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My dear Confreres, on this auspicious occasion of the Birth of our Saviour, I wish each one of you God's abundant blessings and a very Happy Christmas. The name **Emmanuel** means **God is with us**. The Gospel of Mathew 1/23 says: *Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel* – the One who is with us. There is a great incident mentioned in the life of **Emperor Alexander, the Great**. Once Alexander visited one of his military camps. There, surprisingly, he saw one of his soldiers sleeping during the day. He woke him up and asked him: 'What is your name?' The soldier answered, 'my name is Alexander.' The emperor was so furious and he said: 'Either you change your name or quit the job.' 'The one who bears the name Alexander cannot be lazy like you.'



On this Christmas day when God is incarnated, we are reminded of the same story. The one who bears the name 'Emmanuel' can never be one who is not living in accordance with that name. We should represent God in our world today and we must be for him forever. The Old Testament very clearly exemplifies how God accompanied his people. As the people of Israel wandered through the desert the Lord God accompanied them during the day in the form of a pillar of cloud and during the night in the form of a pillar of fire (Ex. 13/21) – God lived with his people. On the day of incarnation, the Son of God came into this world in the form of a mere human being, being like us in everything except

sin. **St Teresa of Child Jesus** would say, 'today he comes into the Eucharist not to sit in the golden tabernacles, but to be with us, God who is with us, because we bear his name and we have his image.'

My dear Confreres, the vocation that each one of us has received, to be a Christian, to be someone who is with God, carries along a responsibility to be accomplished. The first responsibility is to understand and to live this call to be 'Emmanuel' in our times. In our way of life, in the words that we speak, in the kindness and compassion that we show to others, we are called to live Jesus in our lives and to be for him forever. The companions of **late Abdul J Kalam** used to say about him: 'One thing we felt about him is that he was a man who experienced the presence of God in his daily life and because of that he was like

God to others. The one who experiences God in his life will never be anything else than a representative of God: **He is for him forever.**

The second dimension of Emmanuel is that we must be able to see God whom we replicate living in the life of someone else. He can be found in the lives of my Confreres, my companions, my colleagues, my parents or my family members and all those who come in contact with me. I must be able to see in them God's ever-living presence. The famous philosopher **Emmanuel Levinas** used to say: 'When I look at your face, I see God there. That is why my name is EMMANUEL.

My dear Confreres, as we are celebrating Christmas, the greatest responsibility given to us is to represent Jesus in our times that is **to be for him forever.** I wish each one of you a wonderful, gracious and grace-filled Christmas. Let the presence of Emmanuel – God with us – transform our lives so that we will be able to permeate the presence of God in us to others. **MERRY CHRISTMAS BELOVED CONFRERES!**

Postponement of the Extraordinary General Chapter

My dear Confreres, hereby I would like to communicate to you that the Extraordinary General Chapter, which was proposed to be conducted in Fransalian Seminary, Pune from 1st to 7th February 2022 is postponed. **Fr Saji George MSFS**, the Secretary General of the Extraordinary General Chapter has informed: *The celebration of the Extraordinary General Chapter 2022, announced to be held from February 01-07, 2022 at Fransalian Seminary, Pune, Maharashtra, will not take place as scheduled, due to uncertainties regarding international travel and gatherings in the wake of the new variant (Omicron) of COVID-19.*

Registration of Land at Kumbalagodu, Kengeri, Bangalore

We have completed the registration of the land we had purchased for TEJAS and FIDES India projects. Our Agreement to purchase land for these projects dates back to the year 2005. The registrations got delayed due to legal issues and court cases. We had registered a part of the property (4 acres 27 guntas) in the year 2016 and have constructed the school building there. Remaining portion of the land where TEJAS and NEST Children's Village are now situated is registered to Karnataka Fransalian Society (3 acres 18 guntas) and FIDES India Society (5 acres 08 guntas) respectively on December 20, 2021. Totally we have 13 acres 13 guntas land in the campus. It had been truly a strenuous effort for the Provincial Administration to accomplish this task of registration due to various complications. We had to wave off unnecessary criticisms from various corners as well. We thank God, that finally it is accomplished. I take this opportunity specially to thank Fr Vinod Kanattu, the Provincial Bursar, who spared no effort to make this dream come true. I wish that with the completion of the registration of the land, Tejas and Fides India Projects can envisage new visions. God be praised.

