



# SPARKLE

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*“There is nobility in compassion, a beauty in empathy, a grace in forgiveness.”*

**- John Connolly**





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## POPE'S MESSAGE



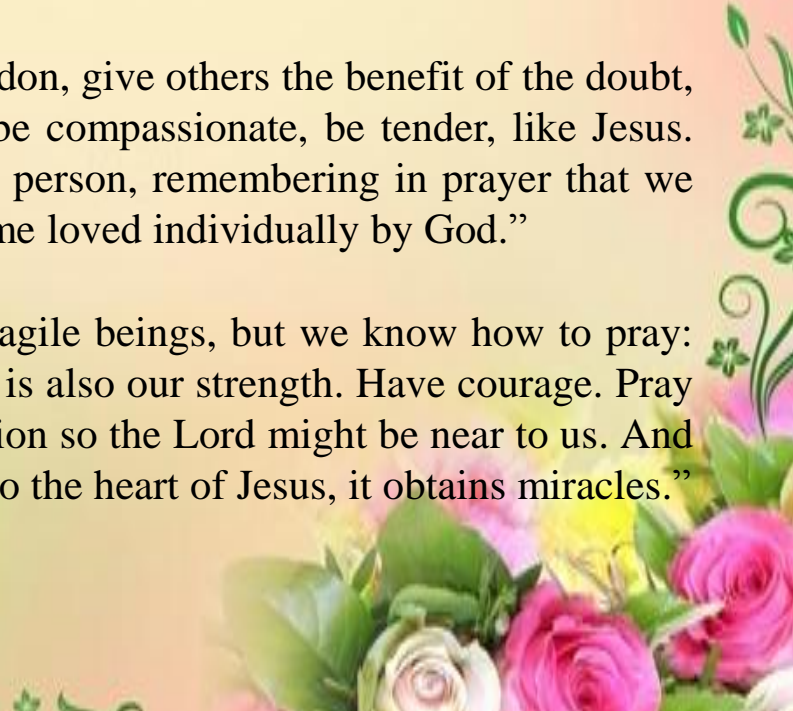
### Christian prayer instills 'Invincible Hope' in the human heart

Prayer is powerful not because it changes God or God's plans, but because it changes individuals and communities, one heart at a time, Pope Francis said. "Prayer is powerful because it attracts the power of God, and God's power always gives life. When we welcome each day in prayer, he said, we are given the gift of courage.

"Prayer is always alive in our lives, like embers, even when the mouth does not speak, but the heart speaks. Every thought, even the apparently 'profane' ones, can be permeated by prayer." "Prayer helps us love others, despite their mistakes and sins," he said. "The person is always more important than their actions, and Jesus did not judge the world, but He saved it."

He added: "Open your heart, pardon, give others the benefit of the doubt, understand, be close to others, be compassionate, be tender, like Jesus. We need to love each and every person, remembering in prayer that we are all sinners and at the same time loved individually by God."

The pope concluded: "We are fragile beings, but we know how to pray: this is our greatest dignity and it is also our strength. Have courage. Pray in every moment, in every situation so the Lord might be near to us. And when a prayer is said according to the heart of Jesus, it obtains miracles."





## PROVINCIAL'S MESSAGE

**“Experience Lent with love,” which “rejoices in seeing others grow.”**

Pope Francis

The Season of Lent is a God-given opportunity through the Church that we can walk with Jesus to Meet Calvary leading to His death and resurrection. This is time when we make a walk of faith, a journey of hope and pilgrimage of love. We believe that Jesus will always be with us no matter what and that He will lead us to green pastures. And because we believe, our hope assures us that not only we can reach our dreams and aspirations according to God’s will but we also can attain our ultimate destiny in heaven. We walk in love because we are gratefully aware that Jesus loves us so much that He died for us so that we might have life in its fullness. But it is not as easy as it seems. Jesus Christ has challenged us, “if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.” (Lk 9:23-24)

Love is expressed to the fullest as Jesus has described it as, “no greater love has anyone than to lay down one’s life for one’s beloved”. Our Lord Jesus by His words and deeds has elevated human love and relationships to the highest level – to die for one’s beloved. In every human relationship, to really become a relationship of love, there will always be sacrifices to share, sufferings to bear, a cross to carry. What then is the cross in your life which is your path to glory? Do you willingly take up your own cross? Or do you avoid it at all costs? For all these questions, please remember Christ’s invitation, **“Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will give you rest for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”**

As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." A small amount, **if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness.**

God bless us !

