

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER



Prayer Intentions for December 2015

Universal Prayer Intention: That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

Intention for Evangelization: That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

2016

Pastoral Engagements of the Bishop - December 2015

Date	Time	Place	Event
1	04.30 pm	Scott Christian College	Christmas Celebration
	06.30pm	Kottar	Feast Mass
2	05.00pm	Marthandam	Christmas Celebration
5		Vavarai	Pastoral Visit
6		Iruthayapuram	Pastoral Visit
8	05.30 pm	Madurai	Archdiocesan Day Celebration
10	10.00 am	Arumanai	Blessing of VSCS Branch
11	06.30pm	Kanyakumari	Feast Mass
12	11.00 am	Chunkankadai	Function at Nursing College
	06.30 pm	Muttaicadu	Feast Mass
13	09.00 am	Ilampilavilai	Feast Mass
	05.30pm	Vavarai	Ecumenical Christmas Celebration
16	10.00 am	Karungal	Opening of St. Alphonsa's College Building
17	03.30 pm	Unnamalaikadai	X-mas Celebration of Catholic Action Society
	04.00 pm	Melpuram	Ecumenical Christmas Celebration
18	09.30 am	Chunkankadai	Annual Day of Morning Star Polytechnic College
	03.00pm	Thedal	Board Meeting of the Corp. Management
19	09.00 am	Nattalam	X-mas Celebration: Immanuel Arasar College
	11.00 am	Chunkankadai	X-mas Celebration: Vins College
	03.00 pm	Thedal	X-mas Celebration: Pastoral Commissions
20	03.00pm	Marthandam	X-mas Celebration: Vincent De Paul
	05.00 pm	Mulagumoodu	X-mas Celebration: Nanjil Milk Plant
	07.00 pm	Kazhuvanthittai	Ecumenical Christmas Celebration
21	03.00 pm	Thedal	Christmas Celebration: KIDSS
22		Thiruthuvapuram	Diocesan Day Celebrations
23	10.30 am	Nallayanpuram	Marriage Mass
24	06.00 pm	Vellayambalam	Christmas Celebration
27	09.00 am	Mulavilai	Confirmation Mass
	06.00 pm	Tholayavattam	Mass
28	09.30 am	Vethanagar	Marriage Mass
	06.30 pm	Elanthavilai	Feast Mass
29	10.00 am	Mylancode	Blessing of Community Hall
	06.30 pm	Vaniyakudi	Feast Mass
30	09.00 am	Vellicode	Marriage Mass
	11.30 am	Kottar	Marriage Mass
	06.00 pm	Siluvaipuram	Flag Hoisting
31	06.30 pm	Swamiyarmadam	Feast Mass

Diocesan Chronicle – November 2015

- 01 Bishop started his Pastoral Visit from the parish of Fathimapuram.
- 01 Nanjil Milk Plant introduced several new variety of ice creams to commemorate the formation of the District of Kanyakumari at a function held at Annai Ada Centre, Azhagiamandapam.
- Those practicing native medicine and Palmyra tree climbers were honoured for their contribution to the District of Kanyakumari.
- Fr. Jegath Gaspar, Director, Tamil Maiyam, felicitated the Vaithyars and Climbers and congratulated Nanjil Milk Plant for the new products and the bold new initiative of honouring these forgotten healers and climbers.
- 02 Mass for the dead was celebrated at the Cathedral by the Bishop.
- 08 Pastoral Visit by the Bishop to the Parish of Kanjampuram.
- 11 Priests from different dioceses and religious congregations working in the Diocese of Kuzhithurai were brought together by the Priests Personnel Board at Thirithuvapuram. They shared their experiences, particularly the challenges they faced in their ministry. Bishop also interacted with them and thanked them for their dedicated service to the new diocese.
- 12 The Deacons and the New Priests of the Diocese of Kuzhithurai were brought together by the Priests Personnel Board and the Commission for Vocation at Madathattuvilai. They shared their experiences and had an opportunity to interact with the Bishop. The Bishop appreciated the new priests for their commitment and contribution in building Christian communities in the new diocese of Kuzhithurai.
- 14 Pastoral Visit by the Bishop to the Parish of Siluvaipuram.
- 15 The youth of the diocese held a rally on donating blood, eyes and body. While the youth from the Vicariate of Thirithuvapuram came from Thirithuvapuram, youth from the Vicariate of Mulagumoodu started the rally from Chunkankadai.
- Members who participated in the rally reached St Mary's Church, Mulagmoodu, where a public meeting was organized. Dr Caroline Geetha from the Government Medical College, Asaripallam, and Dr Lionel from Dr Agarwal Eye Hospital, Tirunelveli, addressed the youth on the urgency and importance of donating blood, eyes and the body parts.
- 21 The Diocesan Curia participated in the Jubilee Celebrations of Bishop Vincent MarPaulos of the Diocese of Marthandam.
- 22 Christ the King procession was conducted at the parish of Thuckalay and a good number of people from the different parishes belonging to the Vicariate of Mulagumoodu. The procession was concluded by a Eucharistic celebration, which was presided over by the Bishop. Bishop George Rajendran of the Diocese of Thuckalay also participated in the celebrations.
- 25 The Senate of Priests and the College of Consultors were held at the Bishop's House.
- 28 The Thuckalay Zone of the Society of Vincent DePaul celebrated their Jubilee at St Elias Mount, Thuckalay.
- 29 Bishop made the Pastoral Visit to the Parish of Choozhal.