Visitation to Germany-Austria Delegation

My dear Confreres, in spite of the pandemic Covid-19 I had the great opportunity to visit our Germany-Austria Delegation from October 15, 2021 to November 6, 2021. Fortunately, the travel plans could be scheduled as foreseen without any hiccup caused by the pandemic. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with all our Confreres. The meetings were held in Communities such as the Augsburg Community,

Muenster Community and Austrian Community. At the same time, I also had the opportunity to meet with the Confreres, personally. Some of the Confreres who could not come for the community meetings were personally visited by me in their own parishes. All the meetings were comprised of prayer, common evaluation of life in the context of GA Delegation, sharing by the Provincial and Agape.

I had the opportunity to meet with the Superior General, **Very Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil**, in Schlanders, South Tirol. This is the place where **Rev. Fr Mathew Kozhuppakalam** is engaged in pastoral ministries. It was a wonderful time to meet with both of them and to exchange heartfelt views. I also visited Fr Anil Thondampallil in Graz.

I also had the opportunity to visit our Generalate in Rome. On the 24th of October 2021 I had the great opportunity to celebrate the Foundation Day of our Congregation in the Generalate and to plant twelve plants embodying the twelve provinces of our Congregation.



It was a wonderful opportunity for me to visit Franco-Swiss Province where Five of our Confreres are engaged in pastoral ministries. Although I could not meet with all our Confreres there due to the distance, I had the great opportunity to meet with a few of them and converse with others. It was wonderful to meet **Rev Fr Jean Yves La Tue**, the Provincial Superior of the Franco-Swiss Province and to chalk out certain plans of mutual collaboration.

It was also a wonderful opportunity for me to visit Very Rev Fr Emile Mayoraz in the Senior's Home in Fribourg. Of course, he is ailing, but still keeps up his focus. Let us pray that he continues to enjoy good health of mind and body.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Delegation Superior **Rev Fr Siby Manickathan**, and the Superiors of our Communities **Frs. Tomy Mullasseril, Joseph Mannukuzhumpil** and **Reji Muthukattil** for meticulously planning my travel plans and extending a very warm hospitality. In this context, I, very specially, acknowledge the hard work of our Confreres in Germany-Austria Delegation.

Through their resourcefulness, they contribute mightily to the pastoral needs of Europe and financially the monetary needs of our Province. Dear Confreres, South-West India Province-Family remains grateful to you for your generous spiritual and monetary contributions.



Gratitude to Rev. Fr James Mukalel MSFS, the Founder and President of the Registered Society of the Congregation of Missionaries of St Francis de Sales



Since three decades we have a society in Germany, titled, The Registered Society of the Congregation of Missionaries of St Francis de Sales. This society is a dream child of **Rev Fr James Mukalel** who left no stone unturned to make sure that the whole Congregation is served through this society for the financial transactions as well as all other legal management. It had not been an easy job for Fr James to accomplish all the legal formalities to make the society full-

fledged. But through his strenuous efforts as well as by garnering the good will of some of his German Friends, including Lawyers and well-wishers who tirelessly supported him, Fr James was able to make things happen. At present more than eighty MSFS Confreres are engaged in. Pastoral Ministries in Germany. The whole Congregation is benefitting through this society, especially to transfer the money to India tax-free, and all other transactional matters such as insurance, purchase and sale of vehicles etc. Very often the hard work of Fr James was not well recognized. I am personally well aware of the struggles he has undergone to accomplish the tasks perfectly. It has perhaps even affected his good health.

After Thirty Years of faithful service to the Congregation as the President of our registered Society in Germany Rev. Fr James Mukalel is laying down the office of the President on December 31, 2021. On this occasion I would like to place on record my heartfelt gratitude to Rev Fr James Mukalel for the stupendous services he rendered not only to the South West India Province, but to the whole MSFS Congregation. Dear Fr James, we are ever grateful to you for the monumental services you have rendered as the president of our society in Germany and I am proud to say **HATS OFF DEAR FR JAMES**. May the good Lord give you strength to continue to serve the Congregation in the future too.

