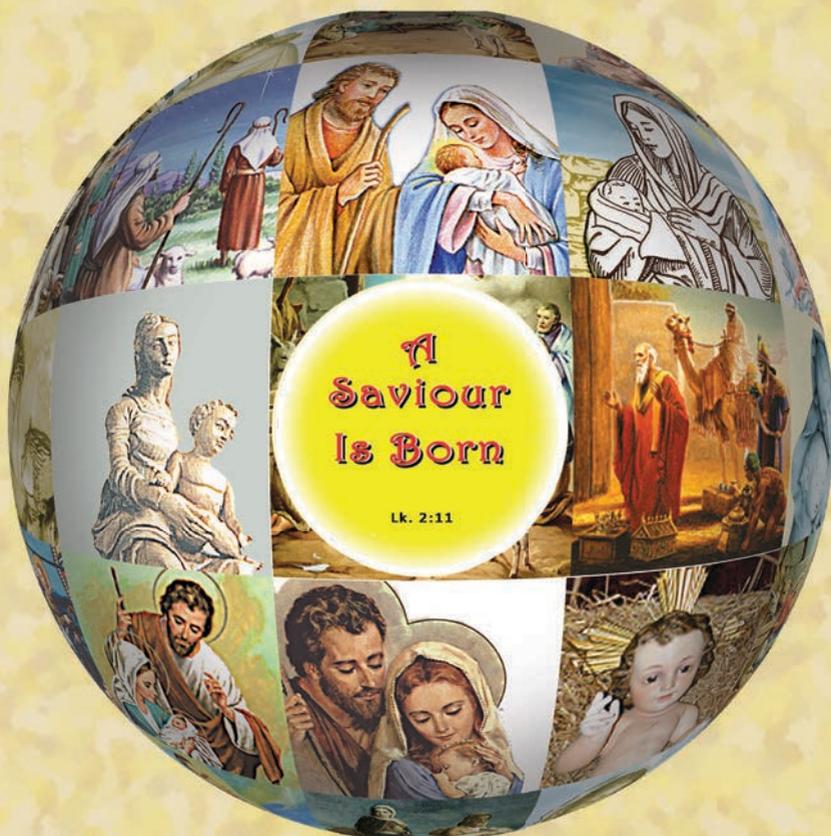




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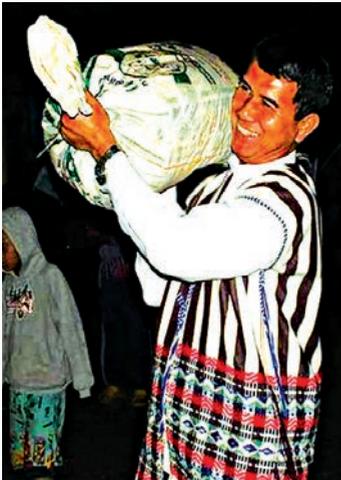
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Rice Harvest Day

The traditional “rice harvest day” was held in the village of Ban Nong Lom which is in the Chomthong district and the region of Chiang Mai, Thailand. This event took place on the weekend of 27th and 28th February.

The villagers of Ban Nong Lom organized the event but many people from surrounding villages took part, among them boys and girls from the Betharramite mission of Maepon, led by Fathers Suthon and Athit.



The aim of the Rice harvest day is to collect rice and money for distribution to the needy. This also helps keep alive within the tribe the culture of mutual aid, and self-reliance,

The two days were marked by moments of joy and celebration, songs and dances, also there were times for reflection, prayer, and the celebration of the Eucharist.



Exhibition in China

An exhibition in honor of the religious of Betharram took place from May to December 2015 and was held in Dali, Yunnan China. The Priests and Brothers of Betharram worked in the Yunnan Province for thirty years with the town Tali Fu, now renamed Dali, as the main centre. Fr Bradley was in this mission for a couple of years in the 1930's while Fr Dutton (below far Right) arrived there in 1947 until his departure in early 1950's.

This news came from Mr Henri de Verbigier, a friend of Frs Leborgne and Mirco SCJ. He writes: "I was fascinated, while travelling to Yunnan with my wife because of the connection between the photos and the memories of several of the Betharram fathers and about their stay in China, the mission report, the account of their departure from France, the periods of persecution (1950 -52), etc The fact that an exhibition was held in the new museum in Dali, seems to be an appreciation of the work done by these missionaries."





A Lenten Experience

The month of February was one of new experiences for our first year Novices. They went for ten days of experience at the Saccidananda Ashram Trichy, Tamil Nadu, which is under the care of the Camaldolese Benedictine order. The classes on Indian Spirituality were animated by Fr. Paul and Br. John Martin OSB Cam.

A two day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Mother of Velankanni, Tamil Naidu, was arranged as a part of this Lenten season. The shrine of Velankanni is also known as the shrine of the Mother of Good Health and the Basilica is shown above.

Jesus while celebrating the passover for the last time with His disciples gave us the first Priests, when He said, "Do this in memory of Me".

Earlier Jesus had said "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into the harvest".

God wants us to ask for help. So let us pray for more Priests and religious.

