

Resurrection of Jesus: The Foundation of Our Mission

The World In Darkness is a movie. The gist of the story is: An archaeologist finds a first century mummy in the tomb of Christ with similar description of Christ. The news papers across the globe splash the headlines calling resurrection of Christ as a fraud. Immediately the churches are destroyed, crosses are broken and Christians are persecuted. On his death bed, the archaeologist confesses that the whole thing is a joke, and the mummy was not genuine, it was faked by him.

Easter experience of the disciples began with an empty tomb. Even after assurances of the angel that he "has been raised", they walked away in disbelief and despair. Their faith seemed to be dead.

Only after they had seen the Risen Lord was their faith resurrected. Their fears turned into joy, their doubts into belief, their disappointments into hope. The confusion and fright that followed crucifixion gave in to conviction that Jesus was the messiah indeed. All that Jesus had been teaching them .

St. Paul writes: "Jesus . . . was put to death for our sins and raised to life to justify us" (Rom 4:25). Jesus "died and was raised to life" (2 Cor 5:15) for us that we might have eternal life. He now can share with us his divine life by releasing his Spirit of love so that we can know by a new knowledge how infinite God's love for us is as mirrored in Jesus' death on the cross.

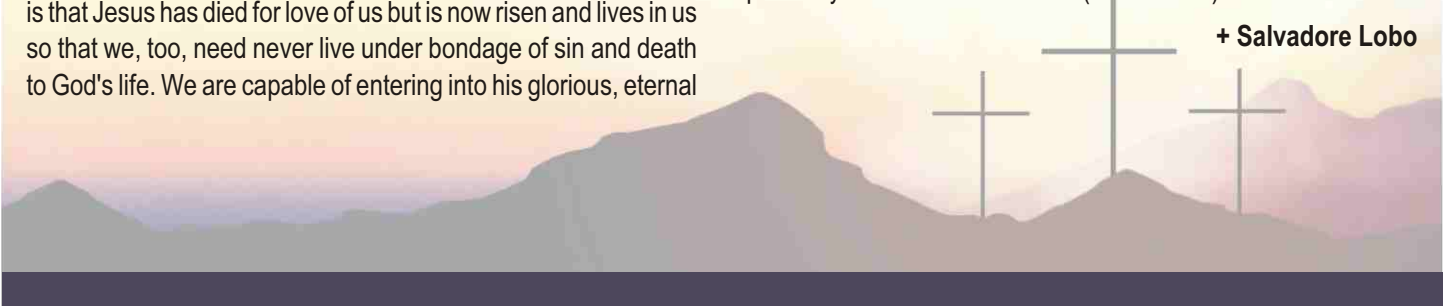
The good news that pervades every page of the New Testament is that Jesus has died for love of us but is now risen and lives in us so that we, too, need never live under bondage of sin and death to God's life. We are capable of entering into his glorious, eternal

life by confessing our sins and living only for him as our Lord. He is the first fruits of the new creation. He is the new Adam who brings us a rebirth to new life through his Holy Spirit.

It was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth. Thus, he renewed us with the Holy Spirit whom he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our savior to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life (Tt 3:5-7).

St. Paul gives the title of Lord (Kyrios) to the risen Jesus to designate that, after his resurrection, Jesus is totally one with Yahweh. He is in glory and he exercises a royal sovereignty and dominion over the universe, by being inserted into matter in his spiritualized presence. Thus, he is reconciling the world to the Father by bringing it to its full completion. "He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the beginning he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross" (Col 1:15-20).

+ Salvadore Lobo





First Holy Communion

March 03, 2019 was a great joy for the faithful of Panchamkhanda Parish. On this auspicious day 45 children received Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Eucharistic celebration was presided by our beloved Diocesan youth Director Rev. Fr. Ramen Pailan. The children and the main celebrant were welcomed by *Chandan tika*. In his homily Fr. Ramen Pailan emphasized the importance and benefit of receiving Holy Communion in our spiritual lives. He stressed over that the Holy Communion gives strength and courage to keep us Holy in thoughts, words and deeds. After the celebration Fr. Ramen Pailan gave a Rosary and Divine Mercy picture of Jesus to all the children. The children were delighted to have these gifts as well as snacks.