Rev Fr Siby Manickathan MSFS will take charge as the President of the Registered Society of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales in Germany on January 1, 2022. I wish Fr Siby God's abundant blessings to serve the Congregation through our Society. **Congratulations and Best Wishes dear Fr Siby Manickathan.**

Our Jubilarians

My dear Confreres, we are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of **Rev. Fr A. Jerome, Rev. Fr Mullasseril Tomy, Rev. Fr Kannadom Joseph, Rev. Fr Valliamthadathil George, Rev. Fr Mannukuzhumpil Joseph, Rev. Fr Kulangarathottiyil Sebastian and Rev. Fr Pannalakunnel Tom**. Along with you, I take this opportunity to congratulate each one of them for their total surrender to the Lord through the MSFS Congregation and in particular through our Province. Dear Fathers, you are unique and through your own unique dynamism, you have brought in the flavour of love and commitment through the various ministries you have undertaken in the province until now. May this Jubilee year be a time of joy, fulfilment and motivation for further commitment.

Congrats!

Rev. Fr A. Jerome

DATE OF BIRTH : 17-01-1969
PLACE OF BIRTH : Harobale, Karnataka
NAME OF FATHER : R. Anthonappa
NAME OF MOTHER : I. Mariamma
NAME OF THE PARISH : Holy Rosary Church, Harobale



DIOCESE OF ORIGIN : Arch Diocese of Bangalore
FIRST PROFESSION : June 10, 1990, Salesianum, Visakkapattanam
PERPETUAL PROFESSION : November 30, 1996, Fransalian Seminary, Pune
DIACONATE : January 18, 1997, Shanwadi
ORDINATION : October 17, 1997, Holy Rosary Church, Harobale

Appointments

- 1997-1998: Assistant Parish Priest of Mary Immaculate Church, Bhadravathi.
- 1998-2000: Mission incharge of M.S.F.S. Mission Centre, Mundargi.
- 2000-2001: Collaborator at P.S.I. Seva Bhavan, Malur.
- 2001: M.A, in Sociology, Mysore University.
- 2001-2004: Assistant Parish Priest of St Peter and St Paul Church, Mercogliano, Avellino, Italy.
- 2008: Licentiate in Canon Law, Urbaniana University, Rome.
- 2012: Doctorate in Canon Law, Urbaniana University, Rome
- 2013: Visiting Professor of De Sales University, Allen Town, Pennsylvania, USA
- 2013-2015: Parish Priest of SFS Church, Malur.
- 2016-2019: Councillor-In-Charge of Mission.
- 2014 - : Canon Law Professor at St Peter's Institute of Canon Law.
- 2018-2021: Parish Priest of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Kolar.
- 2021 - : Rector & Superior at Sannidhi, Mysore.

Congrats!

Rev. Fr Mullasseril Tomy

DATE OF BIRTH : 31-01-1971
PLACE OF BIRTH : Paingottoor
NAME OF FATHER : Devassia
NAME OF MOTHER : Rosa



NAME OF THE PARISH : B. V. M. Dolour's Church, Calvarigiri, Kulappuram
DIOCESE OF ORIGIN : Kothamangalam
FIRST PROFESSION : June 10, 1990, Salesianum, Visakkapattanam
PERPETUAL PROFESSION : May 30, 1996, Vinayalaya, Bangalore
DIACONATE : May 30, 1997, Vinayalaya, Bangalore
ORDINATION : December 29, 1997, B. V. M. Dolour's Church, Kulappuram

Appointments

- 1998-1999: Assistant Parish Priest of St Xavier Cathedral Church, Bangalore Diocese.
- 1999-2000: Assistant Parish Priest of St Francis de Sales Church, Koppal and Kukkanur.
- 2000-2001: Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows, Mundargi and Superior MSFS House Mundargi.
- 2001-2004: Assistant Parish Priest of Parishes of Untermaessing, Obermaessing and Groesshoe-
bing in the Diocese of Eichstätt in Germany.
- 2004-2007: Assistant Parish Priest of Parishes of Koenigstein and Edelsfeld in the Diocese of
Eichstätt in Germany.
- 2007-2009: Assistant Parish Priest of Parishes of Herrieden, Elbersroth, Rauenzell and Neun-
stetten in the Diocese of Eichstätt in Germany.
- 2009- 2012: Assistant parish priest of the Parish St Emmeram Wemding in the Diocese of Eich-
stätt in Germany.
- 2013-2016: Parish Priest of SFS Church Koppal and Superior MSFS House Koppal.
- 2013-2014: Manager of SFS schools Koppal.
- 2013-2016: Dean of the Koppal Deanery in the Diocese of Bellary.
- 2016-2018: Superior of MSFS Community, Director of SFS Prateeksha Boys Home, Hebbagodi,
Bangalore.
- 2018 - : Pfarrvikar of the Parishes Berching, Holnstein, Stauffersbuch, Pollanten, Weidenwang,
Erasbach in the Diocese of Eichstätt in Germany.

