

RANCHI BULLETIN



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Ranchi Jesuits, Sadbhavna P.B. - 4, Ranchi - 834 001, Jharkhand

JANUARY 2020

FR PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

January 2020

- January 09 : GB Meeting of AROUSE Gumla
- January 12 : Ordination of Anuj K. Minj & David Minj in Tongo
- January 14 : Ordination of Jyoti Paul Baxla in Banabira
- January 18 : Province Consult
- January 19 : Ordination of James Peter Balmuchu in Mandar
- January 20 : Jubilee Mass at Generalate in Samlong
- January 20 : Departure for Visitation of the Andamans
- January 21-23 : Visitation of Diglipur
- January 24 : Visitation of Ram Nagar
- January 25 : Visitation of Prothrapur
- January 26 : Back from the Andamans
- January 28 : St. Xavier's Doranda 60 Years Jubilee
- January 30 : Arrival of Fr Vernon D'Cunha, SJ, from Rome for Visitation & Extended Consult

PROGRAMME OF FR. VERNON D'CUNHA'S VISITATION of the Province 30 January-23 February 2020

Date	Time	Details/ Persons to be visited	Responsibilities	Place/ Night stay
30 Jan (Thu)	5.00-6:30 p.m.	Arrival	Provincial/Socius	Night at Sadbhavna
31 Jan (Fri)	9:00-10:00 am	Meeting Provincial – J. Marianus Kujur	Provincial	Sadbhavna, Ranchi
	10:00-10:30 am	Coffee Break	“	“
	10:30-11:30 am	Meeting Socius – Raymond Kerketta	Socius	“
	11:40-12:15 pm	Meeting Province Treasurer – Bijo Manohar Tirkey	“	“
	12:15-13:00 pm	Lunch	“	“
	13:00-15:00 pm	Siesta	“	“
	15:00-15:30 pm	Meeting Secretary – Ajay Soreng	“	“

	15:40-16:10 pm	Meeting Asst Secretary – Medard Xalxo	“	“
	16:10-18:00 pm	Tea Break & Relaxation	“	“
	18:00-18:30 pm	Meeting PDD+Building Commission–George Kerketta	“	“
	7:15-7:30 pm	Evening Prayer	“	“
	7:30-815 pm	Super & Common Recreation, Rest	“	“
01 Feb (Sat)	9:00-10:00 am	Meeting Consultor-1: Xavier Soreng	“	“
	10:00-11:00 am	Meeting Consultor-2: Francis Minj	“	“
	11:10-12:10 am	Meeting individuals St. Albert’s College	“	“
	12:10 pm	Lunch, Siesta	“	
	16:00 pm	Departure for Jharna Spirituality Centre + Novitaite	“	Stay: Jharna, Namkum
02 Feb (Sun)	8:00 am-12:00 pm	Meeting individuals at Jharna + Ashirvad	Edwin Dang	
	12:00 pm	Lunch, Siesta	“	
	15:00 pm	Shifting to ATC Namkum + Tea	Ferdinand Kullu	Stay: ATC Namkum
	15:00-19:00 pm	Meeting individuals at ATC Namkum+Stan & Solo in Bagaicha	“	Stay: ATC Namkum
	19:15-19:30 pm	Evening Prayer	“	
	19:30 pm	Supper, Recreation, Rest	“	
03 Feb (Mon)	9:00-10:30 am	Visit of Kishor Nagar + Meeting individuals + Coffee	Suman Beck	Night: Sadbhavna Ranchi
	11:00 am	Departure for Sadbhavna Ranchi	“	
	12:00 pm	Lunch + Siesta	Socius: Raymond	
	14:00 pm	Skype/Video Conference with Rome	“	
	16:30 pm	Departure for St. Ignatius Gumla	Socius: Raymond	Stay: St. Ignatius Gumla
	7:30 pm	Supper + Recreation, Rest	Rector - Gumla	“
04 Feb (Tue)	8:00-10:00 am	Visits: Rector, Principals, AROUSE, Museum, Studio, etc	“	“
	10:00-10:30 am	Coffee	“	“
	10:30-12:00 am	Visits: Individuals + Community Meeting	“	“
	12:00-13:00 pm	Lunch	“	“
	13:00-15:00 pm	Siesta	“	“
	15:00-18:00 pm	Visit of Soso Parish + Tea	Soso Parish	“
	18:30-19:00 pm	Meet one person	Rector - Gumla	“
	19:15-19:30 pm	Evening Prayer	“	“
	19:30 pm	Supper + Recreation + Rest	“	“
05 Feb (Wed)	8:00 am	Departure for Tongo	“	Stay at Tongo Parish
	10:00-10:30 am	Coffee in Tongo Parish	Sameer Dungdung	“
	10:30 am	Departure for Noadih	“	“
	11:00-12:00 am	Visits: Individuals working in Noadih	Clement Kullu	“
	12:00-13:00 pm	Lunch at Noadih Parish	“	“
	13:00-14:30 pm	Siesta	“	“
	14:30-15:30 pm	Visits: Individuals working in Noadih	“	“
	15:30-16:00 pm	Tea at Noadih Parish	“	“
	16:00 pm	Departure for Tongo	“	“
	17:30-19:00 pm	Visits: Individuals working in Tongo	Sameer Dungdung	“
	19:15-19:30 pm	Evening Prayer	“	“
	19:30 pm	Supper, Recreation, Rest	“	“

