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GREATNESS OF MARY OUR MOTHER

On September 08, we celebrate the birth day of Mary, Our Mother. As Children we rejoice at her birth and thank God for giving her to us as a loving mother. Her birth brightened the prospects of the entire world living in darkness. She is the hope and dawn of salvation. Her birth is a salvific event because she was inseparably associated with the birth of the Saviour – God with us.

Mary's role in the life of Jesus Christ is irreplaceable and His story cannot be told without including Mary in it. She is uniquely associated with the mystery of salvation. She is God's instrument in becoming man and inserting himself in human history. In the Gospels, we discover Mary as one who lived the Christian values fully.

Mary is the Mother of Jesus, and hence his first teacher, yet she became his disciple. She welcomed God's word at the annunciation; she listened to God's word during the public life of Jesus. She kept pondering over His word in her heart. (Cnf. Lk. 2:19,51). Even though at times she does not understand His word, she never rejects it. She accepts all in good spirit – the joyful event of Annunciation and Simeon's prophesy of suffering and death. (Cnf. Lk.2:34-35).

Mary is blessed on account of her faith. "Blessed are you who believed" (Lk. 1:45). With free faith she responds to the word of God, offering herself entirely to

him; she is opposite to one who "hardens" her heart (cnf. Ps.95:8) Mary's total "yes" to God is the exemplar of Christian spirituality.

Mary is truly what she declared herself to be: "the handmaid of the Lord" (Lk. 1:38). She was attentive to God's word and submissive to his will. She was obedient in all things. To please God, she even obeyed Roman emperor and journeyed about a hundred k.m. to Bethlehem in the cold season when the day was approaching her to give birth to her child. She was equally obedient in undertaking the long and difficult journey to Egypt. (Mtt. 2:13-15)

In the New Testament Virginité of Mary is always mentioned in connection with her dignity as Mother of God (cnf. Lk. 1:31-35; Gal 4:4). Scripture shows Mary as Virgin and Mother. Because she was virgin, she became mother of God-man; if she was not virgin, she could become mother of a mere human being. Her's, therefore, is the most fruitful virginité.

Mary is woman of Charity as evident from her visit to help her cousin Elizabeth and from the Cana event. Certainly there must have been numerous other instances of Mary exercising charity that are not recorded in the Gospels.

Mary is the new Eve who is in marked contrast with the old Eve who, through her disobedience, blocked the original design of God (Gen 3:1-6). In Mary God found a remedy that would more than compensate

for Eve. In Mary he would have all that He desired in the first Eve, and immensely more.

Mary is the exemplar of the poor of Yahweh. She is of "low estate", but her poverty is characterized by joy, praise and gratitude. She expresses all of them in her exultant song recorded in Luke 1:46-55. In it she proclaims that God is the vindicator of the humble and the oppressed; He is the one casts down the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly. She praises God in her joyful song because, "He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden." Her song is an affirmation that true riches are in God alone., and an eloquent expression of genuine virtue of poverty.

Mary stands out as an unparalleled example of one who is "favoured" by God and "blessed among women", for that matter, among all human beings of all times, in the role entrusted to her in salvation history. We all can look up to her as one who remained faithful in obedience to God's will in the face of hardships and misunderstanding. In short Mary lived to her best the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. She, therefore, is the ideal Christian and the model of the church in her love of God and total surrender to him.

HAPPY BIRTH DAY MOTHER MARY!

+ Salvadore Lobo

Youth Sunday Celebrated in the Diocese

July 5 to 6, 2017 was a memorable day for all the youth of the diocese of Baruiapur. On this day, we celebrated the "Youth Sunday". About 100 youths from 11 parishes participated in this great event. The programme commenced with the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo. Frs. Jonas Singha - the Vicar General, Ramen Pailan - the Youth Director, Saumen Malik - Director of Dishari, Tushar Augustine Gomes - the Rector of Samarpan Minor Seminary and Stanley SFX - Assistant Parish Priest, Gangarampur joined the Bishop in concelebration.

The first session began in the afternoon when Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy one of the resource persons, spoke on the topic: 'Youth & Church'. In the second session Mr. Aritra Sen briefed about the inception and importance of ICYM and Mr. Hrittik Hazra spoke about the DYC. In the evening, the Bishop gave an encouraging talk to aim high in life as it is the present-day need of the Church. He expressed his dream for the Catholic youth to reach high ranks in the society as IAS officer and WBCS above. The day ended with a colourful cultural evening. All the participants were actively involved in it.

The next day began with Holy Eucharist presided over by Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik and concelebrated by other priests.

Rev. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes in the next session spoke on the theme: 'Youth & Vocation'. He highlighted saying: "Whatever vocation you choose – do it in Communion with Christ who speaks to you in the deep seated conscience within you. Listen and say a total and generous yes with passion and gratitude." This was followed by the theme song of ICYM. At the end, there was a work-shop conducted by Rev. Fr. Saumen Malik on 'action plan of youth for future'.

It was indeed an inspiring and joyful event for all of us. We gratefully acknowledge and thank Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo and all the Fathers and Sisters for their valuable insights and gracious presence on this occasion. We also express our sincere thanks to all the youth for their whole-hearted participation in the programme.

- Aparna Makhhal

Morning Star College, Barrackpore Celebrates Vianney Day



Like every year this year too Morning Star Regional Seminary, Barrackpore, conspicuously commemorated the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney, the patron of the pastors. A solemn Novena in honour of St. John Mary Vianney was organized to celebrate this occasion from 26th July to 3rd August and for each day of novena an appropriate theme was being contemplated.

On 4th August the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Cyril Fernandes and concelebrated by thirteen other priests from MSC and neighbouring community. Rev. Fr. Cyril in his homily vividly struck on a universal note voicing the importance and relevance existence of God among priests and people at large.