Congrats!

Rev. Fr Kannadom Joseph

DATE OF BIRTH : 03-07-1966
PLACE OF BIRTH : Kannankara
NAME OF FATHER : A.J. Joseph
NAME OF MOTHER : Elamma
NAME OF THE PARISH : St James Church, Paloothara
DIOCESE OF ORIGIN : Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese
FIRST PROFESSION : June 10, 1990, Salesianum, Visakkapattanam
PERPETUAL PROFESSION : May 30, 1996, Vinayalaya, Bangalore
DIACONATE : May 30, 1997, Vinayalaya, Bangalore
ORDINATION : December 30, 1997, St James Church, Paloothara



Appointments

- 1998: Learning Kannada language at St Ignatius Church, Guladgud, Belgaum.
- 1998-1999: Pioneer of the Mission at Mundargi.
- 1999: Priest in charge at St Thomas Church, Mangara, Kerala.
- 1999-2000: Assistant Parish Priest of our Lady of Velankanni, Yelahanka, Bangalore.
- 2000-2004: Priest In-charge Gauribidanur and Sidlagatta in the Archdiocese of Bangalore.
- 2004 to 2011: Parish Priest of our Lady of Velankanni, Yelahanka in the Archdiocese of Bangalore.
- 2011: Manager of Vinayakumar Estate, Nilambur.
- 2011-2014: Superior of Saumyasadan, Mysore.
- 2014: Parish Priest of St Ignatius Church, Kannadiparamba in the Diocese of Kannur, Kerala.
- 2015-2019: Parish Priest of SFS Church, Jakkur (Diocese of Mandya).
- 2019-2021: Superior of Saumyasadan Community, Mysore.
- 2021- : Administrator of the Community and School at Malur.

Congrats!

Rev. Fr Valliamthadathil George

DATE OF BIRTH : 20-01-1968
PLACE OF BIRTH : Nirmalagiri
NAME OF FATHER : V.V. Joseph
NAME OF MOTHER : Aleyamma
NAME OF THE PARISH : St Sebastian's Church, Pazhayarikandom
DIOCESE OF ORIGIN : Idukki
FIRST PROFESSION : June 10, 1990, Salesianum, Visakkapattanam
PERPETUAL PROFESSION : May 30, 1996, Vinayalaya, Bangalore
DIACONATE : May 30, 1997, Vinayalaya, Bangalore
ORDINATION : January 01, 1998, St Sebastian's Church, Pazhayarikandom



Appointments

- 1998-1999: Assistant Parish Priest of St Mary's Forane Church, Marudonkara, Thamarassery.
- 1999-2001: Staff at S.F.S. Seminary, Ettumanoor.
- 2001-2004: S. Nicola Church, Torrelli, Italy.
- 2004-2007: St. Nichola's Tolentino, Bristol, U.K.
- 2005-2007: M.A. in Theology and Ministry, Bristol University, England.
- 2008-2012: Rector of S.F.S. Seminary, Ettumanoor.
- 2012-2014: Administrator of Tejas Vidya Peetha.
- 2015-2017: Staff at De Sales University, US.
- 2017- : Associate pastor of St Paul the Apostle Church, Yonkers, New York.

Congrats!