06 Feb (Thu)	8:00 am	Departure for Bardih Parish	“	Stay: St. Ignatius Gumla
	10:00-10:30 am	Coffee in Bardih Parish	James Toppo	“
	10:30-12:00 pm	Visits: Individuals working in Baridh	“	“
	12:00-13:00 pm	Lunch in Bardih	“	“
	13:00-17:00 pm	Departure for St. Ignatius Gumla + Siesta	“	“
	19:15-19:30 pm	Evening Prayer	Rector - Gumla	“
	19:30 pm	Supper, Recreation, Rest	“	“
07 Feb (Fri)	8:00 am	Departure for Keondtanr Parish	“	Stay: Sadbhavna, Ranchi
	10:00-10:30 am	Coffee in Keondtanr Parish	Justin Kandulna	“
	10:30-12:00 pm	Visits: Individuals working in Keondtanr	“	“
	12:00-13:00 pm	Lunch in Keondtanr	“	“
	13:00-18:00 pm	Departure for Sadbhavna Ranchi + Siesta	“	“
	19:15-19:30 pm	Evening Prayer	Socius	“
	19:30 pm	Supper, Recreation, Rest	“	“
08 Feb (Sat)	7:00-10:00 am	Visit of Patrachaulti Jesuits	“	“
	10:00 am	Departure for Lohardaga	“	“
	12:00 pm	Lunch + Siesta + Meeting individuals	Ranjit Lakra	“
	17:00 pm	Departure for Sadbhavna Ranchi	“	“
09 Feb (Sun)	7:00-12:00 pm	Fr. Vernon & Provincial along with Ajay Anil Turkey		
		celebrate Mass in Hotwar Jail with Alphonse Aind	Ajay Anil Turkey	“
	12:00-14:30 pm	Lunch & Siesta at Sadbhavna	Socius	“
	14:30-19:30 pm	Meeting with scholastics + Individual Jesuits + Tea	Rector - Manresa	“
10 Feb (Mon)	7:30 am	Departure for St. Mary's Samtoli	Socius	Night stay: St. Mary's Samtoli
	10:30 am	Coffee	Rector Samtoli	“
	11:00-12:00 pm	Visits: Rector, Principals, etc.	“	“
	12:00-13:00 pm	Lunch	“	“
	13:00-15:00 pm	Siesta	“	“
	15:00-19:00 pm	Meeting with individuals, visit college + Tea	“	“
	19:15-19:30 pm	Evening Prayer	“	“
	19:30 pm	Supper + Recreation + Rest	“	“
11 Feb (Tue)	7:30 am	Departure for Jharain Parish	“	“
	8:30-10:30 am	Meeting individuals in Jharain + Tea	“	“
	10:30 am	Departure for Rengarh Parish	“	“
	12:00 pm	Lunch + Siesta	“	“
	15:00 pm	Departure for St. Mary's Samtoli for night stay	“	“
	19:15-19:30 pm	Evening Prayer	“	“
	19:30 pm	Supper, Recreation + Rest	“	“
12 Feb (Wed)	7:30 am	Departure for Sogra Parish	“	Night stay in St. Michael's Khunti
	8:30-10:00 am	Meeting individuals in Sogra Parish + Tea	Christopher Dungdung	“
	10:00 am	Departure for St. Michael's Khunti	Rector - Samtoli	“
	12:00 pm	Lunch + Siesta	Issac Xalxo	“
	15:00-19:00 pm	Meeting individuals	“	“