Birthdays

Fr. Russel Raj B.	01.12.1963
Fr. George Ponnaiah	06.12.1957
Fr. RomericThadeus K.M.	08.12.1970
Fr. Maria Arputham R.	13.12.1955
Fr. Maria Alphonse V.	17.12.1954
Fr. George K.	28.12.1963

Ordination Days

Fr. Suresh Raj	09.12.2013
Fr. George Ponnaiah	10.12.1983
Fr. Titus Mohan M.	11.12.2011
Fr. Shine S.	15.12.2012
Fr. Joseph Raj A.	19.12.1969
Fr. Mariadasan S.	19.12.1969
Fr. Maria Selvaraj S.	19.12.1992
Fr. Robert V.	20.12.1968
Fr. Chellaiyan P. K.	21.12.1971
Fr. Innocent J.	21.12.1972
Fr. Peter M.	22.12.1974
Fr. Leo Alex A.	27.12.2000
Fr. Sahayadas P.	27.12.2000

Remembering the Dead

Fr. Wenceslaus J.	02.12.2005
Fr. Arulsamy M.L.	03.12.1987
Fr. Maria Jeganath A.	09.12.2009
Fr. Augustine J.	13.12.2006
Fr. Alphonse A.	14.12.2006
Fr. Joseph Fidelis	22.12.2012
Fr. Savarinathan R.	29.12.1971



"Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit" - Isaiah 11:1.

Church Needs Prayers, Not Gossip!

His Holiness Pope Francis convened the Fourteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family from October 4 to 25, 2015 at the Vatican to formulate appropriate pastoral guidelines for the pastoral care of the person and the family. In order to prepare this particular Synod, on October 8, 2013, Pope Francis announced that in October 2014 there would be an Extraordinary General Assembly of Synod of Bishops on topics related to the family and evangelization and accordingly he organized the Third Extraordinary Synod of Bishops from October 5 to 19, 2014 on the theme "Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization" to explore deeper pastoral care of marriage.

The Synod Fathers (270 Bishops) of the Fourteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops walked together with the Pope with eyes fixed on Jesus and searched for paths which the Gospel indicates for our times so that Church can proclaim the mystery of family love. In advance, requesting prayer support for the Synod fathers Pope Francis said, "the Church needs prayers, not gossip." He truly meant it for a positive outcome from the Synod to bring a hopeful message to families facing hardships.

The Synod Fathers were convinced that the Church needs to find a language which is a bridge to the day-to-day reality of marriage - a human reality, a reality not just of ideals, but of struggle and failure, of tears and joys, by being sensitive to the many sacrifices and struggles family make. It was also heavily felt by the Synod fathers that repeating doctrinal formulations alone will not bring the Gospel and the good news of the family into an antagonistic society rather the Church must find a language which helps our young people to appreciate the newness and the challenge of the Gospel. In his closing statement, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of the institution of the family and of marriage between a man and a woman, based on unity and indissolubility.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that who ever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" - John 3:16.



