

DAYS TO REMEMBER—

SEPTEMBER

BIRTH DAYS

04. FR. AUSTIN

19. FR. VIPIN

25. FR. VINCENT

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

16. FR. SHAJU

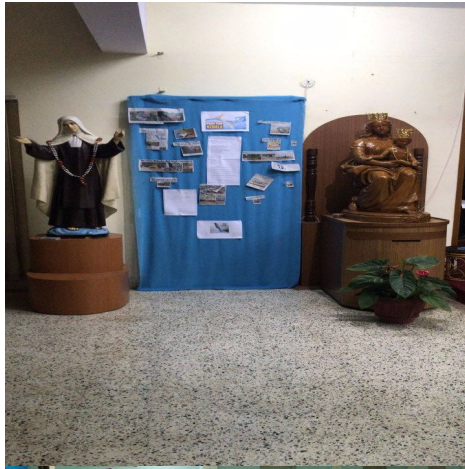
17. FR. BIJU ANTONY

CONGREGATION FEAST

14. EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

UP COMING EVENTS

**13. THANKS GIVING MASS AT.
SHOBHANA SHAAKHA**



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**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION
OF THE CROSS**

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated every year on September 14, recalls three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches



built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin. The feast of Exaltation of the Cross is close to the hearts of each Betharramites as our devotion to the Crucifix of Jesus connects with one of our popular traditions that bears witness to three miracles attributed to the Virgin Mary at Betharram.



The miracle dates back to the year 1616. Some peasants from Montaut, not far from Lestelle, were returning after a long hard day of work out in the fields, when a violent wind rose and devastated the hill threatening Betharram. The cyclone beated on the great wooden Cross at the summit. But as soon as it fell on the ground, it was seen completely surrounded by a hallow of light. The news rapidly spread around the

country, and an immense crowd gathered there coming in procession to the chapel of Betharram to thank God for this prodigy and thus the devotion to the Crucifix developed among the devotees eventually. Years later Hubert Charpentier, a priest architect constructed a monumental Way of the Cross set up above the Sanctuary at the



side of the Betharram hill which still nourishes the pilgrims of Betharram. Whatever may be the historical exactitude, this miracle gives witness to a fundamental truth that is, Betharram has always been considered as a sacred place, which has nourished faith for many and it still continues to nourish through the Sacred Heart missionaries of Betharram throughout the world.



On 10th Feast day we had Retreat for all the people by Fathers Fr. Clary D' Souza Fr. Harry. Fr. Sagar. And their team. From morning 9.30.am to 12.15 pm we had Retreat and at 12.30 we had feast mass by Rev.Fr. Vincent Pereira. On this we had First holy communion for 18 children. After the mass we had fellowship meal for all the peo-

ple. By the prayer of St Lawrence everything went on very well for the feast there were more than 500 people. Our all it was a great day where all 8villages fatefully gathered together and showed their Unity and got strengthen their faith.



Feast of St. Miriam of Jesus Crucified At Maria Kripa



On 22nd August, Wednesday 6.00 p m the community of Maria Kripa Celebrated the Feast of St. Miriam Baouardy. Most Rev Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza, the Bishop of Mangalore Celebrated the Holy Eucharist with the Rev Fr. Enrico Frigerio the Regional Superior, other Priests and invited benefactors. The community of Maria Kripa is blessed with the joy of celebrating the feast of the Patron of the Region Bro. Akhom from Thailand was welcomed in the community.



BETHARRAM SACRED HEART PARISH

National youth Sunday



On 5th August 2018 Betharram Sacred Heart Parish celebrated National youth Sunday with its youth for the first time. Youth from our substation gathered at Holy family church at Borpani Tea Garden. To facilitate this programme Sr Justia MSMH, youth directors, arch diocese of Guwahati and Rev.fr.francis lakrasdb, principal Don

Bosco school, Baithalongso had come. It was really wonderful to meet the young people of our parish. Programs were conducted in Garo, Assamese and Hindi.