	19:15-19:30 pm	Evening Prayer	“	“
	19:30 pm	Supper, Recreation + Rest	“	“
13 Feb (Thu)	7:30 am	Departure for Dolda	“	“
	8:30-10:00 am	Meeting individuals in Dolda + Tea	Tej Kumar Tigga	“
	10:00 am	Departure for Kochang	“	“
	11:00-12:00 pm	Meeting individuals in Kochang	George Burh	“
	12:00 pm	Lunch + Siesta	“	“
	15:00 pm	Departure for St. Michael's Khunti	“	“
	19:15-19:30 pm	Evening Prayer	Issac Xalxo	“
	19:30 pm	Supper, Recreation, Rest	“	“
14 Feb (Fri)	7:30 am	Departure for Maranghada	“	Stay at Sadbhavna Ranchi
	9:00-10:30 am	Meeting individuals in Maranghada + Coffee	Joachim Jojo	“
	10:30 am	Departure for Rumtukel	“	“
	11:30-12:00 pm	Meeting individuals	Jerome Dungdung	“
	12:00 pm	Lunch + Siesta	“	“
	15:00 pm	Departure for Sadbhavna Ranchi	“	“
	19:15-19:30 pm	Evening Prayer	“	“
15 Feb (Sat)	8:00-10:00 am	Meeting individuals in XISS + Tea	Xavier Soreng	“
	10:30-13:00 pm	Meeting individuals at SXC Ranchi	Rector - Xavier's College	“
	13:00 pm	Lunch + Siesta	“	“
	15:00 pm	Meeting individuals	“	“
	19:15-19:30 pm	Evening Prayer	“	“
	19:30 pm	Supper, Recreation, Rest	“	“
16 Feb (Sun)	8:00-10:30 am	Meeting individuals St. John's School Ranchi + Tea	Erentius Minj (Education Commission)	Stay at St. Xavier's Doranda
	10:30-13:00 pm	Meeting individuals at Prabhat Tara School Dhurwa	“	“
	13:00 pm	Lunch + Siesta at Prabhat Tara School Dhurwa	Amrit Tirkey	“
	15:00-19:30 pm	Meeting Ajit Xess: Consultor + Asst Sec Education	Ignace Lakra	“
	14:00-19:30 pm	Meeting individuals at St Xavier's Doranda	“	“
	19:30 pm	Supper, Recreation, Rest	“	“
17 Feb (Mon)	7:30 am-16:00 pm	Visit of RTC + Lunch + Siesta + Coffee + Tea	Michael Kerketta	Stay at Sadbhavna Ranchi
18 Feb (Tue)	16:00-19:30 pm	Extended Consult starts	Socius	“
19 Feb (Wed)	9:00am-19:30pm	Extended Consult	“	“
20 Feb (Thu)	9:00 am-19:30pm	Canonical Consult	“	“
21 Feb (Fri)	9:00am-12:30pm	Canonical Consult	“	“
22 Feb (Sat)	9:00am-19:30pm	Necessary documents to be collected for Rome	“	“
23 Feb (Sun)	8:00 am	Fr. Vernon & Provincial leave for Kathmandu JCSA	“	“

Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ

Provincial Superior

17/01/2020

Information to Scholastics

Scholastics coming back to the Province during Summer Holidays will be sent to Parishes for ministries. Kindly contact Fr Medard Xalxo S.J., PCF, for further information.

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Fr Medard Xalxo S.J.

St May's Samtoli

Feast of St. Francis Xavier : The feast of St. Francis Xavier was not celebrated in the college because of the exams but instead, it took place in the community. There was a combined Eucharistic celebration between the Apostolic and the hostel boys in the hostel chapel. The neighbouring Jesuit communities were invited for the agape.

Voting Day: In Simdega, the voting day for the members of the Legislative assembly was held on Dec. 07. Many exercised their rights to vote. So much so that some old people were carried to the booth centers for this purpose. People were already in queue much before time. Fr. Ephrem and one Scholastic went to their villages to cast the vote. Fr. Sylvanus and Sch. Pradeep Bara went to Ranchi for voting while Br. Basil took the kitchen girls in the morning to Rengarih so that they could finish voting before noon.

Fr. Erenius Toppo joined the community on Dec. 13 after his Tertianship but after few days he went to Bardih for the advent and Christmas ministry. He came back to St. Mary's on Dec. 29.

Sports Day : English Medium school had its annual sports day on Dec. 13. District Project Officer was the chief guest and Mr. Bhushan Bara, the Congress MLA candidate was the guest of honour for the day. It was very colourful drill performed by all the four houses. Egg race was very interesting. The children had to peel, eat and drink water and run. Some were struggling to peel, some were struggling to eat etc. The program ended with the "bombing" of the

city. It got over at 2.00 P.M. After the program food packets were provided for the staff.

High School and Inter College had their annual Sports Day on Dec. 19. It was a combined sports of St. Mary's and Ursuline Girls' School. Mr. Kunwar Singh Pahan (SDM) was the chief guest and two Roman guests – Frs Anselm Ekka, S.J. and Sanjay Ekka S.J. were the guests of honour. The colourful programs presented were quite appealing to the taste of everyone.