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“As the Father has sent me so I send You”

John 20:21

Today we have twenty Indian priests who mostly work in the state of Karnataka, India and a few are working in the far north-east in Assam. Two of these priest are now working here in England with a third hopefully starting shortly.



Next year it is hoped that two more will be ordained. All these young priests are very grateful for the help and support given them while they were training and this year you have helped in their training with your donations by a generous amount of £15,000 Thank you so much.



Today there are a number of young men training, nearly forty. This money is spent on their books, tuition fees, travel to and from lectures and all student needs, including food and it only costs £30 per week. This soon mounts up over the weeks and months, can you help them?

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Snippets from Hojai



“**T**he Passion of the Lord Impassions us”, was the theme of a day retreat given by Fr. Jesuraj, the Parish Priest, to the parishioners and the children boarding at the school during Holy Week. The week started with the villagers of the substations joining for the solemn Palm Sunday liturgy.

The feast of St Michael Garicoits, 14th May, was celebrated in the parish with Fr Matthew, the Diocesan Administrator, presiding. The day before he had given a day's recollection to the community in preparation for the solemnity. Being the Year of Mercy the Parish held its Mercy Procession a few days later and then the following day the anniversary celebration of ordination of Fr Arul and Fr Raj.

Being a Marian month, May ended with a Solemn Rosary Procession in honour of Mother Mary. What a fitting way to honour the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Archbishop of Guwahati, Most Rev. John Moolachira presided at the Eucharist for the feast of the Sacred Heart

An environment day was held at the school in May with the planting of saplings. It was held by an environmental activists and entailed Saving Mother Earth.



Prayer

O Father, we offer You our prayers and sufferings for the needs of the Church in the world today.

We pray that many may hear Your call to serve you in the priesthood, the religious life and the lay ministries.

Give their families and friends the grace to support and encourage them.

Give also to those you choose eagerness to answer Your call; humility and generosity to make You known and loved and faithfulness to persevere in their dedication.

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A Training Day



Br Angelo Sala SCJ is both superior of the community of St Michel Garicoits in Bouar and also in charge of the Health Centre. Through his initiative a training day was arranged during May for the staff and management of HIV-AIDS health centres in the Bouar area. The training season was held, in a room next the Bouar

cathedral and the prepared took into account the national guidelines for the prevention and treatment of HIV and the management of malaria cases in Central African Republic.

The speakers were Dr. Giovanni Gaiera, a specialist in infectious diseases like HIV and AIDS and advisor at the St. Raffaele Hospital in Milan, which has been following and working with the Saint-Michael Centre for many years and Dr. Ione Bertocchi, who for more than thirty years has been in charge of the Department of Health for Central Africa.



Growth

On the feast of Ss Peter and Paul the 29th of June 2016 at Shobhana Shaakha there was great joy and celebrations. That day five of our Brothers, Avinash and Pobitro Minji from India, and Matthew, Peter and Panupan from Thailand began their canonical year of Novitiate. The new novices were welcomed by their novice master Fr Biju Antony after being accepted by Fr Biju Paul the Regional Vicar of India



At the Seminary of “Lux Mundi” in Bangkok, Thailand’s only seminary, Br Emilio Sanan received the ministry of acolyte. Br Emilio is a young member of our congregation. The celebration which took place on Saturday 13th August was presided over by Bishop Joseph Chusak Siricut of the Diocese of Nakhon Ratchasima.



The Holy Spirit is always at work in each one of us.

How is the Holy Spirit working in and with you?

What kind of relationship does the Holy Spirit want with you?

Is it the Consecrated Life and or the Priesthood or both?

Do you feel God's call as a Priest or Brother of the Sacred Heart



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A Joyful Day

Quite often the news reports earthquakes throughout the world but how do they affect mission territories. An example is the July 2014 one in northern Thailand.

In Ban Mai Jadsan Village of the Chiang Rai province Thailand, during this earthquake several houses and the village Church were damaged. The local authorities condemned the church. But in April this year the new church was completed, blessed and consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, Mgr. Francis Xavier Vira Arpondratana



The day began with the arrival of the bishop, who was welcomed by the village people and a large number from other villages. They then accompanied him to the new Church. After blessing the grotto and the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Bishop consecrated the new church and celebrated the Holy Eucharist.

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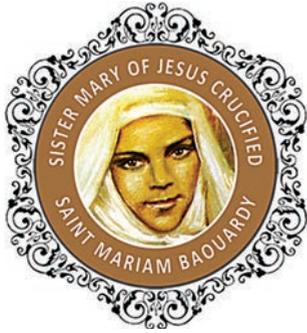
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Thoughts of St Mariam Baouardy

When preparing for Communion, consider who it is that is coming to you. It's Jesus who is coming, Jesus so good, so lovable, so gentle and at the same time Jesus so great, so powerful, so beautiful.

When feeling low in spirits, and God seems far away, invoke the Holy Spirit, saying: "It is You who can make us know Jesus. The Apostles spent a long time with Jesus without ever understanding Him; but You came to them at Pentecost and taught them to know and appreciate Him, Please teach me to know and love Jesus.

To know and follow Jesus, invoke the Light of the Holy Spirit who enlightened the disciples and enlighten all those who invoke Him.



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