Different perspectives concerning the challenges families face such as loneliness and marital failure, improving marriage preparation, openness to life and sex education, cohabiting couples who are not married, educating consciences by calling to conversion instead of handing down condemnations or anathemas, homosexuals who are not away from Christ's love but regardless of sexual orientation they deserve respect in their dignity and welcome with respect avoiding 'any brand of unfair discrimination, and the struggles of those fleeing from war and poverty (migrant families) were the top points in the synodal discussions. The Final Report (Relatio Synodi) was passed with more than two-third of the Bishops present voting for it.

At the end, the Synod Fathers requested the Holy Father to evaluate the opportunity of offering a document on the family, so that in it the domestic church may reflect always more clearly Christ, the light of the world. The Catholic Church can hopefully wait for an apostolic exhortation within a year from the Holy Father which will, exactly in the words of Cardinal Philippe Ouedraogo, show that the "Church has a big, large open door wherever everyone can go and enter with all their problems."

+ V. Jeromedhas SDB,
Bishop of Kuzhithurai.



"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel" - Isaiah 7:14.

celebrated. Beginning in the week leading up to the winter solstice and continuing for a full month, Saturnalia was a hedonistic time, when food and drink were plentiful and the normal Roman social order was turned upside down. For a month, slaves would become masters. Peasants were in command of the city. Business and schools were closed so that everyone could join in the fun.

Also around the time of the winter solstice, Romans observed Juvenalia, a feast honouring the children of Rome. In addition, members of the upper classes often celebrated the birthday of Mithra, the god of the unconquerable sun, on December 25. It was believed that Mithra, an infant god, was born of a rock. For some Romans, Mithra's birthday was the most sacred day of the year.

Although some evidence suggests that the birth of Jesus may have occurred in the spring (why would shepherds be herding in the middle of winter?), Pope Julius I chose December 25. It is commonly believed that the Church chose this date in an effort to adopt and absorb the traditions of the pagan Saturnalia festival. First called the Feast of the Nativity, the custom spread to Egypt by 432 and to England by the end of the sixth century. By the end of the eighth century, the celebration of Christmas had spread all the way to Scandinavia. Today, in the Greek and Russian orthodox churches, Christmas is celebrated 13 days after the 25th, which is also referred to as the Epiphany or Three Kings Day. This is the day it is believed that the three wise men finally found Jesus in the manger.

By holding Christmas at the same time as traditional winter solstice festivals, Church leaders increased the chances that Christmas would be popularly embraced, but gave up the ability to dictate how it was celebrated.

Christmas Carol

English author Charles Dickens created the classic holiday tale, *A Christmas Carol*. The story's message-the importance of charity and good will towards all humankind-struck a powerful chord and showed members of Victorian society the benefits of celebrating the feast.

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased"- Luke 2:13-14.



The Rising of the Sun of Righteousness

Sun of Righteousness

The celebration of Christmas has a mix of pre-Christian, Christian, and secular themes and origins. Popular modern customs include gift giving, completing an Advent calendar or Advent wreath, Christmas music and carolling, an exchange of Christmas cards, church services, a special meal, and the display of various Christmas decorations, including Christmas trees, Christmas lights, nativity scenes, garlands, wreaths, mistletoe, and holly. In addition, several closely related and often interchangeable figures, known as Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, and Christkindare, associated with bringing gifts to children during the Christmas season and have their own body of traditions and lore.

While the month and date of Jesus' birth are unknown, by the early-to-mid 4th century, the Western Christian Church had placed Christmas on December 25, a date later adopted in the East, although some churches celebrate on the December 25 of the older Julian calendar, which, in the Gregorian calendar, currently corresponds to January 7, the day after the Western Christian Church celebrates the Epiphany.

The date of Christmas may have initially been chosen to correspond with the day exactly nine months after the day on which early Christians believed that Jesus was conceived, or with one or more ancient polytheistic festivals that occurred near southern solstice (i.e., the Roman winter solstice); a further solar connection has been suggested because of a biblical verse identifying Jesus as the "Sun of righteousness" (Malachi 4:2).