Assumption of Our Mother



On 15th August 2018 we as parish celebrated the feast of our lady in our Chitolmari church. The program began at 11am with the morning prayer and sacrament of reconciliation. After which we had the procession with recital of Rosary to our mother and went around the village. Followed by Eucharistic banquet in Garo presided by Fr Pascal SCJ.

Soon after the mass we hoisted the flag of our lady followed by song to our lady. After the mass we all share a light refreshment.

ST. LAWRENCE FEAST AT TALMADIGI BIDAR. 10/08/2018

We had 3 days of Novena for the celebration of our church feast. In this 3 days we prayed for strong Faith and unity among our parishners. On 7th we had flag hosting. 8th and 9th we had our parish youth and children gathering along this we had MCA (missionary childhood association) gathering for this 76 children were present.

Keralaflood2018

As you all know, Kerala is going through the worst time of its history. We are exposed to tumultuous and disastrous flooding which have destroyed both our life and living. All the rivers, streams and lakes were overflowing throughout the states due to heavy rainfall. The shutter of all the 22 dams had been opened and the water rush had washed away the towns and villages on its flood path. The situation was much more frightening than we could explain. Over 1.5 lakh people were in relief camps and some are still residing there even after the flooding because of rehabilitation issues. Even hospitals were under



water. The count of the lives that we have lost and people missing are still not confirmed yet. The roads, bridges and homes damaged are beyond repair. Rivers

had been spilling over and the hills were crashing down in landslides to thickly-populated settlements.

Amidst of these constraints, On 15th of August Fr. Enrico Frigerio, Fr. Edwin Manavalan and I were on the way to Santhigram for the Ordination of Fr. Shamon and caught up in between severe landslides. By the providence of God, we were sheltered in an Armed Police Camp of Pynav, Idukki where we spent two days. Though we couldn't make it for the ordination day, we managed to get there on the following day. The news about flood and its consequences have been circulated around the world via virtual media but actual experiences of ours makes us to understand the seriousness of this calamity. While the situation right now isn't as bad as it was in the last few days, the problems are far from over.



Our government and rescue bodies are doing commendable work for saving each and every life, but are facing severe shortage of funds and resources. This has affected the efficiency of the rescue efforts, which also contribute to the increasing death toll. It is estimated unofficially that the cost of disaster can be up to 100 billion

INR, which seems to be a huge fund for our small state. The calamity has left behind a residue of problems. There is an urgent need to look out for water-borne diseases like jaundice, diarrhoea, typhoid, among others. There is also a high risk of electrocution. People need to stay away from loose wires and see that whenever they go back, their electricity connection is proper and earthed. Another repercussion of the flood is the worm infestation in leafy vegetables. There is also the risk of snake bites and numerous cases have been reported on these above issues. Let's be united in prayer for all those who were affected by this massive disaster. May our Good Lord strengthen them.



Fr. Vipin Joseph Chiramel

Joyful moments for Betharram in India.

The heaven is rejoicing and the earth is praising, the reason is the Sacred Heart Vicariate is blessed to have two new priests Fr. Shamon and Fr. Reegan.



Fr. Shamon was ordained in Kerala in Shathigram by Most. Rev. John Nellikunal the Bishop of Adilabad. Fr.

Shamon's ordination was an adventures one. It is because of the unexpected weather and flood in Kerala. In spite of that, nothing could stop the blessing of God. Though many of our fathers and his own relatives could not participate in his ordination, there were Two Bishops on his Ordination ceremony. Fr. Shamon was ordained on 16.08.2018.



The ordination of Fr. Reegan was a colourful one. All were able to witness the event. He was ordained on 25.08.2018 by Most. Rev. Ivan Ambrose the Bishop of Tutucorin, in his home town Sawyerpuram Fr. Enrico and all our fathers and brothers were present.