Rev. Fr Mannukuzhumpil Joseph

DATE OF BIRTH : 22-02-1969
PLACE OF BIRTH : Mutholy, Pala
NAME OF FATHER : John
NAME OF MOTHER : Mary
NAME OF THE PARISH : Mar Sleeva Forane Church, Cherppunkel
DIOCESE OF ORIGIN : Pala
FIRST PROFESSION : June 10, 1990, Salesianum, Visakkapattanam
PERPETUAL PROFESSION : May 30, 1997, Vinayalaya, Bangalore
DIACONATE : July 24, 1997, SFS Seminary Ettumanoor
ORDINATION : January 4, 1998, Mar Sleeva Forane Church, Cherppunkel



Appointments

- 1998-1999: Assistant Parish Priest, St Francis Xavier's Church, Vattapara.
- 1999-2000: Procurator of Sudhirvana, Bangalore.
- 2000-2003: Chaplian to the Central Jail and Parish Priest, Immaculate Conception Church, Pappinissery, Kannur.
- 2003-2005: Manager, Principal and Superior of SFS School and Chaplian to the Central Jail, Kannur.
- 2005: Member at Jyothi Nilaya, Calicut.
- 2005-2007: Member of Vinayalaya Community and B.ed Studies, Bangalore.
- 2007-2008: Vice- Principal of SFS School, Srinivasapur.
- 2008-2012: Principal SFS PU College, Hebbagodi.
- 2012-2015: Pastoral Ministry in St Joseph parish, Oldenburg.
- 2015- : Pastoral Ministry in St Clemen's Parish, Hiltrup, Munster.

Congrats!

Rev. Fr Kulangarathottiyil Sebastian

DATE OF BIRTH : 19-02-1969
PLACE OF BIRTH : Arikuzha
NAME OF FATHER : K.J. Varghese
NAME OF MOTHER : Chinnamma
NAME OF THE PARISH : St Sebastian's Church, Arikuzha
DIOCESE OF ORIGIN : Kothamangalam
FIRST PROFESSION : June 10, 1990, Salesianum, Visakkapattanam
PERPETUAL PROFESSION : May 30, 1996, Vinayalaya, Bangalore
DIACONATE : January 24, 1997
ORDINATION : January 8, 1998, St Sebastian's Church, Arikuzha



Appointments

- 1988-1999: Priest-in-Charge of MSFS House, Mundaragi.
- 1999-2001: Assistant Parish Priest of St Francis Xavier's Church, Vattapara.
- 2001-2003: Parish Priest of Immaculate Conception Church, Azhikode.
- 2003-2005: Staff of Saumya Sadan, Mysore.
- 2005-2008: Parish Priest & Superior of DeSales Bhavan, Mulbagal.
- 2008-2011: Superior, Parish Priest and correspondent of St. Joseph's Church, Chintamani.
- 2011-2016: Parish Priest and Director of Boys' Home at St Joseph's Church, Ulickal.
- 2016-2020: Administrator of PSI Seva Bhavan, Malur.
- 2020-2021: Parochial Administrator at St Joseph Church, Edamon.
- 2021- : Member at PSI Sevagram, Kengeri.

Congrats!

Rev. Fr Pannalakunnel Tom

DATE OF BIRTH : 12-04-1970
PLACE OF BIRTH : Vilangad
NAME OF FATHER : P.V. Thomas
NAME OF MOTHER : Thresiamma
NAME OF THE PARISH : St May's Church, Mariagiri
DIOCESE OF ORIGIN : Thamarassery
FIRST PROFESSION : June 10, 1990, Salesianum, Visakkapattanam
PERPETUAL PROFESSION : May 30, 1997, Vinayalaya, Bangalore
DIACONATE : July 24, 1997, SFS Seminary Ettumanoor
ORDINATION : January 10, 1998, St May's Church, Mariagiri



Appointments

- 1998-1999: Assistant Parish Priest of St Antony's Church, Arimpur.
- 1999-2002: Vocation Director at SFS Seminary, Ettumanoor.
- 2002-2004: MSc. Psychology, Montfor College, Bangalore.
- 2004-2006: Staff of Suvidya College.
- 2004-2006: Vice Principal of St Francis de Sales Degree College.
- 2006-2007: Chaplain of Alexian Brother's Medical center, Chicago.
- 2007-2008: Chaplain of St Alexius Medical Center, Chicago.
- 2008-2014: Chaplain of Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital.
- 2013: Doctor of Education in Counselor Education and Supervision, Illinois School of Professional Psychology (Argosy University).
- 2014-2016: Clinical Director Residential Treatment Center for the Clergy and Religious (Shalom Center).
- 2016: Director of DeCare, Aluva.
- 2019-2018: Director of DeCare, Makkiyad.