Birthday of Bruno was celebrated in a simple way. The neighbouring Jesuit communities were invited for the celebration in the evening. We had a Mass in the morning and Fr. Bruno was the main celebrant.

Recollection : Recollection was arranged on Dec. 15 as a preparation for Christmas. Fr. Sudhir Minj had been invited to give us the talk.

Christmas Gathering : Because of exams, college could not celebrate the feast of Christmas gathering, so it organized a celebration combining it with the feast of St. Francis Xavier on Dec. 15. Before the Holy Eucharist at 9.15 A.M. Bp Vincent Barwa D.D. blessed the crib. After the Mass snacks were served and then the program followed. The cultural program lasted for two and half hours. Later the college staff prepared a delicious supper both for the staff as well as for St. Mary's Jesuit community. We had meal at 7.00 P.M. together.

English Medium School too had Christmas gathering on 21st December and St. Mary's High School and Inter

College had on Dec. 23rd December. Fr. Rector blessed the cribs in both the places. After the blessing, the programs started. It went on till 12.00 noon. The programs were good. Thereafter the Principal, Fr. Sikander announced Christmas holidays.

Christmas Ministry : Fr. Ajit Saras helped in the confessions at the Cathedral. Christmas ministries began from Dec. 24. Frs Anup Ekka, Bruno Toppo, Sikander Kerketta, Sylvanus Kerketta and Sch. Pradeep Bara went to Dumki for the Midnight and morning Masses, Fr. Ephrem Ba'a went to Ledritoli (Konmenjara) for morning Mass and Fr. Alexander Tirkey went to Beritoli (Sogra). Others attended midnight Mass at Cathedral. We had community Christmas celebration in the evening.

During the holidays the community members went to different places to attend some celebrations or visiting families and relatives. Fr Rector was in St. Anne's Provincialate to guide the Province Chapter from Dec. 26th afternoon to January 1st morning.

Linus

Assam Mission

JESUIT BHAVAN AND GANA CHETNA SAMAJ, TEZPUR

Visitors: Six guests of Fr. Thomas from Jharkhand arrived on Dec. 6, 2019. The purpose was to take part in the final vows ceremony of Sr. Rashmi Ekka OSU to be held on the following day at Ursuline Provincial House, Gotlong, Tezpur Province. On Dec. 6, 2019, Fr. Vital Ekka and Fr. Ajay Anil Tirkey paid a flying visit in the evening as they came to take part in the handing over ceremony of Parish and school of Mushalpur scheduled for Dec. 11, 2019. Fr. Henry Barla was compelled to stay back with us from Dec. 11, 2019 till Dec. 19, 2019 due to the agitation in the state regarding Anti Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019. He left for Kathalguri on Dec. 20, 2019. Fr. Praveen S.J., KHM Region, came to our community on Dec. 16, 2019 and left for his destination on the following

day. Br. Antony S.J. KHM too came to Jesuit Bhavan and left on the following day.

Retreat Direction: Fr. Pius directed a retreat for 3 Ursuline Sisters who were prepared for their Final Vows and 2 Ursuline Novices for pronouncing their first vows. It started on Nov. 27, 2019 evening and got concluded on Dec. 05, 2019 in the evening.

Seminar: Fr. Thomas and his staff conducted a series of seminars on "Child Protection and Rights" for the school teachers and the members of the Village Development Committee at Manas Bansbari and Kathalguri from Dec. 9 – 14. He had to travel early in the morning to these places in order to reach on time for seminar. While travelling, the risk was high in getting caught up with the Anti Citizenship Amendment Act protests which hit the area so badly. He successfully completed the seminar and came back to Tezpur on Dec. 15, 2019.

Handing over: Amidst the mixed feeling of parting away from Mushalpur and a response to the Jesuit charism of mobility for new and frontier mission, handing over ceremony was held on Dec. 11, 2019 at 9.15 A.M. in the auditorium of St. Xavier's School. Both Parish and School of Mushalpur were handed over to the Diocese of Bongaigaon. It was attended by Rev. Fr. Michael Elango, VG of Bongaigaon Diocese along with 7 Fathers of the Diocese. Jesuits who were present there, were Fr. Pius Xalxo, Fr. Cyril, Fr. Thomas, Fr. Benedict, Fr. Pradeep, Fr. Swarn, Fr. Kamal Chandra, Fr. Laurentus, Fr. Rajesh and an Assamese Scholastic, Simon. Fr. Vital Ekka, Fr. Henry Barla, Fr. Ajay Anil Tirkey from Ranchi and Fr. Anand Perrera also witnessed to this event. Fr. Tarcitius Minj who was the MC for this ceremony, welcomed all the participants present in this historic moment. He invited Fr. Laurentus Kiro S.J. to read out the letter of Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur S.J., the Provincial of Ranchi Province and Fr. Swarn Tigga S.J. to read out the letter of Most Rev. Bishop Thomas Pulloppillil DD, Bongaigaon Diocese. Then Fr. Michael Elango VG, Fr. Pius Xalxo and Fr. Anand