- Br. Saptarshi Biswas



From the Desk of Women's Commission

On 10th of March 2019 Women's Commission of Baruipur Diocese celebrated the international women's day in Dishari Pastoral Centre. Our theme was Balancing for Better. We had invited both men and women to exemplify the balancing. We were privileged to have 110 people to participate in our celebration. Our honourable guest was Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvadore Lobo, Chief guest was Mr. Arindam Acharya (O.C), Special guest Ms. Titas Biswas (Psychologist & Counsellor and Teacher of Carmel High School, Gariahat).

Our day began with an Eucharistic celebration followed by the programme with lighting of lamp and welcoming of the guests. Welcome speech was given by our Rt. Rev. Bishop after which our chief guest Mr. Arindam Acharya inspired and motivated each one of us by his enlightening speech and illuminating stories about his life. Next, our special guest Ms. Titas Biswas spoke how to maintain equality among men and women.

After lunch there was a debate arranged by the secretary between men and women, Fr. Kanuj Roy and Fr. Himanshu Poti also participated in the debate as team leaders. The programme ended by thanking The Almighty Father and every one received a rosary and dispersed.

- Ms. Babli Das



News from Paribar Jyoti :

Social Workers Learn the Scientific Way of Helping People

"We social workers cannot be satisfied only by working for people's economic progress, closing our eyes to their suffering when they are weighed down by frustrations due to personal or family problems," said the participants who came to a 5-days counselling course held in Tehatta, Nadia district. They realised that giving advice does no good in most cases and sometimes it can be harmful. "We do not want to be professional counsellors, but we want to learn the process of helping people who have personal or family problems," they said. One of the things they discovered during the course was how mental conditions arising out of family situation affect personal wellbeing and the performance in the workplace. It was also explained to them that emotional debris left over from past incidents can clutter the mind and impede the mental process, destroying creativity, reducing the mental capacity and even causing psychosomatic diseases.

The 27 participants, mostly SHG supervisors and coordinators, felt satisfied when they were able to do peer counselling with their companions and take it to the end of the helping process. Although it was a very short course they felt confident that with the skill they acquired they will be able to help their clients.



News from Raghampur

Sunday, March 24th, 2019 was a truly memorable day for our people. Archbishop Thomas D'Souza presided over the Eucharistic celebration that morning. The occasion was twofold: the release of a new book on the veteran missionary Fr. Premananda Singha, son of the soil, the first priest of our Parish, whose unremitting labours in Olda, Kearchand, Kamarchowki, sowed the seeds of the Faith in the Midnapore Deanery. Further, the sacerdotal Golden Jubilees of Frs. Thottam, Augustine D'Souza, P.C. Matthew and Francis Koikara (all ordained in March 1959) were fondly remembered.

The book was conceived by Fr. Thottam during his ministry in Premananda Ashram, Chamrusai, and completed here with the able assistance of Ms. Sadhana Kairali, TIC of our school. It is, in the fullest sense, a labour of love, a personal insight into the life and legacy of Fr. Prem, an ordinary man with an extraordinary love for Christ, a man whose generosity and thirst should continue to be the programme of our lives today.

The Archbishop was brought in a procession to the Church, accompanied by the Jubilarians and a host of jubilant, kirtan singing parishioners. Two brothers of Fr.

Premananda and their families were with us, along with his niece Sr. Shikha DSA and a number of relatives. After the Mass, the book was released and the Jubilarians felicitated. The Archbishop was very happy to see the school and nascent College and brought up-to-date on our history and ministry by Frs. Thottam and P.C. Matthew.