Our New Priest

Rev. Fr Marc Edward B. Malihan, MSFS, was ordained to the sacred order of presbyters by his excellency Most Rev. Reynaldo G. Evangelista D.D. Bishop of Imus on November 15, 2021 at St Mary Magdalene Parish Kawit, Cavite, Philippines. He is the first MSFS priest from Luzon and the 5th Filipino MSFS priest. Rev. Fr Marc is truly God's gift especially because he is the first MSFS priest from the Diocese of Imus to get ordained during the Jubilee year of 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines.

Date of birth : November 30,1990
Place of birth : Cavite City, Philippines
Name of parents : Procopio Malihan and Conception Baloy Malihan
Parish : St. Mary Magdalene Parish
Diocese : Imus Diocese
First Profession : June 3,2015
Perpetual Profession : January 23, 2022
Diaconate Ordination : May 14,2021
Ordination : November 15, 2021



Visitation to the North East



I had the great opportunity to visit two of our Confreres, Frs Israil Lakra and Kelvin Olikkunnel from the South West India Province working in the Guwahati Province. I visited their mission centres and the places of their ministries. Both of them have captured the Garo language and are doing the ministries satisfactorily. It was also an opportunity for me to visit some of the remote mission stations of Guwahati Province both in Assam and Meghalaya. I sincerely thank **Rev Fr Sabu Francis, the Provincial**, for meticulously organizing my travel plans and **Frs Santhosh and Sibin** for accompanying me throughout my journey. God bless Guwahati Province.

Priestly Ordinations

My dear Confreres, this season of Christmas and New Year brings along with it Seven New Priests to our Province family. Two of the ordinations are already done and yet another five more will be ordained in the coming weeks. **I request you to arrange your participation in these ordinations respecting the directives and restrictions given by the government/local civil authorities on account of the Pandemic Covid-19.** Above all support our deacons with your prayerful accompaniment when phys-

ical presence is not possible. Let us celebrate our new priests that their life will be modelled after the newborn babe in the manger.

- **Dn John B. Gannot** will be ordained by Bishop Pius Thomas D'Souza, the Bishop of Ajmer on December 27, 2021 at St Michael Church, Salaward, Rajastan.
- **Dn Bibin Kuriakose Outhuppasery** will be ordained by Bishop Joseph Perumthottam, Archbishop of Changanacherry on January 03, 2022 at St Mary's Church, Kadayanickadu, Kottayam, Kerala.
- **Dn Arun Cyriac Valliara:** will be ordained Bishop Joseph Pamplany, the auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Thalassery on January 05, 2022 at St Joseph's Forane Church, Vayattuparamba, Kannur, Kerala.
- **Dn Subin Palamattathil** will be Ordained by Bishop ... the Bishop of Mandya Diocese on January 18, 2022 at St Francis de Sales Church, Hebbagodi, Bangalore, Karnataka.
- **Dn Arun Kumar** will be ordained by Archbishop Peter Machado, the Archbishop of Bangalore on January 19, 2022 at Infant Jesus Church, Viveknagar, Bangalore, Karnataka.

Hearty Welcome – Fr Robin Thonikuzhiyil

After many years of effective ministry in the Chad-Cameroon Delegation **Fr Robin Thonikuzhiyil** has returned to the Province-Family in India. Fr Robin is an experienced missionary in Chad and through his deep commitment has endeared himself so well with the people and the diocese of Doba. He rendered his services as parish priest, manager of the schools of the diocese, superior of the community and also constructed new SFS School and SFS Boys' Home in Doba. As we extend a hearty welcome to Fr Robin we wish him God's abundant blessings in his future ministries.