Saturnalia

In Rome, where winters were not as harsh as those in the far north, Saturnalia-a holiday in honour of Saturn, the god of agriculture-was



"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace" - Isaiah 9:6

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Dear Reverend Father,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd!

I am pleased to inform you that the Annual Retreat for the Second Batch is fixed for **17 to 22 January, 2016, at the K. J. J. M. Animation Centre, Kovalam Jn., Trivandrum 695 521.**

(Telephone: 0471-2484412).

Since the preacher suddenly fell sick, we could not hold the Second Batch of the Annual Retreat at the prescribed dates and it had to be postponed indefinitely. Now that the preacher is alright and a suitable venue for the retreat is finalized, I am happy to inform you of the date and the venue for the retreat.

As reminded earlier, Annual Retreat is obligatory, not only because the Canon Law (276/5) makes spiritual retreat an obligation for the diocesan clergy, but also because of the personal need for silence and solitude for meaningful pastoral involvement.

Kindly mark the dates in your diary and make it possible to attend the retreat. The retreat should be the most important event for us during the year. It is a time to reflect on how effective our apostolate has been in the eyes of God and gather strength and courage to carry on with our priestly duties in the midst of expectations from the People of God.

The Preacher is Fr. EMMA SJ, Director, Jesuit Centre for Counselling, Madurai 625 016.

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us" - Matthew 1:23.



Please find enclosed herewith the list of diocesan priests attending the retreat in the second batch. If you find the dates inconvenient to you, please be kind enough to get the permission from the Bishop.

Kindly remember to bring your Bible, the Breviary and the Mass Diary. Please bring a cassock also for you to join the Eucharistic celebration.

Let us imitate Our Lord who took time off from his mission to the people to be alone in prayer (Mark 1:35).

Remember the saying, "It is in the desert that the dew falls freshest and the air is purest."

Wishing you the best in all your pastoral endeavours,

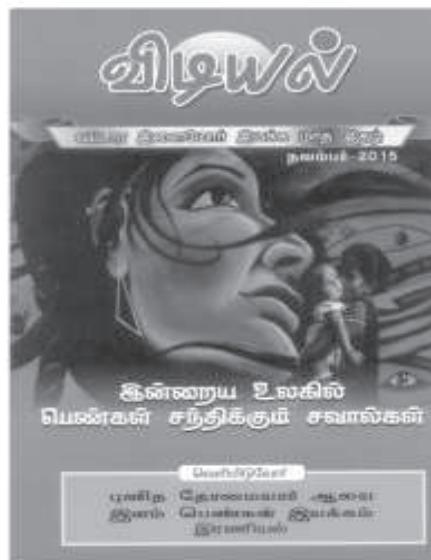
Sincerely yours in the Good Shepherd,-



+ *Jeromedhas*

Bishop Jeromedhas, SDB,

Bishop of Kuzhithurai.



Congratulations to the Women's Youth Group of Eranial (Parish of Kandanvilai) for bringing out the Mulagumoodu Vicariate Newsletter for the Commission for Youth!



"For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" - Luke 2:11.

Benefits from Govt. Welfare Schemes

Mrs. Annammal of Kaikal from Mathiravilai received Rs.7000.00 for her diseased son Mr.Yesumarian.

Special initiatives

- ❖ Group members of Mullankinavilai took initiatives for fund raising by putting up food stall and contributed Rs.4000.00 to the parish development fund.
- ❖ Kunnathuvilai and Thambathuvilai members visited a patient and supported financially with Rs.2000.00 each.
- ❖ Two poor persons were supported for their medical treatment, Rs.5000.00 and Rs.3000.00 from the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF).
- ❖ Two students received monthly support for their education from Kaikal.
- ❖ Two students are supported monthly from FEAST organization.
- ❖ Thambathuvilai Banana members supported a sick person with Rs.2000.00.
- ❖ 44 Banana farmers who had lost their trees because of heavy wind were supported with seedlings and manure.

First Anniversary of KIDSS – Kolping

KIDSS-Kolping celebrated the feast of Blessed Adolf Kolping and its First Annual Day on October 31, 2015 at Kolping complex, Thirithuvapuram on the theme: **Raise up the lowly!**

KIDSS-Kolping members of the Diocese of Kuzhithurai received their ID cards.