Perrera were honoured with Boro Aronai. A short prayer service was led by the Franciscan Sisters of our Lady of Graces. Sr. Joys read out the passage from 1 Cor which was quite apt for the handing over session. Soon after the reading, Fr. Michael Elango VG, Fr. Pius Xalxo S.J., Fr. Anand Perrera S.J., Fr. Vital Ekka S.J. and Mr. Kumud Deory, Parish council members were invited to make intercessory prayers. Concluding prayer was made by Sr. Lisma FSLG.

Soon after this, a symbolic handing over was done by placing the keys of residence & School and the land papers of Mushalpur on a tray. Then Fr. Pius Xalxo S.J., on behalf of Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur S.J., Provincial of Ranchi Province handed them over to Fr. Michail Elango, the VG of Bongaigaon Diocese who represented Bp Thomas Pulloppillil DD.

Then speeches followed by few significant persons. To begin with Fr. Pius Xalxo S.J. who expressed his sincere thanks to Bishop Thomas Pulloppillil DD for inviting the Jesuits to start a mission at Mushalpur. The last 16 years of their stay, the Jesuits enjoyed his blessings and shepherding. He, too, thanked the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Graces (FSLG) for accepting the invitation to work with the Jesuits as collaborators. He also expressed a deep gratitude to all the Sisters who worked in the past and the present. Sr. Kusum, Sr. Lisma and Sr. Joys are presently rendering their services selflessly and tirelessly both in school and Parish. The Jesuits of KHM Region headed by Fr. Gregory Coehlo S.J., the then Regional Superior were gratefully remembered and thanked for laying the foundation of the mission in Mushalpur under the pioneering leadership and spirit of Fr. Charles D'souza S.J. way back on 28th December 2003. He expressed his thanks to Fr. Anand Perrera S.J. who represented Fr. Melvil Perreira, the present Regional Superior and Fr. Tarcitius Minj who accompanied him. Fr. Elvius Kerketta S.J. deserved a special thanks for calmly and silently carrying out his work as Superior and the Teacher in the School and also as the Parish Priest of Mushalpur. Fr. Rosario Mosahari was also thanked for

working in the school with zeal, enthusiasm, commitment, creativity, goal oriented approach and moving with courage to achieve the goal. He was appreciated for his ability to face difficulties and challenges and how he kept marching towards the goal. Lastly, he thanked the faithful for their support, cooperation and all the help they rendered to the Jesuits.

Next person to express his gratitude was Fr. Michael Elango VG. He thanked the Society of Jesus for its pioneering spirit and laying the foundation of the mission at Mushalpur, for offering relentless service to the people and for its generosity in handing over the centre to Bongaigaon Diocese. He, too, thanked Fr. Elvius Kerketta S.J. and Fr. Rosario Mosahari for their valuable services rendered to the people of Mushalpur during their stay. Fr. Thomas D'Silva, the incoming Parish Priest and Principal of the school also expressed his gratitude towards the Jesuits for shedding their sweat and blood for the development of the people of Mushalpur. Then it followed the signing of both the party on the document. Paper was signed by Fr. Pius Xalxo S.J. on behalf of Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur S.J., the Provincial along with Jesuit witnesses in the persons of Fr. Pradeep Kullu S.J. and Fr. Elvius Kerketta S.J. From Bongaigaon Diocese Rev. Fr. Michael Elango signed the paper on behalf of Bp Thomas Pulloppillil DD along with witnesses in the persons of Fr. Johny Kochukulathinkal, Fr. Antoo Joseph and Fr. Thomas D'Silva.

What followed next was honouring the persons of importance with shawl and presentation of mementos by Bongaigaon Diocese. In gratitude and acknowledgement to our services rendered to the people of Mushalpur, shawl and mementos were presented by Fr. Michael Elango VG in the name of the Bongaigaon Diocese to Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur S.J., the Provincial of Ranchi. Fr. Melvil Perreira S.J., the Regional Superior was honoured by Fr. Anand Perreira S.J. representing KHM Region. Fr. Elvius Kerketta S.J., the outgoing Parish Priest and Superior and Fr. Rosario Mosahari S.J., the outgoing Principal of St. Xavier's School, were also honoured.