An even more joyful variety programme of Song, Dance, and Music in the evening at Kalahrdaya, in honour of our Jubilarians, concluded a really memorable day in Raghampur.

- Fr. Patrick Walsh, S.J.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church Hogalkuria at a glance.

The newly erected parish, St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church began its activities in the new year January 2019. Rev. Fr. K.C. Joseph C.M., the Parish Priest took up the responsibility with great care and love for the parishioners. He began visiting the families, carrying the Blessed Sacrament, walking to all the families. The catechist, C.L.C mothers and sisters accompanied him to each family and prayed in each house. All the members of the family were present and they welcomed Jesus into their houses with great faith and devotion. It was a unique memorable experience for all of us, especially for the family members and those who accompanied the priest. Some of us felt that we are walking along with Jesus as we walked through the fields and byways. It was a collective witness for the rest of the villagers. All were filled with zeal and enthusiasm, many of them could experience inner healing. On the 26th January 2019, there was a special Holy Eucharistic celebration for the students who are to appear for Madhyamik and Higher Secondary exams. We have started catechism for children from L K G to class X on Sundays. On 9th February there was an orientation programme for the youth by Rev. Fr. Zeni, S. J. where 18 of them took part in the programme. It was an enriching session for them as it gave them a little more self knowledge which will help them to be more mature in all decision makings.

- Sr. Paulina Mardi (scc)

Youth Orientations at Ranigarh



The Diocesan youth commission of Baruipur had organized orientation Programme at Ranigarh Parish on March 17, 2019. It began with Holy Mass offered by youth director Fr. Ramen Pailan and concelebrated by Fr. Sirnus Topno, parish priest and Fr. Daniel Makhal, assistant of the Ranigarh Parish. In his homily Fr. Ramen said that we must try to transform our inner self by loving, serving and growing in holiness in this Lenten season. Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Sirnus Topno welcomed Fr. Ramen Pailan, DEXCO members and youth from the parish for orientation camp. During the session Fr. Ramen tried to enlighten youth through the word of God and encouraged them to be a good leader with the value of Jesus Christ. He also asked them to accompany the youth as guide and philosopher. He said that youth has to reflect the life of our Master Jesus Christ and learn to

help each other. In this present situation youth are facing lots of problems, suffering and living life in depression. Therefore, he asked the youth, to be confident to face and overcome the situation. In the second session Mr. Sarbeswar (Bapi) Chakrabarty (DYP) spoke on Youth and SCC. He said that SCC is the way to lead a good and faithful life in the family. There was PEXCO election where Mr. Gaurab Saradar and Miss. Mallika Haldar were elected as president and vice president, Miss Sanjita Bairagi and Mr. Subhasis Baria as secretary, joint secretary and Mr. Pabitra and Mr. Avijit Sardar as treasurer. Fr. Sirnus concluded the orientation programme with the vote of thanks and prayer.

- Ms. Pue Mondal

Dishari at a Glance

On 2nd and 3rd of March 2019 Dishari Organized two days SCC seminar for the Animators. Altogether 51 participants attended the seminar. The resource persons for the Seminar were Fr. Rajesh Paul kujur, Sr. Christine, NST members, Sr. Anu, Sr. Gulab and Miss Jyoti Kerketta. The main topic for the Seminar was 'how to be an effective SCC animators in their respective palaces.' They also shared their own life experiences of being a SCC animator. All the participants were extremely happy to attend this seminar and promised to promote SCC in the Diocese.

On 11th to 14th March 2019 a SCC Regional Council Meeting was held at Darjeeling Diocese at Divyabani Pastoral Centre. A total number of 92 participants attended the seminar from eight Dioceses. From Baruipur Diocese 15 animators (three priests, one nun and eleven parishioners) attended the seminar. The main topic for the seminar was 'Prophetic role of SCC and new way of being Church, Environment and Evangelization etc'. It was a new learning for all the participants.

