

Fr. Beni Alphonse Ekka SJ (65) passed away on Jan 1, 2013. (872) By Michaelsj
on 01-January-2013

Ranchi: Today, January 1, 2013, Fr. Beni Ekka SJ passed away. He was in Maranghada for few days. At the night of 31 December 2012 he did not feel well. When his condition did not improve, he was being rushed to Ranchi. But on the way he breathed his last. His body was brought to Manresa House where the House Doctor declared him dead. His dead body is kept in the mortuary of Apollo Hospital. Tomorrow body will be brought back to Manresa House where people could pay their last respect to the departed dear one.

The burial will take place tomorrow Wednesday January 2, 2013. The body will be kept at Manresa House chapel for the last visit. Thereafter body will be taken to St. Xavier's College Chapel where the funeral Mass will be held at 9.30 a.m. followed by burial ceremony at Kantatoly cemetery.

May God grant him eternal peace and Joy, and solace to the near and dear ones.

PAJHRA: A BIBLE DIARY BY OUR RANCHI JESUIT PASTORS (873) By Francisminj
on 07-January-2013

Ranchi, January 7, 2013: Can our pastors be far behind when the communication blitz challenges their ministries? Perhaps our pastors took cue from Percy Bysshe Shelleys Ode to the West Wind and took an arduous task of writing reflections on daily Mass readings. Some people became cynical when the idea was first mooted. This will never happen. We have never done this way. Will it be good enough? Our people have never been writers Our people dont write for bulletins so theyll not write for this as well and questions of similar ilk came on the lips of the doubters, cynics and the well wishers. However, allaying all such fears our pastors came out with a Bible Diary. This 535 page book, the first fruit in the Year of the Faith sounds quite laudable since the reflections emanate from the daily pastoral experiences. Altogether thirteen pastors have shared their reflections, needless to say that the insights came from their God-experience; and the christening of the compilation as PAJHRA (Spring) befits the context and the intention, i.e. the Year of the Faith. For me personally, it was a joy to edit such a noble work of our pastors done under their young and feisty leader Fr Joseph Suman Baxla. Unlike other Bible Diaries, this volume contains both readings of the day and a short reflection. Families, students, pastors and busy people can greatly profit from it. The pastors will find it handy for carrying it to their tours. Priced at Rs.100/- the copies of the Bible Diary are available at Satya Bharati and in many of our parishes. Our Pastors labour will remain ever useful if all copies are sold out. Are you planning to buy one?

Glory of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi (874) By Patrick on 09-January-2013



Ranchi: Well done St. Xavier's College, Ranchi. The St. Xavier's College, Ranchi is declared among the top most Colleges of India. It has achieved "A" Grade with CGPA 3.23. And beside this the B.Ed. College also has obtained "B" Grade with CGPA 2.63 in the accreditation by UGC NAC team. Congratulation to the Principal Fr. Nicholas Tete, Rector Fr. Vinod Bilung, Vice-Principal Fr. Nabor Lakra, all the other Fathers of college, Teaching and Non-teaching Staff member and all the students of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi. Let's hope some more wonders from the College in the good and brilliant leadership by the Pricipal Fr. Nicholas Tete.

RB JANUARY 2012 is uploaded. (875) By **Michaelsj** on 10-January-2013

Ranchi: Dear Friends,

The website www.ranjesu.org had some technical fault. Now it is rectified. Therefore, RANCHI BULLETIN OF JANUARY 2013 has been successfully uploaded.

Thanks

Ordinations of Anand Amar Beck and Francis David Kullu (877) By Francisminj
on 13-January-2013

Dighia and Salangapos, January 13, 2013: Chilling morning weather, warm hearts, bright faces, hospitable hands and joyous feet can summarise the mood at Dighia parish today. The campus was well decorated for the ordination of Anand Amar Beck. Much before the start of the ceremony, Amars parents Mr Elias and Mrs Josepha stood at the parish gate to welcome the guests who came from near and far. The usual kanrsa-bhanda or pot-decked entrance dance by the women led His Eminence Telesphore P. Cardinal Toppo, the ordaining prelate and the sixty-five concelebrants to the stage. Fr Manohar Khoya, as master of ceremony, narrated Amars lifes journey to the priesthood and invited the faithful to join in thanking God for Amar. Ingenuity, devotion and inculturation were all on display during the Bible procession. A girl, sitting on the throne of the Parha Raja, displayed the open Bible as the bearers carried the emblem to the altar. It was an exquisite symbol in the Year of the Faith that the Word of God remains a symbol of the Christian faith.

The ceremony itself lasted for three hours during which the Archbishop reminded Amar of his priestly responsibilities and also urged the faithful to offer their sons and daughters as missionaries. Fresh from his FABC (Federation of Asian Bishops Conference) experience in Vietnam last December and hearing many good things about our men Manoj and Rajat in Cambodia, the Archbishop said, The time has

come that we send out missionaries just as the West gave them to us. We can hope that the invitation by our Archbishop will yield positive results especially from Dighia, a parish first nurtured by Fr De Cock in 1885 and a host of other Jesuit luminaries including Fr Constant Lievens.

