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WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY INIGO DAY

HOUSES & INSTITUTIONS

St. Ignatius' Gumla

On the very first day of June Fr. Thomas Barla from Assam Mission visited us for a day. How nostalgic he felt for the former community, he said. Sad and shocking news of the passing away of Fr. Paul Vijay Minj reached us on 2 June evening and we could not believe our ears! But it was true that he was no more. The next day most of us went to Ranchi for his funeral, may God grant him the gift of his Divine Sight eternally!

This year's Status made a big overhauling of our community at St Ignatius' Gumla. Fr. Pradeep Tirkey as Director of Jeevan Pravesh landed here on 5 June and Frs. Sylvanus Kerketta as Joint Director Gram Utthan Kendra and Vijay Manohar Tirkey as treasurer reached our community on 12 June. The two new scholastic Regents, Saban and Libin Kerketta, had already arrived here. On top of it the two Loreto Sisters, Shakuntala and Amia as collaborators in the English Medium School, joined our community on 8 June.

The results of Intermediate Arts were declared on 9 June. The performance of our Inter- college is quite good with 94% pass: I Division – 25 and II Division - 88. Congratulations to the Inter-college coordinator and the staff!

The 12 June (evening) was celebrated as welcoming the new comers and giving farewell to the outgoing members : Fr. Solomon to ATC Namkom, Fr. Anselm Ekka to Sadbhavna, Fr. Florence to Samtoli (temporarily held up for technical reasons), and regents David Minj and Rohit Kujur both going for their theological formation. Fr. Ravi Bhushan Xess had come to this community last March. Since David had to go to France he started language study under Fr. Marc, and what a sound of muttering all over in the house practicing the French pronunciation!

The three - day retreat was conducted for the H/S students and Inter College students from 8 to 11 June. Frs. Bruno Toppo with Inter College and Ashok Kandulna with the H/S boys kept the three days engaged in prayer, vigil and fasting. Congrats all of them and two directors!

The English Medium School for children started on 13 June in right earnest and some noise of crying, in the newly constructed class rooms that were tastefully furnished. Lots of paintings on the walls to catch the attention of the little ones! It's all imagination of Fr. Ravi Bhushan Xess, the new principal! Children love to come to school under the green mango trees however much in tears with some of them! Earlier the four class rooms were blessed by Fr. Headmaster Erentius Minj and ribbon was cut by Fr. Anselm Ekka.

Fr. Solomon left for ATC Namkom on 13 June, Fr. Anselm on 15 June, Sch. Rohit on 16 June and finally Sch. David Minj on 1 July. We'll miss them and they'll miss our company! But nothing is too big an obstacle before God's Mission!

The four Juniors from Manresa House were here to teach English to the Apostolic boys for a month. On the eve of St Aloysius' Feast they put up three skits and cultural dances in the school hall; many were invited from outside to witness the show and it was a grand success. The next day on 21st the Feast of St Aloysius the Patron Saint of the Apostolic School and to it the Birth Day of Fr. John Lakra, was no less glamorous with matches, feasting and dancing.

On 23 June the new Sister Priyanka joined the Eng. Medium School and Sr. Amia left for Kolkata for her further studies. The children welcomed one and gave farewell to the other. Our *Best Wishes* to Sr. Amia! There was a competition organized for the H/S students in declamation and solo singing in *mousmi* and *nagpuri* songs on 24 -25 June. This was a preparation for the Inter Jesuit Schools Competitions when it comes. Fr. Ignatius Tete, Tertian Instructor, was our guest this evening. He landed here to make stay arrangements for the tertians on their way visiting Bendora in Barway.

On 27 June *The CHILDLINE* Team of Gumla (AROUSE) went to Rajawal High School for the Out House Programme. What interesting session the team had with the students. It was all informing them about the widespread issue of human trafficking

in Jharkhand. Students and teachers were very happy to know about it and how to be on their guard and how to make use of the safety instrument "Call on 1098".

The inauguration of the new session 2016-18 for Class XI (Inter College) took place on 29 June. Mr. Benjamin Lakra (IAAS) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. He also awarded the toppers in Matric & Inter College, some of them district toppers. In his address he highlighted much about the "Packet of Gifts" for each individual from God; it needs to be opened, seen and developed for one's personality growth and development = character. There are 474 new admissions this year in total of all the three streams. From the very next day the Orientation Seminar was organized for them conducted by Fr. Petrus Barla from Kemtatoli Parish. It all started in serious earnestness. Congrats Fr. Manohar, the coordinator!

Fr. Christopher Lakra

St Mary's Samtoli

Sch. Nirmal Minj arrived St. Mary's to help in the apostolic work of the community as an Assistant prefect and Assistant teacher in the school. From the beginning he seemed to be energetic and interested in the mission of the Society.