On 24th March 2019 Dishari Organized a SCC seminar at Hokolkuria Parish. It was a first SCC seminar for the people of Hokolkuria. Altogether 95 people attended the seminar. The resource persons for the seminar were Fr. Soumen Malik, Mr. Ajoy Naskar, Mr. Dipankar Sardar and Sarmila Dari. The main topic for the seminar was 'why do we need SCC? Success story of SCC at Masoura village, five models of Church and seven steps of Gospel Sharing. The participants actively attended the seminar and promised to begin Gospel sharing in their respective village.

-Fr. Soumen Malik



Election 2019

May 19, 2019 is the day of General Elections for Parliament in our diocese. Everyone must fast and pray for peaceful, fair and free elections within the diocese, in the state of West Bengal and in the country. I urge every catholic and all people of good will with voting rights to discharge, with utmost seriousness, the civic duty placed on their shoulders. Everyone who has a right to vote must exercise his/her vote at the time of election. Keeping away from such responsibility would mean abdication of one's democratic right and duty.

We had indicators to tell that all is not well in this country. Poor have remained poor and development has taken a back seat. Communal and divisive forces are active. Respect for Seven social sins propagated by Mahatma Gandhi have been conveniently forgotten. They are:

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| 01. Politics without principles | 02. Wealth without work | 03. Pleasure without conscience |
| 04. Knowledge without character | 05. Commerce without morality | 06. Science without humanity |
| 07. Worship without sacrifice. | | |

Therefore vote for the one who:

- Stands for, and is led by values that promote human dignity, social equality, religious harmony and national integrity;
- Will protect the fundamental rights of all citizens as guaranteed in the Constitution of India;
- Will work for overall development of the poor and marginalized;
- Will preserve and promote social cohesion, communal harmony and cultural plurality;
- Will genuinely address the social problems, such as unemployment, discrimination against certain sections of society and religious fundamentalism;
- Will endeavour to remove corrupt and unethical practices in all levels of society;
- Will work for the integral development of his / her constituency, and at the same time keep the national perspective in mind;
- Will promote true religious values and will not exploit religion for sectarian and divisive purposes.

Let us all pray that we may elect a worthy government at the National level. May 01, shall be dedicated to special prayer for the national election. Rosary is a very important tool to wage spiritual battle during difficult situations. We have many examples of this in the history of the church. In the year 1571, the Turks under the leadership of emperor Salim attacked the European countries. The Christian countries suffered a lot. Pope Pius V announced a war of Rosary against the enemies. The battle of Lepanto was won!

March 18, 2019

+ Salvadore Lobo
Bishop of Baruiapur

A Sports Day at Keorapukur Parish



On Sunday 3rd March 2019, St. Vincent De Paul group of Keorapukur Parish organized sports Day (Parish Sports Day) at Lalpole Carmel School ground. The games started at 2 p.m. with lighting of the lamp followed by prayer.

Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, Asst. Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Alope Kanji and sisters of Lalpole convent were present to witness the sports. The main attraction of the day was, a special type of sports for physically challenged people. Apart from this different types of games were conducted for nursery to college goers. Few games were also allotted for parents.

The main objective of this event was to spread the message that physically challenged people are also equal with the normal people. They can also participate in everything along with us.

The programme ended with the prize distribution ceremony. We thank our Parish Priest and Asst. Parish Priest for their co - operation without which organizing such a programme would not have been possible. We also express our gratitude to the Headmistress of Carmel High School for Girls Sr. M. Cheryl who had provided us the school ground.

At last we pray to St. Vincent De Paul that he may give us strength and courage to treat every human being equally and love them selflessly.