K. Sandiya  
(St.Xavier Province)

Sr.



## FATHER AND SENIOR SISTERS VISIT

On 6<sup>th</sup> February Rev. Fr. J.E. Arul Raj, the Founder visited Trichy community and we the sisters welcomed him happily.



On 07.02.2021 along with Father Founder and senior sisters visited **Nagapattinam community**. They all went to thank Our Lady of Good Health and offered Holy Mass. Senior sisters spend their valuable time with the sisters and children. Children received blessings from father founder during visit to Nagapattinam community.





## PROVINCIAL VISIT....

On 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of February Rev. Sr. K.Sandiya, the southern provincial had a canonical visit to the Vadagaraiparai, Kavunji, and casual visit to Shenbaganur communities. Community sisters have welcomed her with sandal & Kunkum to the community. During her stays in the community she organized prayers and conducted meditations. She has stimulated us through her Reflections. Her enlightening speech enriched us to revitalize our community life and strengthened our community life. She spent her valuable time with the sisters to share about their life experience with the community. She made each one of us to feel the peaceful Presence among the community and in oneself. We all felt Father Founder Presence as Fr. Founder gathers all three community together share our joy the same thing Sr. K. Sandiya the provincial fulfilled through by preparing good meal, Picnic and dance. She met SHG women in Shenbaganur, the sponsor children at Kavunji and distributed money to the Sponsor Children.

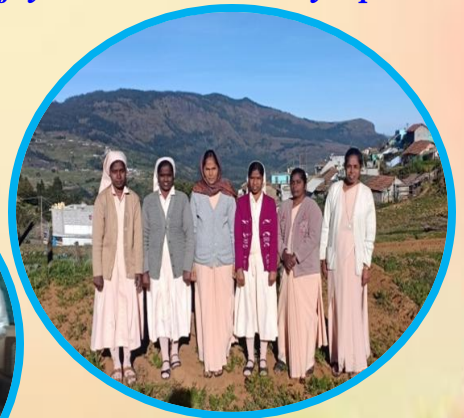


## Provincial Speaks....

*I visited Kavunji and Vadagaraiparai communities which gave me great experience and I was very impressed by the lifestyle of our sisters working over there. The community life and the pastoral life of the sisters had touched me and it was a pleasant experience to see their zeal and commitment to their ministry and work entrusted to them by the Society. It was very nice to observe that an enormous amount of work has been done by every sister even though insufficient personnel in the places. Our sisters face climate challenges, no network in Kavunji, and poor electricity, even then they are happily serving the Lord.*

*It was gracious to see the generosity of the people towards sisters. Although they are economically poor, they have large hearts towards God and religious sisters. On 12th and 13th February, we came together as a family to celebrate our oneness and to raise our hearts in thanksgiving to God for our life and mission. We went in and around Kodaikkal for a picnic and cooked together where sisters enjoyed our community spirit and fraternity.*