The feast celebrations ended with a Eucharist at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Thirithuvapuram, by Most Rev. Jeromedhas, Bishop of Kuzhithurai.

International Naturopathy Day

Awareness campaign on Naturopathy was organized on October 02, 2015 at Chunkankadai. Dr. L. Beena Therese from the Medical College was the resource person and there were 107 participants.

- Fr. Jeyakumar,

Executive Director, KIDSS.

"The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God" - Luke 1:35.



TRAINING TO CHANGE LIVES!

As the focus of KIDSS is on strengthening existing groups and capacity building for their sustainability, following programmes were organized.

Awareness Training in October 2015

No	Topics	Target Group	Venue	Participants
1	Report writing Accounting & Auditing	Secretaries of RMP IFO	Thuckalay, Kaungal, Mulavilai&Thirithuvapuram	89
2	Livelihood Options		Karungal	42
3	Health & Hygiene		Kuzhivilai	30
4	Naturopathy	Banana Farmers	Melpuram, Kulasekaram & Vavarai	70
5	Health Camp	Villagers	Melpalai	68
6	Environment	Banana farmers	Manali	22
7	Watershed Management	Self Help Groups	Thundathuvilai, Thingalnagar, Choozhal&Kulasekaram	131
8	Book & File Keeping	Kolping	Thirithuvapuram	67

Formation of New Groups

No	Target Group	Old Groups	New Groups	Total Groups	Total Members
1	RMP	118	1	119	3402
2	Community Health	25	1	26	515
3	Kaikal	58	1	59	925

"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrata, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel His going forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity" - Micah 5:2.



Congratulations to the People of Packiapuram for their Newsletter!



Congratulations to the Mulagumoodu unit of the YCS for the Newsletter!

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people" - Luke 2:10.

Congratulations to the People of Muhamattur (Parish of Kozhiporvila) for their Newsletter and the Pastoral Action Plan!



Diocesan Collections

1.7% Contribution

October 21 to November 20, 2015

No.	Parish	Amount
1	Udavilai (Thumbali)	10,547
2	Christurajapuram (Nallayanpuram)	2,835
3	Veppuvilai (Vellayambalam)	3,960
4	Alloor (Konnakuzhivilai)	3,743
5	Godhayar (Pechipparai)	2,111
6	Muhamathoor (Kozhiporvilai)	8,729
7	Saicode (Kuttaicadu)	3,535
8	Thachoor (Mathoor)	12,560
9	Eathavilai (Chemparuthivilai)	9,949
10	Kilathoor (Kadayal)	7,533
11	Nalloor (Marthandam)	6,607
12	Paruthiyaraithottam (Kalkurichy)	15,225
13	Mathoorkonam (Ambalakkadai)	11,847
Total		99,181

2. Holy Childhood

October 21 to November 20, 2015

No.	Parish	Amount
	Carried Forward	81,144
1	Konnakuzhivilai	1,500
	Total	82,644



"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy"
- Matthew 2:10.

Prayer for The Year

LORD JESUS CHRIST!

You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved
by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created
things;

made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you
spoke to the Samaritan woman:

"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and
glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in
order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and
forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to
the poor,

proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to
the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever
and ever.

Amen.

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give
to you Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" - John 14:27.



Pope Francis announced the opening of the year in a Bull of Indiction: Misericordiae Vultus. Jesus is the face of Mercy. ‘Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.’

Why Mercy?

Seeing the great need for mercy and healing in the world, Pope Francis called for the Year of Mercy—a special period, also known as a Holy Year or Jubilee Year, for the Catholic Church. It is a time for the Church across the world to take approximately a year to focus on forgiveness and healing in a special way.

The Focus

Pope Francis has asked us as individuals and as a Church “to be a witness of mercy” by reflecting on and practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy (Pope Francis’ Announcement of the Year of Mercy). Beginning December 8, 2015, the Holy Year of Mercy will focus on studying and reflecting on mercy, receiving mercy, and being merciful towards others.