- Ms. Polina Gomes

Ordination and First Mass of Fr. Ranjit Baidya OFM Cap

February 24, 2019 was a great and memorable day for the people of Mohamaya, one of the substations of Khari Parish. It was on that day priestly ordination was conferred on Deacon Ranit Baidya, son of Mr. Ishan and Late Mrs. Lotika Baidya by Most Rev. Kishore Kumar Kujur, the Bishop of Rourkela Diocese, Odisha at St. Joseph's Church, Sikajore Parish. He belongs to the Congregation of the Order of Friars Minor, Capuchin (OFM, Cap) of the Province of St. Fidelis, Lucknow, North India. There were 35 priests, about 100 nuns and more than 2500 people to witness the ordination.

On March 3, 2019 he celebrated his first thanksgiving Mass at Mohamaya along with 25 priests. It was good to see the wholehearted cooperation of the villagers of



Mohamaya. There was a short cultural programme after the Mass followed by sumptuous meal.

He was born on March 01, 1989 at Mohamaya. He completed his elementary education from Basanti St. Xavier's High School and Higher Secondary from Bamanpukuria S.M.M. High School. He then entered the order on July 03, 2006 and made his first profession on May 15, 2011 at Ara-Gate, Ranchi. He pursued his philosophical studies in Vijnananilayam-Institute of Philosophy and Religion (2011-2014) and theology from Francesco, Capuchin Institute of Theology, Samayapuram, Trichy, Tamilnadu (2015-2018). He was ordained deacon on March 24, 2018 at Trichy.

The diocese congratulates and wishes him a very fruitful priestly ministry in the vineyard of the Lord.

- Fr. Sarajit Das



RIP - Mr. Pandit Kanji

God called Mr. Pandit Kanji to his eternal abode on 5th March 2019. He died at home at the age of 90 years leaving behind five sons and three daughters. Among his children two sons are priests (Fr. Charles Montu Kanji and Fr. Alope Anthony Kanji) and two daughters are religious sisters (Sr. M. Karuna M.C. and Sr. M. Ila DSA). His funeral Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Salvadore Lobo along with Many Priests on 6th March 2019 (Ash Wednesday). His mortal remain was laid to rest in Maipit Cemetery. May God Grant him eternal peace.



RIP - Mrs. Lila Mondal

Mrs. Lila Mondal, sister of Fr. Parimal Kanji has gone to her eternal abode at the age of 61 years on 7th March 2019 following a massive heart attack. She was one of the eight children in the family and was born on 12th October, 1957. Her funeral mass and service was conducted by Fr. Parimal Kanji and concelebrated by eight priests and a deacon in Sacred Heart Church, Morapai on 8th March 2019. May God reward her with eternal bliss.



RIP - Mr. Sushil Singh

Mr. Sushil Singh the brother-in-law of our Fr. Saumen Malik of Mohamaya village under Khari Parish went to his eternal reward peacefully on 21st March 2019 at 64 years of age, leaving behind wife, son and daughter. His funeral was conducted by Fr. Jonas Singha on 22nd March 2019 in the main Church, Khari. A large crowd comprising of Christian and non-Christian attended his funeral service. The church was over crowded and he was laid to rest in Khari cemetery. May God give him eternal rest.

NOTICE BOARD

A Priests seminar for all the priests working in the Diocese of Baruipur will be held at Dhyan Ashram, Konchowki from April 9, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. to April 10, 2019 till lunch.

The Annual meeting of the Diocesan Priests of Baruipur Diocese will be held at Dhyan Ashram, Konchowki on April 10, 2019 at 02.00 p.m.

Recollection for the Catechists will be held at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur from 8th April at 4.00 p.m. to 9th April 2019 till lunch.