Best Wishes – Fr Shalbin Marottikudy

As part of our continued collaboration with the England Province, on November 8, 2021 **Fr Shalbin Marottikudy** has left for Pastoral Ministry in the England Province of our Congregation. He will be engaged in Pastoral Ministry in the Nottingham Diocese. Fr Shalbin has already taken charge as Assistant Parish Priest. During his stay and ministry in England Fr Shalbin is entitled with passive and active voice in the England Province. As we thank Fr Benny Valiyaveetil, the Provincial of England Province, I wish Fr Shalbin God's abundant blessings in his new stint of ministries. **Best Wishes dear Fr Shalbin.**

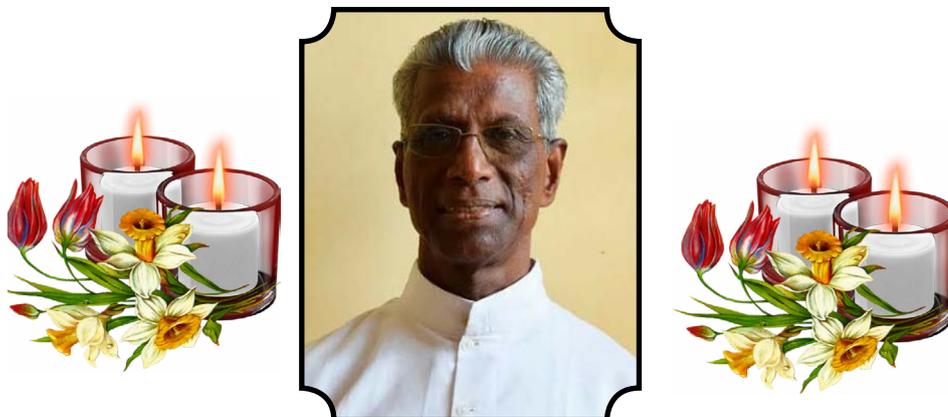
Transfers & Appointments

- **Fr Marc Malihan** is appointed to the MSFS Community of Barili, Philippines, with effect from November 21, 2021.
- **Fr Robin Thonikuzhiyil** is temporarily appointed as the as the Assistant Director of SFS Boys' Home, Ulickal with effect from December 2, 2021.
- **Fr Jibin Paraparambil** is appointed as the Administrator of the Community and SFS School,

Mattannur with effect from January 4, 2022.

- **Bro. Albin Kadaparambil** is appointed as the in-charge of Boys in SFS Boys' Home, Hebbagodi with effect from December 2, 2021.

Obituary



Rev. Fr Augustine Olickal (80), belonging to Visakhapatnam Province passed away on November 27, 2021. We thank God for all the good things that He has showered upon our Congregation through the instrumentality of Rev. Fr Augustine Olickal. May God bless him and give him eternal rest.



Rev. Bro. Michael Olickal MSFS (86), belonging to Visakhapatnam Province passed away on December 12, 2021. We thank God for this great missionary. May God bless him with the eternal reward.

NB: For a deceased Confrere, who is a professed member, each one of us is obliged to celebrate a Holy Mass irrespective of the Province. I request all of you to do the necessary suffrages for the departed Confreres.

- **Mr Arulappa (65)**, Brother of Fr James Thomas, died on November 10, 2021.
- **Mrs. Mary**, Eldest Sister in law of Fr Thomas Moongamakal, died on December 4, 2021.
- **Mr Babu John Muthupeedika (53)**, Father of Bro. Jostro Muthupeedika, died on December 10, 2021.

- **Mr John Vellakada (92)**, Paternal Uncle of Fr Sen Vellakada, died on December 20, 2021.
- **Mr Augustine Kumbloickal (47)**, Nephew of Fr Jose Kumbloickal, died on December 21, 2021.

We assure you, dear Confreres, the remembrance of your dear ones in our Holy Mass and Prayers.

My Schedule

January 2022

3rd January	Priestly Ordination of Dn Bibin Kuriakose Outhuppassery
5th January	Ordination of Dn Arun Cyriac Valliara
9th January	Installation of the Relic of St. Francis de Sales in SFS Church, Malur, Holy Mass by the Archbishop of Bangalore
10th January	Council Meeting
18th January	Ordination of Dn Subin Palamattathil at SFS Church Hebbagodi, Bangalore
19th January	Ordination of Dn Arun Kumar at Infant Jesus Church, Bangalore
20th January	Council Meeting
22nd January	Installation of the Relic of St Francis de Sales in SFS Church, Hebbagodi, Holy Mass by the Archbishop of Bangalore

VOICE OF SFS

“God has destined everything for His Love as the end of all things.”

Fraternally,



Fr Benny Koottanal MSFS
Provincial