Fr. Anand and Sr. Kusum were also invited to express their sentiment. Finally, Fr. Elvius Kerketta S.J. was invited to propose a vote of thanks. He thanked all the participants for sparing their precious time to be the part of handing over ceremony. He thanked Fr. Michael Elango VG and the Fathers of the Diocese for gracing the occasion. He too, thanked Fr. Vital and Fr. Ajay for their presence on this occasion. Both of them, in the past, had worked very hard to develop the mission in Mushalpur. He too, thanked Fr. Anand Perrera and Tarcitius Minj who had come from Jesuit House representing KHM Region. He concluded by thanking the Sisters and the faithful for their support and cooperation.

Soon after the thanksgiving session, photos were taken inside the hall as well as outside in the campus. After this there was a free time for personal talk and conversations. Meantime Fr. Michael Elango VG, Fr. Pius Xalxo S.J., Fr. Elvius Kerketta S.J., Fr. Rosario Mosahary S.J. and Rev. Fr. Thomas D'Silva met in the office of the Parish Priest and went through the inventory paper and after clarification it was signed by Fr. Elvius Kerketta S.J., the outgoing Parish Priest, Fr. Thomas D'Silva, the incoming Parish Priest and Fr. Michael Elango VG of Bongaigaon Diocese.

After a short break, we were served lunch in the community and Fr. Pius Xalxo S.J., Fr. Cyril Guria S.J., Fr. Benedict Lakra S.J. and Fr. Henry Barla S.J. left for Tezpur around 1.30 P.M. On account of the anti CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) protest, they got held up in many places on the road. They witnessed bonfire and barricade in the middle of the road in succession and seeing no way out they entered Ursula Convent at Dhekiajuli. They were served refreshments and spent some time with Sisters. Sensing the movement of the vehicle they resumed their journey but they had to go through an ordeal. It was a night mare for them to see such strong protests with bonfires and barricades on the road which paralyzed the traffic movement. Protesters were found blocking vehicles and raising a lot of questions to the travelers. They got

stranded near Mission Charali, Tezpur for a long time. Here the cross roads were blocked from all directions. They had to spend their time there in anxiety and uncertainty. With great effort they found a side road free and managed to reach Jesuit Bhavan only by 12.30 P.M. This unpleasant event will never be forgotten in life.

Home visit: Fr. Thomas left for home on Dec. 21, 2019 to see his ailing sister-in-law and to attend some religious ceremony of relatives.

Pre-Christmas gathering: We had a pre-Christmas gathering with the staff on Dec. 20, 2019. Holy Mass was presided over by Fr. Henry Barla S.J. Fr. Pius Xalxo S.J. gave the message and soon after followed Cake cutting and fellowship meal with the workers.

Christmas celebration: Fr. Pius and Fr. Cyril attended the vigil Mass on Dec. 24, 2019 at the Cathedral which started at 11.00 P.M. It was presided over by Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo DD, Tezpur Diocese and after Mass "Merry Christmas" wishes were given to Bishop and Fathers of the Bishop's house in the refectory while sharing a piece of cake and coffee together. On 25, 2019, Fr. Pius and Fr. Cyril along with Sisters, Brother, Candidates and laity celebrated the Christmas with the inmates of the Central Jail, Tezpur. Holy Mass was presided over by Fr. Pius followed by distribution of the refreshment arranged by the CRI, Tezpur Unit for both inmates and staff numbering up to 710. Mr. Mirin Moy Dauka, the Superintendent of Jail served meal and tea for us. We spent some time in the campus and came back to our place only by 4.00 P.M..

Burial Mass: Fr. Pius, Fr. Cyril, Fr. Benedict and Fr. Suresh attended the burial Mass of Mr. Emil Ekka, the father of Scholastic James. He expired on Dec. 30, 2019 early in the morning at 00.10 at home. In the courtyard, the Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Alois Hemrom, sdb, the maternal uncle of Sch. James. His mortal remains were laid to rest in the common graveyard of the Unit church.

May the departed soul rest in peace! Our deep condolence and consolation to Scholastic James and to all the members of the bereaved family.