Programmes in Paribar Jyoti:

April 05-06 : Marriage Preparation Course.
April 12-13 : Young Couples seminar (Also meant for those whose marriage is to be regularised)



April 2019

- 01 Br. Souharda Sardar
- 02 Fr. Deepak Ekka
- 05 Fr. Goutam Naskar
- 09 Fr. J. R. Dejus
- 15 Fr. Sarajit Das
- 17 Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes
- 23 Fr. Francis Baraik
- 29 Fr. Daniel Makhall
- 30 Bp. Salvadore Lobo

ORDINATION Anniversary



April 2019

- 11 Fr. Sushad Baidya
- 12 Fr. Patrick Walsh, SJ
- 15 Fr. Faustine Brank
- 22 Fr. J.A. Santhanam
- 26 Fr. Sunil Ray
- 26 Fr. Surojit Mitra
- 27 Fr. Daniel Makhall
- 27 Fr. Jonas Singha
- 28 Fr. Remy D'Sa, SFX
- 29 Fr. Prolay Boidya
- 30 Fr. Biju M., CM

Hotar receives Bishops on a Lenten Sunday

On Sunday March 17, 2019 the small chapel at Hotar under Kalyanpur Parish suddenly came alive with the visit of Bishop Salvadore Lobo. Along with him was Most Rev. Gabriel Kujur, S.J., Bishop Emeritus of Daltonganj. They both were welcomed at the entrance to the village with garland, kirtan singing and shower of flower petals. The chapel named after St. Paul, was overflowing with joyous people on the Lenten Sunday.

The Bishops, Fr. Uttam Naskar and Deacon Br. Peter Bablu Sardar and all the people were welcomed with a *chandan tika*. The Holy Mass started with an entrance dance. The Bishop, in his homily, exhorted the people saying that lent is the best time to enter into the mystery of Christ's passion. People of Hotar were so happy for the visit of the bishops. Bishop Gabriel who spoke in Hindi, in his message, encouraged the people saying, "Go ahead for Christ". Deacon Bro. Peter Bablu Sardar deserves a special mention as he took pains to prepare the people with singing practice. Kudos to Fr. Uttam Naskar and Mr. Dipankar Sardar who saw the arrangement for the memorable visit of the Bishops.

- Mr. Dipankar Sardar



Bishop Lobo's Programme for April 2019

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Mon	10.00 a.m.	Baruipur	Meets with Fr. Maria Elias, Founder and Superior General of the Holy Family Father.
05	Fri	04.00 p.m.	Salika	Way of the Cross followed by Mass
06	Sat	09.30 a.m.	Canning	Welcomes Sisters of Destitute
07	Sun	06.00 p.m.	Thakurpukur	Mass and blessing of the statues of the Way of the Cross
09	Tue	10.00 a.m.	Dhyan Ashram	Seminar on Evangelization for the Priests of the Diocese of Baruipur
10	Wed	06.30 a.m. 09.00 a.m.	Dhyan Ashram Dhyan Ashram	Mass for the Juniorate, Novices and Conferral of Ministry Seminar on Evangelization for the Priests of the Diocese of Baruipur
		02.30 p.m.	Dhyan Ashram	G.B. meeting of Diocesan Priests
11	Thu	09.30 a.m.	Bishop's House	Meeting of the Board of Consultors
14	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Baruipur Cath	Procession with Palm and Mass in Cathedral.
16	Tue	10.00 a.m. 02.30 p.m.	Dishari Cathedral	Priests meeting Chrism Mass
18	Thu	06.00 p.m.	Hogalkuria	Washing of the feet and Mass
19	Fri	02.00 p.m.	R.B. Nagar	Adoration of the Cross
20	Sat	11.30 p.m.	Cathedral	Easter Vigil
21	Sun	07.30 a.m.	Gangarampur	Easter Mass
22	Mon	06.00 a.m.		Goes to Israel
23	Tue			Asian Bishop's Convivence - Neocatechumen Way (3rd May - Returns to Baruipur)

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of April 2019

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones:

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



*Bishop Salvadore Lobo and all the Fathers
at Bishop's House wish all the readers
the joy of Easter.*

*May the new life
that Jesus offers us through His
resurrection be the continuous source of
sharing and caring for one another.*

Happy Easter !

and

A Happy and Prosperous Bengali New Year - 1426.