What is a Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is when the Catholic Church across the world takes approximately a year to focus on forgiveness and healing in a special way. Catholics are encouraged to join together in prayer, go to confession, and share the genius of Catholicism with others.

The purpose of a Jubilee Year is to help people grow spiritually, strengthen their faith, and encourage works of service, and to promote unity within the Catholic Church and society in general.

The last Jubilee Year was in 2000, called for by Pope Saint John Paul II.



“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” - Romans 6:23.

3. Holy Land

October 21 to November 20, 2015

No.	Parish	Amount
	Carried Forward	8,13,142
1	Kesavapuram (Puthenkadai)	1,530
2	Arockiapuram	5,500
3	Kottoorkonam	420
4	Puthenkadai	775
	Total	8,21,367

4. Bible Sunday

October 21 to November 20, 2015

No.	Parish	Amount
	Carried Forward	1,57,142
1	Cherikadai (Palliyady)	2,600
2	Kandanvilai	6,135
3	Eraniel (Kandanvilai)	300
4	Sebastiyarpuram (Munchirai)	1,210
5	Kesavapuram (Puthenkadai)	1,000
6	Ambalakadai	682
7	Mathoorkonam (Ambalakadai)	1,123
8	Verkilambi (Chetticharvilai)	490
9	Lourdugiri	2,000
10	Puthukadai	1,370
11	Varuvilai (Kanjampuram)	1,000
12	Thundathuvilai	3,000
13	Kannanvilai (Thundathuvilai)	1,000
14	Karungal (Thundathuvilai)	820
15	Pandaravilai (Kandanvilai)	1,740

“She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” - Matthew 1:21.



16	Kannode (Mursancode)	820
17	Palayam (Murasancode)	500
18	PalayamAnnainagar (Murasancode)	800
19	Melpalai	4,000
20	Mathar (Yettacode)	2,400
21	Chetticharvilai	3,500
22	Chithenthope (Kandanvilai)	1,250
23	Christurajapuram (Nallayanpuram)	550
24	Kallukootam	2,675
25	Pillavilai (Kallukootam)	1,770
26	Kulasekharam	3,450
27	Packiad (Kulasekharam)	1,610
28	Amsi	4,150
29	Vadivilai (Mankuzhy)	1,230
30	Maavilai (Mukkalampadu)	1,015
31	Alanvilai	3,560
32	Muttaicadu	2,095
33	Mullanganavilai	3,500
34	Tharathattu (Mullanganavilai)	2,000
35	Mankarai (Mullanganavilai)	1,500
36	Nattalam (Mullanganavilai)	1,850
37	Ponmanai (Eanchacode)	1,429
38	Kottavilai (Murasancode)	500
39	Mukkalampadu	4,465
40	Ikkiyanagar (Melpalai)	750
41	Kottoorkonam	400
42	Puthenkadai	1,247
43	Malamari (Lourdugiri)	450
Total		2,35,078



"In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night" - Luke 2:8.

THE YEAR OF MERCY



JUBILEE OF MERCY

Meaning

The Year of Mercy is an invitation—an invitation to love, kindness, and unbounded generosity. Pope Francis is offering you the opportunity to encounter the incredible mercy of God.

Encountering mercy means encountering God. It can transform your life, your relationships, your work, and your ability to embrace and experience all of life.

Intention of the Pope

Year of Mercy is intended to receive and proclaim God's Mercy: On 8 December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis will open a Holy Year of Mercy; he desires that this year will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!

May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst! The Year will close on the Solemnity of Christ the King: 20 November 2016.

"And let all kings bow down before him, All nations serve him"
- Psalm 72:11.



God we need a little more healing.

God we need a little more healing:

Something in all of us likes a lot of power and control.

Some people end up with a lot of power.

Some people end up with making all the big decisions.

Some of our brothers and sisters never get listened to.

Somehow our politics becomes a politics of the rich or of the few.

Our democracy becomes less democratic.

Money and prestige and status are in charge.

Skin colour or ethnic group or gender seem to matter too much.

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God we need a little more healing:

Something in all of us likes a lot of power and control.

We don't know how to let go.

We don't know how to be free.

We don't know how to be ourselves.

Sometimes we are bound by all our fears.

We don't know how to be active and nonviolent.

We don't know what to do at all.