Fr. Emmanuel Barla, the Principal of SXC, Simdega and Fr. Gilbert D'Souza are active in the work of the college. They often go to Ranchi for the needful work of the college in the University. They are also busy in admissions in the college. Many students are seeking admission which gives them immense joy and satisfaction. They wanted to start the classes as early as possible but the building is not ready.

Frs. John, Sikander and John Crus Tigga took part in a three day seminar on Education held at Jharna. They were enriched by different topics dealt in it.

The community had recollection on 18-19 June. Fr. Henry Barla came as a resource person. He dealt with 'Our Way of Proceeding'. All the members prayerfully reflected on the theme. It ended with Adoration followed by fellowship lunch on 19 June. The community is grateful to Fr. Henry for inspiring us by his thought-provoking insights.

The CRI meeting of Simdega diocese was held at St Mary's Samtoli on 26 June. This time 69 religious turned up for the event. Fr. Sylvanus Kerketta SJ was the speaker who highlighted on the purpose of the CRI body. At the end we had Holy Mass followed by lunch at 1.30 p.m.

A programme was held to honour the meritorious students of Class X and XII who are the toppers of the school : 3 students from Class X and 9 students from Class XII of Arts, Science and

Commerce were honoured by the school. Chief guest was Advocate Mr Shamim Akhtar who too was the old student of St. Mary's. In his message he said that students should be mentored and guided to achieve their goals and thus become future responsible citizens of the nation.

Fr. Linus

St Michael's Residence, Khunti

We had very eventful month. From the first to the last we had plenty of notable activities and events. The community has seen many of its members going out and many coming in. Fr. Ferdinand left for Ashirwad on 6 June after the handover ceremony on 3rd which took place in the presence of Fr. Sudhir Minj SJ, the Socius. The same day Fr. Ferdinand and Sch. Jyoti P. Baxla were given farewell and wished for their respective missions.

Fr. Sylverius went to Ursuline Convent Ranchi to give a seminar (June 1st – 4th) to the Ursuline Juniors. Sch. Alok went to Hazaribag for ten days for his Pre-Regency Programme (June 3rd – 13th). Both of them came back with rich experiences. Sch. Alok got much needed confidence he needed. Meanwhile Sch. Ajit Kerketta SJ joined the community on 8 June as a regent in the school and assistant hostel prefect. Later Fr. Ashok Kandulna SJ joined the community on 14 June. The hostellers are really happy to have them both. Br. Elias Minj arrived here on 16 June after celebrating his B'day in Samtoli. The last one to join us was Fr. Ranjit Kumar Horo SJ on 26th. With his arrival we are now ready for this academic year. All continue to enjoy sound health including Fr. William Surin SJ who is very happy to talk to the visitors. Fr. Augustine has been busy with various seminars and retreats in different places like Kurdeg, Ashirwad Jharna, Paththalgaon etc. He is very happy to receive the new Principal for the English Medium in the person of Fr. Ashok SJ. Fr. Amrit, the Superior has been effectively managing things in terms of running the house along with Br. Basil Tirkey SJ. Both were very hospitable and generous to all the outgoing and incoming members of the community.

The Pre-Novitiate is now back to a new life. We received the new batch on 22 June. They come from Simdega, Gumla, Khunti, Sambalpur dioceses. One from Assam joined on the 24th. They had their orientation from 23rd to 25th, completing the program by visiting the local Bishop and different communities here. 27th was a red letter day for us. We had Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur SJ, the Provincial and Fr. Michael Kerketta SJ, the PCF for the inauguration Mass and inaugural function. This year we have 28 Pre-Novices. Your prayers are requested for us.

Sch. Alok Ekka

ANDAMAN & DIASPORA

Prothrapur

Fr. Manoj Ekka SJ, working in Cambodia, visited Andaman in the first week of June with some of his relatives. They visited some important historical places, and definitely went to parishes where Jesuits are working.

I was busy in coaching classes for children during summer vacation. Fr Suman Baxla returned from the mainland on 6 June. He stayed overnight here and the next day proceeded to Diglipur. Fr Alexander left Andaman on 11 June as he is appointed as the new headmaster of St. John's English Medium School Ranchi.

The Working Women's Hostel at Bathubasti under Prothrapur parish was handed over to the Daughters of St. Anne's

Ranchi by the Sisters of St Anne of Chennai on 8 June. The Vicar General Fr. Dharampal Tirkey offered the Eucharist on this occasion. The faithful in sizeable number witnessed the ceremony of handing over.

After a long gap, the feast of St. Anthony of Padua was celebrated on 13 June at Chidiyatapu, one of the sub-stations of the parish. Novena to St Anthony was held as the spiritual preparation. Everyday youth conducted it pretty well. Day began with the Holy Eucharist and people participated in it actively. On the feast day Children, youth and mothers came forward with variety of entertaining cultural items. At the end festive meal was served for all.