On this day the students of MSC organized a football tournament to make the day more enjoyable and memorable. There was a felicitation programme in the evening where the seminarians congratulated the priests and enthralled one and all by their fabulous performances. In this sparkling ceremony the MSC community wholeheartedly welcomed the new treasurer cum Professor Rev. Fr. Panneer Selvam from the Diocese of Baruiapur and bid farewell to the outgoing treasure cum professor Rev. Fr. Punno Pascal Mallick from the Diocese of Krishnagar, who served the MSC community for three years. Rev. Fr. J. A. Santhanam, the Rector of MSC in his address keenly appreciated and thanked Fr. Pascal for his generous contribution to MSC and wished him all the best for his forthcoming priestly ministry. Fr. Pascal remained grateful to MSC community for the joy of his life in MSC.

- Bro. Sanjay Dhara

St. John Mary Vianney Day Celebration in Keorapukur



4th August Keorapukur parish celebrated the feast day of the parish priests to commemorate the Feast Day of **St. John Mary Vianney**. The Eucharistic celebration began at 5.30 p.m. with the beautiful introduction, highlighting few incidents from the life of **St. John Mary Vianney**. Fr. Sandip Mondal the parish priest of Budge Budge was the guest of honour for the day.

The youth group organized a small felicitation programme soon after the mass. It began with the cake cutting and congratulating the priests with flowers and gifts. It was joyous moment for all of us present there. The programme ended with some refreshment for everyone.

In remembrance of **St. John Mary Vianney** we pray that Bishop and all the priests remain physically healthy and sound in mind to continue the mission of Jesus.

- Ms. Polina Gomes

Dishari at a Glance

Dishari is at present equipped with many more Spiritual activities. Last two months from July and August, 2017 few programs were held in parish level such as SCC orientations at Thakupukur, Budge Budge and Sonarpur parishes, besides this we had in Dishari, SCC core team meeting, Gyan deep meeting, Priests recollection and St. John Mary Vianney feast day celebration, Youth Sunday celebration, retreat for the Parishioners and catechetical seminar for the Spouse of other Faith of Mixed Marriage.

The 53 Participants with 12 children from four parishes attended the catechetical seminar for the Spouse of other Faith of Mixed Marriage. All of them came for the first time in Dishari for the seminar. They were extremely happy to attend the program and came to know more about Christ and sacraments and accepted Jesus as their savior. All of them actively participated in all the sessions. They were very much taken up by the inspirations and they want to have more seminars like this to build up their own spiritual growth. The 43 Participants attended the retreat from five parishes. During the retreat people were touched by the powerful preacher and got a healing touch from the Merciful Jesus.

- Fr. Saumen Malik



Paribar Jyoti:

- **Next Marriage Preparation Course:** September 16-17, 2017 (The three days will be reduced to two days intensive course).
- **Next Marriage Rectification Course:** September 22-23, 2017 (This too will be two days course. This is meant for those who are living together without the church marriage and for young couples who did not attend the marriage preparation course).



- Catechists Annual Retreat and Seminar will be held at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruiipur from 20th September 2017, Wednesday at 11.00 a.m. to 23rd September 2017, Saturday till lunch.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 01 Br. Bablu Sardar
- 07 Bp. Linus Nirmal Gomes, S.J.
- 10 Br. Saptarshi Lawrence Biswas
- 22 Fr. Alope Anthony Kanji
- 23 Fr. Pradeep Roy
- 25 Br. Biswajit Naskar
- 26 Fr. Augustine E.



Ordination

29 Fr. John Britto

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of September 2017

Parishes

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**"Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high.....
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my
country awake." (Rabindranath Tagore.)**



India celebrates its 71st Independence Day on August 15, at Morapai we celebrated this special occasion with great joy. Students, teachers, parents and other people irrespective of colour, race and religion came together to celebrate the Independence Day by unfurling the National Flag and singing National Anthem. The day began with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Rev Fr. Soosaiappan Y and con-celebrated by Rev. Fr. Goutam Naskar. After the Eucharistic celebration congregation came to the parish compound which had a festive look. Then the students of St. Patrick's Primary School performed March Past and Drills with great efficiency. A speech was delivered by the Chief Guest Rev. Sr. Jasinta D.S.A. in which she encouraged the congregation to show our respect and love for the country by establishing true love, mercy and forgiveness in the society. Finally Rupsha Dance Group staged their dance to

add colour in the event. Rev. Brother Rajen Singh was the M.C of the entire programme.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

Bishop Lobo's Programme for September 2017

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
03	Sun	04.50 p.m.		Goes to Pondicherry
04	Mon	04.00 p.m.	Pondicherry	Blesses the wedding of Laviata Lobo
06	Wed	11.00 a.m.	Abp House, Kolkata	Regional Bishops' Meet Nuncio
08	Fri	05.30 p.m.	Gangarampur	Mass for the feast of O.L. Vellankanni
09	Sat	11.00 a.m.	Budge Budge	Mass for Carmelite family gathering
10	Sun	07.00 a.m.	R.B. Nagar	Mass at R. B. Nagar, Baruiapur Goes to Vellankanni
12-17	Mon-Sat		Vellankanni	Diocesan Priests' retreat
21	Wed	04.40 p.m.		Returns to Baruiapur
22	Fri	07.00 p.m.	Baruiapur	Mass for Catechists retreat
26	Tue	10.30 a.m.	Sobnomoskar	Blessing of a new Chapel
27	Wed	01.30 p.m.		Goes to Bangalore
28-30	Thu-Sat		Bangalore	Meeting of CBCI Standing Committee