God we need a little more healing.

Amen.



"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow" - James 1:17.

Mission Sunday
October 21 to November 20, 2015

No.	Parish	Amount
	Carried Forward	1,17,316
1	Cherikadai (Palliyady)	3,292
2	Vizhunthayambalam	9,050
3	Mathapuram (Vizhunthayambalam)	2,910
4	Yettacode	2,480
5	Pilavilai (Lourdugiri)	2,146
6	Mathoor	2,426
7	Thachoor (Mathoor)	1,835
8	Kandanvilai	20,000
9	Eraniel (Kandanvilai)	700
10	Parakonam (Melpuram)	1,940
11	Elanthavilai (Murasancode)	5,156
12	Munchirai	18,570
13	Sebasthiyarpuram (Munchirai)	2,000
14	Udavilai (Thumbali)	1,450
15	Thumbali	2,500
16	Karumpilavilai (Thumbali)	1,050
17	Nullivilai	8,135
18	Manalikuzhivilai	3,230
19	Kesavapuram (Puthenkadai)	3,750
20	Attoor	5,205
21	Verkilambi (Chetticharvila)	2,075
22	Manchakonam	4,660
23	Fathimapuram	10,845

"This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger" - Luke 2:12.



24	Kadalayal	11,550
25	Kilathoor (Kadalayal)	1,300
26	Ponkalai (Kadalayal)	5,100
27	Lourdugiri	4,055
28	Veppuvilai (Vellayambalam)	1,450
29	Kattuvilai (CherukolKarumputhottam)	2,950
30	Murasancode	10,300
31	Kannode (Murasancode)	1,580
32	Thirithuvapuram	21,155
33	Chunkankadai	8,163
34	Varuvilai (Kanjampuram)	2,000
35	Vilathurai (Kappucadu)	925
36	Villukury (Madathattuvilai)	5,000
37	Thundathuvilai	5,000
38	Karungal (Thundathuvilai)	1,350
39	Sahayanagar	8,395
40	Manali	1,700
41	Palavilai	5,000
42	Pandaravilai (Kandanvilai)	5,000
43	Siluvaipuram	8,135
44	Kottavilai (Murasancode)	2,000
45	Palayam (Murasancode)	2,240
46	PalayamAnnainagar (Murasancode)	1,875
47	Kalkurichy	11,905
48	Paruthiyaraithottam (Kalkurichy)	2,190
49	Kuzhivilai	5,120



So the shepherds came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger - Luke 2:16.

God We Need a Little More Healing!

God we need a little more healing!
 Something in all of us likes a lot of power and control.
 We have ended up spending billions on weapons,
 We have weapons that can destroy the whole world.
 Somehow we get ourselves into the business of selling weapons
 to others.
 Too many young men and women are trained for war which
 nobody wants.
 Too many people are hungry and afraid.
 God we need a little more healing.
 God we need a little more healing:
 Something in all of us likes a lot of power and control.
 We worry about money and food and clothes and things.
 We end up buying things we don't need.
 We end up working too much.
 We end up filled with things and worry.
 Somehow we end up with a world where some are very rich.
 We end up with a world where some are very poor.
 We end up with a world where some have no work.
 We end up with a world in which some are overworked.

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory
 as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth - John 1:14.



6. New Bishop's House Building

October 21 to November 20, 2015

No.	Parish	Amount
	Carried Forward	6,34,434
1	Elanthavilai (Murasancode)	3,602
2	Udavilai (Thumbali)	2,940
3	Karumpalavilai (Thumbali)	2,000
4	Thumbali	4,790
5	Kadayal	17,535
6	Kilathoor (Kadayal)	5,300
7	Ponkalai (Kadayal)	7,970
8	Puthukadai	10,030
9	PalayamAnnainagar (Murasancode)	3,660
10	Konnakuzhivilai	3,000
11	Muhilankarai(Manalikarai)	1,000
12	Solapuram (Manalikarai)	1,935
13	Manalikarai	10,000
14	Mankalai (Melpalai)	500
15	Monday Market (Arockiapuram)	3,250
16	Vadivilai (Mankuzhy)	2,330
17	Vellayambalam	3,017
18	Alanvilai	5,415
19	Kanjampuram	71,215
20	Valanoor (Kanjampuram)	64,530
21	Varuvilai (Kanjampuram)	30,790
22	Muttaicadu	22,765
23	Packiapuram	5,320
24	Thiruvithancode	11,530
25	Murasancode	4,000
26	Johnson (Maruthancode)	2,000
27	Yettacode	4,742
28	Ikkyanager (Melpalai)	2,379
29	Puthenkadai	2,529
	Total	9,44,508



"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him" - Matthew 2:2.