To mark the Year of Mercy the faithful of Daudnagar tripped to Panighat shrine for pilgrimage on 18 June. They started Rosary from Bamboflat and went in procession reciting Rosary. Fr. Edward presided over the Eucharist for the pilgrims.

The parish community and Cluny Sisters were invited by Ashish Nagar for the celebration of the feast of their patron, Saint Peter, the Apostle. I was the main celebrant whereas Fr. Edward was concelebrant. Liturgy was very well prepared and conducted by the youth. After Mass everybody was served with dinner.

Fr. David

Jerusalem

The very thought of travelling to India including Ranchi in the continuous 40°C summer heat of April – May was frightening, but the sheer joy of home-coming, in a way forced me to make a trip to the Province. I started my journey for Ranchi on 6 May passing through Istanbul and Delhi. All my flights were on time and by 1.30 pm on 7 May I was in Ranchi airport. As I came out, to my great surprise I saw Fr Alex Tirkey waiting for me. My journey back to Jerusalem on 5 June came out very well as planned.

The time was short and the month was hot but the warmth of union and friendship with the Provincial and the Province members kept my spirit high. The wholehearted and generous welcome of Fr Provincial, the abundant care and concern of the Rector and Ministers of Manresa House made me feel very much at home and gave me deep sense of being rooted and grounded in love with the Province. It was a time to boost up my courage and strength for the mission in the Holy Land.

The house was blessed by the presence of some visitors in the month of June. Three theology students belonging to Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) did their 30 day retreat under the guidance of Fr Doan. For White Fathers, making a 30 day-retreat during theology is a compulsory part of their formation. Their theology centre is at the premise of St Anne Basilica situated at the heart of the city of Jerusalem. There were four Jesuits who followed a month's program. All four hailed from different Provinces of the world. Fr Noel Barber from Ireland, Fr Andre Gagno from Canada, Fr Ben Nebres from Philippines, Fr Michael Smith and Fr Antonio Navas from Spain attended the program and had an enriching experience of Jesus in the Holy Land. Two more Jesuits, Fr Ignatius Ohno and Fr Robert McChesney from the United States stayed with us and had wonderful time in visiting the holy places of the Holy Land. The period of Ramadan brought many Muslim brethren into the Mosque of Jerusalem. Every Friday all the streets of the city of Jerusalem were flooded with the Muslim men and women going for prayer. It is only during Ramadan, the Muslims living outside Israel are given permission to come on Friday to Jerusalem for prayer.

Fr. Camil Kerketta

Cairo (Egypt)

I came back to Cairo on 6 June after ten days' annual educational trip to France with class VI students. There were six teachers to help out in the whole trip and yet it was not easy to deal with forty pre-adolescent boys. There was an orientation programme before the trip and yet all the rules, regulations and warnings got disappeared from their minds as they entered the

Cairo airport for departure. They were hyper-active anywhere and everywhere i.e. airports, inside the flight, bus trip, hotels, visiting places, restaurants, etc. Many would not sleep till late nights, would not hesitate to disturb others and won't get up on time in the mornings.

In summer, a series of Ignatian retreats are conducted in Arabic and French languages in many places of Egypt. Lay people, youth and religious participate together without any inhibition. For the first time, breaking the trend, I conducted a three days' retreat in English from 16 June evening to 20 June morning in Jesuit retreat centre, Alexandria.

After fourteen years' of missionary work in Egypt (Near East & Maghreb Province), I had the privilege to visit Rome followed by a personal annual retreat in Manresa House, Naples. Fr. Prem Xalxo with the Ranchi Jesuits in Rome had arranged everything in minute detail so that time available was used to the maximum benefit. Most of them had already finished their final exams hence they were relaxed to move out and explore new places together. It was a joyous moment to meet without an appointment with Frs. C. Peter Raj, Secretary to Fr. Lisbert D'Souza and Fr. Antoine Kerhuel (Counselor to Fr. General). It was my first meeting with Fr. Peter after twenty five years who was the Director in Sanjeevan Niwas, Vijaywada (A.P). Heartfelt thanks to Fr. Prem and Ranchi Jesuits in Rome.

Fr. Bimal Kerketta

Guyana

The Church in Guyana particularly in the Hinterland, is growing rapidly. In North –West Region, in the leadership of Fr. Amar Bage many church buildings are coming up. In Central Rupununi, St. Ignatius Church Lethem is nearly complete. The blessing of the church will be on 31 July, the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola. In Karasabai, Sr. Anima, Sr. Bernadine, Sr. Divya and Sr. Seraphina feel happy and proud to see the fruit of their hard labour as St. Teresa of Child Jesus church building taking a new shape in the leadership of Mrs. Shally and the church team. In Pakaraimas, St. Anthony of Padua Church building Kato is in progress. The formation of Parish Lay Assistants, Adults faith formation, youth training programmes, Children's catechism Programmes and the regular visit of the priests and nuns play a vital role in community building.