**Sr. K. Sandiya**





# Kavunji Visit





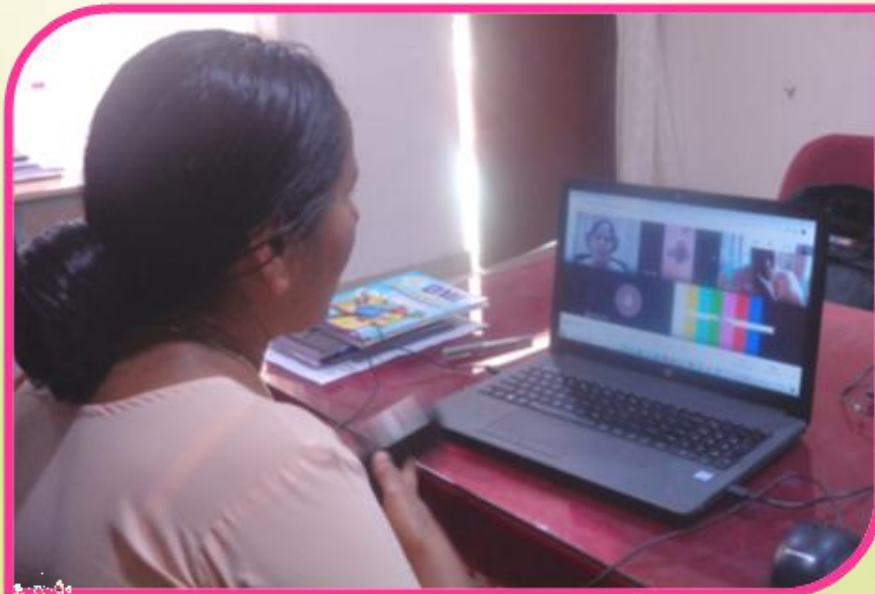
## APPOINTMENT WITH BISHOP OF MAUDRAI

On 17th February, Sr. Helen, Sr. Roseline, and Sr. K. Sandiya met Archbishop Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy to renew the agreement of Chettiyapetti home. We also spoke to him to renovate the sisters' residence and informed him that we are not getting Holy Childhood fund for a long period of time. He was listening to us keenly and interacted with us to look into the matters by informing the concerned father to deal. He was very happy with our service and assured His prayers to Father Founder and to DMI sisters and MMI Fathers.



## COUNCILORS MEETING

On 20<sup>th</sup> of February Sr. K. Sandiya the Provincial arranged councilors meeting through Google meet where they have discussed for the growth of the province. Sr. G. Josephine, Sr. Philominal, Sr. Aleyama and Sr. Dennis Mary participated and contributed the ideas for the growth of the province.



## FIRST ANNUAL RETREAT

The first Annual Retreat which was for the middle group and juniors sisters began at 10.30 a.m. on 21st February and concluded with the Mass at 11.30 a.m. on 26th February 2021. Rev. Sr.M.K.Teresa DMI, the Founding Member was the Retreat preacher and all prayer service led by Sr. Rose Mary, the Founding member. . Xavier Province sisters 42 of them attended the Online Retreat at Tenkasi with the **topic “Let the sorrow turn into Joy”**. sisters expressed that the talks were very meaningful which inspired and touched their hearts to be with the LORD more closely during the retreat. They all felt that they gained spiritual strength during this retreat and renewed themselves.

I thank Sr. G. Josephine, the councilor, who did the preliminary arrangement for the sisters who were in the retreat along with Sr. L. Gnnakannu, the Superior of the community and other sisters in the community magnanimously and generously accepted and offered delicious food along with good accommodation.



*Thank you*  
Sr. K.Sandiya



# SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

## ARALVAIMOZHI COMMUNITY

We had regular prayer morning and evening without fail. Every day morning and evening all the sisters in the community are doing the meditation and contemplation that which makes us to come closer to God and trying to find God who is in us. We are happy to do meditation. We had regular chain adoration province wise and every Friday.



## CHETTIAPATTI COMMUNITY

On 1<sup>st</sup> of February we had community Mass. The celebrant was Fr. Jai Joseph parish priest.



## SHENBAGANUR COMMUNITY

Every day we are having regular spiritual activities in the community as well as attending the Holy Mass, also doing altar decoration, visiting the sick giving the communion, taking part in Anbiyam prayers services and praying with Yesuvin senai team (children).



## KODIKOTTAI COMMUNITY

On 02.02.2021 we all participated in feast of Presentation of the Lord.





## RAJAPALAYAM COMMUNITY

We had regular prayer in the community. We give more importance to meditation in order to be silent in our hearts and minds. Every day we participate in the Holy Eucharistic celebration which strengthen our spiritual life and religious life.



## TRICHY COMMUNITY



Every Thursday and Sunday we had community adoration and prayed for our society growth and the intentions of the leaders.

## VADAGARAIPARAI COMMUNITY

Twice in a week, we celebrate Mass in the community. On alternative days we conduct Adoration and prayer service in the community.



## YAGAPURAM COMMUNITY



We strengthen our spiritual life by conducting various prayers in the evening, such as; hearing fathers' homily, watching saints movie, Bible sharing, holy adoration, especially chain adorations and campus Rosary. These prayers are making us to deepen our faith in God.







# CULTIVATION

## ARALVAIMOZHI

We are cultivating vegetables in our campus. As a community we are happy in cultivating and getting fruits out of it.



## VADAKARAIPARAI

Our southern provincial Rev. Sr. Sandiya the provincial has provided the fund to develop the cultivation in our land and to safe guard our land we fenced around the campus.



## RAJAPALAYAM

We are utilizing our valuable days in the campus like Reading Spiritual books, cultivating the vegetables with the guidance of our sisters.



# NEWS FROM SOCIO PASTORAL MINISTRY

## ANNAINAGAR COMMUNITY

On 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb-2021 we have organized the training on Job Opportunity and the Resource person from Union office. Nearly 98 women have participated and benefited from out of this training.