50	Mankalai (Melpalai)	600
51	Melpalai	8,225
52	Thickanamcode (Mathiravilai)	1,650
53	Fathimanagar (Amsi)	5,120
54	Nallyanpuram	2,665
55	Mathar (Yettacode)	2,560
56	Poottety	7,920
57	Konnakuzhivilai	5,685
58	Chetticharvilai	8,500
59	Chithenthope (Kandanvilai)	3,000
60	Christurajapuram (Nallayanpuram)	1,350
61	MelaAlanvilai (Alanvilai)	2,650
62	Elampilavilai (Mulavilai)	1,980
63	Swamiyarmadam (Manalikarai)	4,000
64	Kallukootam	5,825
65	Pillavilai (Kallukootam)	1,787
66	Appattuvilai (St. Antony)	10,000
67	Manalikarai	21,000
68	Solapuram (Manalikarai)	4,500
69	Muhilankarai (Manalikarai)	1,500
70	Kumarapuram (Manalikarai)	2,308
71	Vettuvanni	18,643
72	Alloor (Konnakuzhivilai)	1,450
73	Padarnilam	6,322
74	Ithayapuram	4,165
75	Panavilai	2,145

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn" - Luke 2:7



76	Chellamkonam (Panavilai)	850
77	Maruthancode (Panavilai)	515
78	Alancholai	5,990
79	Chittar (Alancholai)	2,038
80	Chanelkarai (Alancholai)	1,030
81	Chemparuthivilai	17,365
82	Mekkamandapam (Chemparuthivilai)	1,860
83	Eathavilai (Chemparuthivilai)	3,000
84	Kuttaicadu	2,600
85	Annai Nagar (Kappucadu)	5,000
86	Arockiapuram	5,000
87	Kanjiracode	7,850
88	Chirayankuzhy (Kanjiracode)	4,870
89	Manjady (kanjiracode)	5,450
90	Eraviputhurkadai (kanjiracode)	2,575
91	Kaliakkavilai	8,170
92	Paramanvilai (kaliakkavilai)	5,635
93	Kallankuzhy (Manalikarai)	2,500
94	Amsi	4,050
95	Nattalam (Mullanganavilai)	3,335
96	Mankuzhy	7,000
97	Vadivilai (Mankuzhy)	5,000
98	Manali	5,310
99	Moolachel (Manali)	5,982
100	Palapally (Manali)	3,000
101	Vasanthapuram (Pilavilai)	2,020



"You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth"
- Luke 1:14.

102	Maavilai (Mukkalampadu)	6,165
103	Vellayambalam	4,612
104	Alanvilai	7,000
105	Kurunthancode (Alanvilai)	2,170
106	Vilavoor (Mulagumoodu)	1,200
107	Kappucadu	5,000
108	Muttaicadu	7,100
109	Packiapuram	9,020
110	Mullanganavilai	12,350
111	Tharathattu (Mullanganavilai)	4,000
112	Mankarai (Mullanganavilai)	1,500
113	Thiruvithancode	8,310
114	Ponmanai (Eanchacode)	1,050
115	Kulasekharam	17,560
116	Velliavilai	30,500
117	Mukkalampadu	14,520
118	Pullani	3,200
119	Thittavilai (Pullani)	1,650
120	Pullankuzhy (Pullani)	500
121	Kallupalam (Thickurichy)	1,120
122	Ikkianagar (Melpalai)	1,364
123	CherukolKarumputhottam	2,990
124	Kottoorkonam	680
125	Puthenkadai	999
126	Malamari (Lourdugiri)	500
Total		7,66,764

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. For His loving kindness is everlasting" - Psalm 107:1.