Fr. Joseph Raj, SJ from Kolkatta Province arrived Guyana as a new missionary on 6 June. First he visited Our Lady of Lourdes North-West Mission Hosororo to be more acquainted with the mission. Fr. Amar Bage accorded him warm and hearty welcome. He spent a week with him and came back to Arrupe House Georgetown with a new vigour and missionary zeal. He is missioned in Berbice.

On 14 June, Fr. Anil Kishore and Fr. Elias Surin went to St. John De Britto Hall Berbice to visit Fr. Mark Mukul Lakra. They inspired and enriched one another by their personal and open sharing. It was our first gathering as Ranchiens for the requiem Holy Eucharist for our beloved departed brothers Fr. Ranjit Pascal Toppo and Fr. Paul Vijay Minj, which was presided over by Fr. Anil Kishore.

The Fathers' Day was celebrated on 19 June with great joy and enthusiasm in St. Joseph's Church Kurukabaru. The Volleyball and Football matches were arranged on this occasion followed by fellowship festive meal. On 24 June, the Nativity of St. John

the Baptist was celebrated with grandeur. The wedding of a couple and Baptism of four children added multiple colours in it. 'Marimari Dance', the wedding dance went on whole night.

We, Frs. Anil, Amar, Mark Mukul and Elias wish all the RB readers Happy Loyola Day.

Fr. Elias Surin

Salamanca, Spain

The month of June stepped in with a slight change in the weather. The cold, smooth atmosphere slowly seemed to disappear. Apparently more people in the streets and the night celebrations made the city abuzz. On 4 June we had the closing ceremony of our Juniorate community. Some old Superiors, priests and scholastics who were part of this community were present for the celebration. The future plan is to utilize this house

as a part of the spirituality centre and from next year onwards all the Juniors (Philosophers) would be sent to Rome for their philosophical studies. On 11 June we went to Madrid for the Priestly Ordination of three Spanish Jesuits. We came back to Salamanca the same day. We concluded our Spanish Language classes on 17 June. The following day we all went for a community summer holiday to the Jesuit villa house in Murcia which is located at the throwing distance of the Mediterranean Sea. We spent much time basking in the Sun and swimming. Anuj comparatively spent much time in the sea and lo and behold he learned how to swim. After almost two weeks we came back to Salamanca. Right now Anuj and myself are preparing ourselves to appear for the DELE exam (diploma in Spanish). We hope to move to Madrid approximately in the last week of July.

Sch James

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Fr Paul Vijay Minj SJ (30/50) passed away on 2 June 2016

Mr Libin Kerketta, father of **Sch. Cherobin Kerketta SJ** died on 5 July 2016.

BIRTH DAY BABIES : JULY & AUGUST

JULY

- 01 Ekka Sanjay Dilip
Tirkey Anup
- 04 Dungdung Joachim
Lakra Mark Mukul
- 07 Tirkey Basil
Tirkey Ajay Anil
- 08 Toppo Pratap S.
Ekka Sebastian
- 09 Bage Anugrah Amar
Kerketta Libin
- 11 Tirkey Sikander
- 13 Minj Anupchand K.
- 15 Kandulna Joseph
Topno Dominic
Tirkey Amrit
- 17 Kerketta Ajit
Hassapurty Rajat
Kandulna Anil
Kujur Vinay
- 19 Ekka Alexius
Kullu Alphonse
- 20 D'Souza Gilbert
- 21 Kerketta Sunil
- 22 Sandil Ashok Roshan
- 24 Kullu Rohit
- 25 Xalxo Isaac
- 26 Purti Zacharias
Horo Ranjit Kr.
Minj Vijay Kr.
Kujur Ignatius

Minj Nirmal

- 27 Bilung Vinod
Dadul Ritesh
- 28 Francken Louis
- 29 De Brouwer Marc
- 30 Lakra Benjamin
- 31 Ba'a Theodore Ignatius

AUGUST

- 01 Minj Robin
- 04 Ekka John
Toppo Suman Prabhat
- 05 Barla Rajenius
Hassapurty Anuranjan
- 10 Surin William
Ekka Cyprian
- 11 Ekka Noel
- 12 Lakra Telesphore
- 13 Dungdung Linus
Xalxo Prem
- 14 Xalxo Yacub
Tirkey Modestus
Soreng Vicky Roshan
- 15 Kerketta George
- 16 Purty Florence Hassa
- 18 Soreng Charles
- 26 Xess Ajit Kr.
- 28 Dungdung Emile
- 30 Kullu Jayprakash N.
- 31 Barla Ajay Roshan