr Erwin Lazarado, SJ (GUJ 58/37) died on 17 April 2021 in New Life Para Medical Premium Hospital, Vadodara.
23. Fr Jesuraj Arputham, SJ (GUJ 60/39) died on 16 April 2021 in a private Hospital, Dindigul.
24. Fr. John Joseph Amaladoss, SJ (AND, 75/58) died on 14 April 2021 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guntur.
25. Fr Varghese Paul Chollamadam, SJ (GUJ 77/56), died on 10 April 2021 in GMERS Hospital, Vadodara.
26. Fr. Phillip Crotty, SJ (HAZ 89/71), died on 06 April 2021 at Lavendar Bay Jesuit Residence, Sydney.

THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

07/05/2017	Mark Robson
16/05/1999	Michael P. Quinn
24/05/1982	Bertrand Soubolle