Fr Sudhir Minj, SJ, Socius to the Provincial was the delegate of Fr Provincial.

A customary felicitation followed the ceremony. Fr Ignatius Lakra led the Jesuit troupe to a Nagpuri tune and a sailo for which Amar was carried to the stage. All the guests enjoyed the cultural and the food items.

In Salangapos Francis David Kullu was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Vincent Barwa. Fr Ignatius Kullu, David's brother flew from Germany for the ordination. Fr Provincial and P.C. F. have gone to Salangapos.

Sacerdotal Ordination of deacons Francis David Kullu, SJ and Nabor Dungdung (878) By Sushil on 14-January-2013

Salgaposh:: St. Ignatius Church premises, Salgaposh was abuzz with activities, anxious movements and jostling crowds, the ever unassuming choir not leaving any stone unturned to get their act together, dancing troupes checking their newly designed costumes while settling down for the task assigned and the faithful ever vibrant and enthusiastic eagerly awaiting what was yet to unfold with great expectations and the clergy fully vested in robes of white, having a serious look at the cloak slowly ticking over waiting for a green signal to move towards the stage perfectly set for the eventual. These were the scenes that preceded the sacerdotal ordination of deacon Francis David Kullu (Our man) and Nabor Dungdung of Darjeeling province held on January 13, 2013 at Salgaposh, ordained by Rev. Bishop Vincent Barwa D.D. and concelebrated by about 78 odd concelebrants in a liturgy that was laced with meaning, richness and creativity. When the stage was finally set for the liturgy to get underway, the dancing troupes stationed in three different directions, the middle row escorting the dignitaries which included the bishop, our Ranchi provincial Fr Xavier Soreng and the Socius of Darjeeling province who delegated the Provincial of Darjeeling for the occasion, and the other two rows escorting families of deacons Francis David Kullu and Nabor Dungdung the diocesan and religious clergy towards the alter that had a majestic look to give solemn touch to the occasion. In the beginning of what was to be a lengthy but a very moving liturgy Fr Dominic Barla, the parish priest of Salgaposh welcomed Rev. Bishop Vincent Barwa, the main celebrant, Fr Xavier Soreng, Ranchi Provincial, Socius of Darjeeling Fr Gabriel Tirkey, the august clergy and the faithful that had gathered in huge number approximately three thousands, to witness something extraordinary and divine at the same time. The solemn liturgy of the ordination to the priesthood was

beautifully anchored by Fr Kunwar Xaxa, from the Pastoral centre, Purnapani. His commentary at the significant moments of the ordination explaining the significance of what was to follow was inspiring and meaningful.

When the actual ceremony of ordination to the priesthood got underway, Deacon Francis David was accompanied by his mother and his elder brother since his father is no more while being escorted to the altar. And so was the case with Deacon Nabor, who also has lost his father. The general impression was that the ordination ceremony itself was held in a very meaningful way. The presence of the clergy in huge number added solemnity and depth to the whole ceremony. Among the prime witnesses of Davids ordination were his two elder sisters who themselves are religious, Sr. Anjali Kullu, Handmaids of Mary, Sr. Suchita Kullu, SCN, his cousin religious sister Sr. Joshita Soreng, DSFS, his aunt Sr Marcelina and his elder brother Fr Ignatius Kullu, a Norbertine priest who had especially flown from Munich, Germany. Fr. Vinod Soreng, doing doctoral studies in the University of London and a very good friend of Fr. Ignatius also joined the family and was part of the ceremony. Soon after the ordination was over a very sumptuous lunch was served to the clergy and a select group of family members and friends of the newly ordained priests. The well deserved break and a good fellowship meal was followed by a lovely and a very well prepared cultural programme. The star attraction of the cultural programme was the ever green and legendary Telamakhu by the mothers of the Bhutkudar Unit of the parish in which they simply poured out all the love and affection for their sons especially the chosen ones. Jesuits were not far behind. Our free flowing and spontaneous Dhamal was initiated by Fr Provincial himself and taken further in full swing by Fr Samir Dungdung and not to forget Fr Alois Beck (Aaloo) and his antics with his best improvisation a two piece instrument made of a bamboo stick. The audience gave a big round of applause to the group from Bardih for a lovely number composed in honour of Chote san David Bhaiya. At the end of the cultural programme both the newly ordained priests proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of the families and friends, expressing their sentiments of gratitude to the parish community, the clergy and the well wishers who had come from far and near to be part of this magnificent occasion, and for making the day meaningful and a memorable one. Soon after the cultural programme the newly ordained were handed over to their families with a very sweet but fun filled ceremony by the parish community for further celebrations to follow.