Foreign Mission

Uganda

Greetings from Alberto Hurtado Jesuit Community, Gulu, Uganda. Happy New Year 2020. We, the community members are keeping well. The weather is hot these days. It is contrary to that of Ranchi. This was my first Christmas and New Year celebration during summer season. December has been a month of celebration and relaxation. The holidays after the end of the academic year 2019 began from the early days of December. The students and the teachers went to their respective homes. Few staff members were on and off in the school for few days. From 8th of December we Jesuits also began moving out of the house for different purposes. Four members went for annual retreat at Comboni mission retreat centre, Gulu. Three of us travelled to Kampala with Fr. Joe Rodriguez on 11th December. The Ugandan Embassy refused to give work permit to Fr. Joe, therefore he had to go to Nairobi, Kenya to get his police clearance certificate. Hope he gets it soon and comes back to our community. Two of us continued our tour to Central and Eastern Uganda. We visited four important districts that are: Kampala, Jinja, Mbale and Soroti. Jinja is famous for tourist attraction because there is the source of the River Nile. We came back to Gulu on 17th of December. The minister of the house, Fr. Pascal went to Tanzania for home visit on 13th so Fr. John Chachu, the head teacher of the school remained alone in the community for three days. The retreatants came back on 16th. Fr. Malya, the counsellor, went to Tanzania for Christmas and New Year celebration. The Rest of the community members were in the community to celebrate Christmas together. We celebrated Christmas Vigil Mass in the community itself. Few lay collaborators and families joined us for the celebration. On 26th December there was a Christmas gathering celebration for all the religious congregations around Gulu. On 27th

two brothers of our community went to Kenya for holidays. On December 31st there was another celebration for the nuns, priests and brothers of Gulu diocese at the Arch Bishop house, which was hosted by the Arch Bishop of Northern Uganda himself. That's how the month of December was a month of celebration and relaxation. Thank you.

Sch. Johnny Savio Ddungu S.J.
Ocer Campion Jesuit College Gulu.

Nepal

After nine days of Novena to St. Francis Xavier, we celebrated this feast very meaningfully in the school since the school is named after him. Fr. Principal garlanded the statue of St. Francis Xavier and gave a short message. There was quiz conducted on the life of St. Francis Xavier for classes 9 and 10 followed by short cultural program. On the same day, we also had handwriting competition for Juniors and drawing competition for sub-senior and seniors. On 8th and 9th December, there was a two-day Parent's Day celebration, section wise from classes 1 to 7. Many colourful programs were put up both in English and in Nepali in order to make parents happy and joyful. Thanks to our Dance and music Teachers who worked tirelessly for the success. The Fr. Thomas Gafney Memorable Football Tournament, 2019 began from 13th and ended on 21st Dec. There were sixteen teams from different schools which participated in the tournament. This time the winner's cup was taken by St. Paul's School and runner's cup went to St. Xavier's School Deonia. Kudos to Sch. Ravindra Bara and Mr. Bagdan Rai, the chairman of the tournament who, conducted the tournament successfully under the guidance of Fr. Principal, We celebrated Christmas on 24th in the school and was provided sumptuous lunch to all our staff and supporting staff. There was exchange of gifts among the staff and the supporting staffs were given Christmas present too. The school broke for holiday from 25th till 4th January. On the Christmas day the community invited Sisters who are collaborating in the mission for the dinner and were given

Christmas presents. There was also exchange of gifts among the Jesuits. As part of the curriculum, class 9 both students and teachers around 93 of them went to West Nepal- Gorkha, Pokhra and Lumbini for six day tour from 26th to 31st and the three scholastics too, were part of this tour. On the same day, class 12 both Management and Science students along with teachers and Principal went for tour to Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Chennai. The group was back on 3rd of January, 2020. Sch. Wilson went to Kathmandu to register his name in the Embassy of India on the last day of the class 9 tour and returned to community on 2nd January.

Sch. Wilson Kandulna, SJ
St. Xavier's School, Deonia, Nepal.

Guyana

Saint John Berchman's Catholic Church Sawariwaou in South Rupununi, Region 9, celebrated the Centenary Jubilee on 1st December, 2019 with great joy and enthusiasm. His Lordship Bishop Francis Alleyne, OSB presided over the Solemn Holy Eucharist and Fr. Christopher Llanos, S.J., the Regional Superior of Guyana, Jamaica and Barbados, Fr. Ronald Fernandes, S.J., Fr. Poulouse Vellacada, S.J., Fr. Varghese Puthuseri, S.J., Fr.

Elias Surin, S.J. and Fr. Edwin Anthony, S.J. were concelebrants. On 8th December, along with Fr. Dilip Sanjay Ekka, S.J., Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage, S.J. pronounced his Final Vows in the Society of Jesus in Manresa House Ranchi. On 17th December, he arrived in Georgetown from Ranchi and went to his parish to continue his mission work in Our Lady of Lourdes Hosororo, Mabaruma. Fr. Elias Surin, S.J., the Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Mission Kurukabaru visited the Secondary School, Kato and offered the Holy Eucharist for the students and the teachers on 10th December. The theme of the Christmas Novena Prayer was, 'Synod for Amazon: New paths for the Church and the Integral Ecology.' The Christmas celebration was grand. After thirteen years of dedicated and committed service to the Diocese of Georgetown, Guyana, Fr. Anil Kishore Tirkey, S.J. left Guyana for good and flew to Ranchi on 29th December, 2019.

In South Pakaraimas, Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk – Sr. Helena Soreng, Sr. Nishi Susanna Kujur, Sr. Crecencia Toppo and Sr. Sosan Anima Kujur, besides the regular pastoral visits to the six village communities, have taken initiative to accompany the youth by opening the dormitory for the secondary school Students in Karasabai.

- Fr. Elias Surin, SJ

Let us pray for the dear departed

1. **Br. Pascoal Colaco (BOM), 78/55**, passed away at Shirpur last night (30 Dec, 2019).
2. **FR. CIVIAC JOAQUIN SJ (GUJ) 87** years old / 68 years in the Society of Jesus, passed away on **27 December, 2019** at 12.25 PM in Our Lady of Pilar Hospital, Vadodara, Gujarat.
3. **Fr. Fidelis Jayabalan Packiam (AND, 71/55)** passed away at about 4.00 PM in St. Joseph's Hospital, Dindigul.
4. **Fr. Errol D'Lima (BOM) 77/61**, passed away at Mumbai on **5th Jan, 2020**.
5. **FR. THOMAS PULLENKAVE, S.J. (CCU) 80/37**, PASSEDAWAY on **20 January 2020**.
6. **Br. Arockiasamy Sebastian, S.J. (MDU) 72/52**, popularly known among ours as Valayampatti Arockiasamy) passed away today (**Sunday, 19 January 2020**) in a road accident that happened at 18.00 hrs on Kuruvikkaran Saalai Bridge in Madurai City.
7. **Barla Elizabeth**, elder sister of **Fr Emmanuel Horo**, died on **30 Dec 2019**

8. **Ekka Emil 63**, father of **Sch. James Ekka**, died in Rangagora, Assam on **30 Dec 2019**.
9. **Fulkeria Lugun, 48**, cousin of **Fr. Bipin Lugun** died of cancer on **5 Jan 2020**.
10. **Sophia Kerketta, 82**, aunty of **Fr Sylvanus Kerketta**, expired.
11. **Faxideth Kerketta, 65**, elder sister of **Fr. Benjamin Kerketta** died on **10 Jan** in Jurkela Putritoli
12. **James Ekka, 63**, father of **Sch Sameer Ekka** died in Seven Day's Adv. Hospital, Ranchi on **8 Jan 2020**
13. **John Kerketta** the father of **Sch Sunil Kerketta** died on **13 Jan 2020** in Dokapath.

Birthdays

JANUARY

- 03 Bhuinyan, Fabian
Xalxo Sagar
- 06 Minj Patras
- 07 Ekka Philemon
Kujur Anselm
Kiro Laurentus
- 08 Kullu Elias
- 09 Lakra Amrit
- 10 Guria Benjamin
- 11 Toppo, Rohit
- 11 Kullu Clement
- 12 Dungdung Mathias
- 13 Kindo Robert
- 15 Toppo Alok
Tirkey Sumit Samir
- 17 Bage Sandeep Birendra
- 19 Kullu Rajesh Kuldeep
Bilung, Pingal
- 20 Tete Ignatius
Hassa Purty Felix
- 21 Minj, Ritesh Rohit
Nag Anil
- 22 Kujur, John Jyoti
Minj Nelson
- 24 Lakra Chonhas
- 25 Baxla Jyoti Paul
- 26 Kerketta Raymond
Tigga Tej Kumar
- 28 Lakra Nabor
- 29 Horo, Telesphore
- 30 Ekka Manoj
Dungdung, Johny Savio

FEBRUARY

- 02 Kerketta Rakesh
- 03 Tigga Blacius
- 04 Kacchap Johnson
- 05 Beck John Anuranjan
Kerketta Cherobin
Dhanwar, Shashi Samir
Nazari, Benojit
- 06 Ekka Anup Arvind
- 09 Kujur Ranjit
- 10 Kujur Robert Pradeep
- 11 Baghwar, Pawan
Kujur, Rohit Roshan
Minj Anuj Kumar
- 12 Kujur Ignatius
- 13 Dungdung Paulus
- 14 Kujur Johny
Kujur Ravi Hemant
- 15 Ekka Sameer
- 16 Toppo Deepak
Lakra Amit Juel
- 19 Xalxo, Ruben
- 21 Tirkey Suresh John
- 22 Kerketta Bimal
Tigga Ashwin
- 23 Tete Isaac
Ekka Alok
- 24 Horo Emmanuel
Kerketta Edward
Kullu Pradeep
Kujur Amit
- 25 Lakra Subodh
- 27 Minj Kanchan
Soreng Sumit
- 29 Dundung James William

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