### **Water Conservation Training:**

On 4<sup>th</sup> of Feb-2021 Annavasal union office they have organized the training on Water Conservation. The resource person was Mr.Sivakumar from union office nearly 17 members have participated and gained knowledge on how to conserve the water. They also raised the question regarding water conservation; the resource person rectified their doubts.



### **PLF Bank Cheque provided by Health Minister:**

5<sup>th</sup> of Feb-2021 Honorable health minister Mr.Vijaya Basker had a visit to Annai Teresa college and Kurnuchi SHG Members from kurugampatty participated and received a PLF Loan cheque from him. He was very proud enough to say that DMI is the best NGO for developing women and children. He was admired and amazed to see the uniform of our women and the dedication towards their responsibility.



### **General Medical Health Camp:**

On 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb-2021 Honorable health Minister Mr.Vijaya Basker had organized free General Medical camp at Perumanadu village and Annavasal block. Especially for women and from that camp 4 of them have found that they are affected by Cancer. He asked that particular women to come to Trichy Kavery Hospital for the free treatment. Our women were happy.







### **DLF Meeting:**

On 10<sup>th</sup> of Feb-2021 we the DMI sisters have organized DLF Meeting in Annai Nagar development office nearly 15 members have participated and we have discussed about DMI SSS Program, Planning of Next Project, Strengthening of SHG's, and of PLF.

### **Leadership Training for children**

On 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb-2021 Mrs.Jothimani had organized the children parliament in Sunder Nagar nearly 22 children have participated and she taught them how to be a responsible person in the children parliament and how to take up the leadership. Children have acquired knowledge on Leadership.



### **Staff Meeting**

On 13<sup>th</sup> of Feb-2021 we had organized training for the staff. Resource person was Sr.Aleyamma, the Campus Superior. She dealt on "How to be an effective person in their respective field". Staff has gained the knowledge from the training.

On 22 .2.2021 in Annamalpuram our SHGs members registered their name for the daily wages scheme



## CHETTIAPATTI COMMUNITY

On 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Sr. Amalia received prize for Bible Quiz in diocese level competition.



Every day our children have recreation to share their joys to each other also to refresh their minds to study well.



On 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Miss. Thamizhselvi the professor of the college came to take awareness class for 13 of our children.



## KODIKOTTAI COMMUNITY

On 03.02.2021 we have conducted Block level and **District Level Federation Meeting** in Kodikottai Office. We motivated and strengthened the leaders of the Block level and District level.









## NAGAPATTINAM

- We have visited the children parliament and conducted meeting.



On 23<sup>rd</sup> Jancy Rani SHG received loan Rs. 4, 97,000 from ICICI bank. All the women were gratitude to the sisters in Nagaipaattinam.



## PALAYAMKOTTAI

We prepare the children for first Holy Communion and Confirmation.



## RAJAPALAYAM COMMUNITY

We do arranging the flowers and decorating alter in our parish in Naganeri







## SALEM COMMUNITY

On 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 of our sisters participated Mass in Salem Inauguration of the year of ST.JOSEPH and farewell Of Bishop Singarayar.On 11<sup>th</sup> we all went for Agragaram for Feast Mass.



On 11<sup>th</sup> Sr.Flora and Sr.Prahima attended training conducted by Indian Bank.

## SHENBAGANUR

During this month we had twice CRI meeting in order to discuss about International women's day also TOT Training on right based approach for the coming election.

## KAVUNJI COMMUNITY

We visited 10 SHG's and taken employment details and conducted meeting.



# NEWS FROM INSTITUTIONS

## MEETINGS:

On 01.02.2021 Campus superior attended a meeting convened by Rev.Fr.Justin the correspondent regarding fees collection.



On 06.02.2021, Attended a meeting convened by DFT officials through zoom. Agenda – “Preparation of HR manual and staff and students centric policies” by 10.00 AM.



HOD's meeting with Rev.Sr.Hamlet held on 11.02.2021 at 10.30AM regarding staff dress code, student's discipline and student's attendance in forenoon as well as in afternoon.



On 05.01.2021 Staff meeting conducted by the principal to make them to do register work of 2020-2021.



Principal and All the staff attended staff meeting conducted by Rev. Sr. Roseline DMI, Correspondent of DFT southern schools on 05.02.2021





# STAFF INTERVIEW

Interview was conducted for recruiting staff members for the few departments.



Corresponded Rev. Sr. Roseline, Campus superior Trichy and Principals from Trichy, Kodikottai, Annainagar were conducted interview at Trichy campus and 22 candidates attended for the interview on 13.02.2021



Interview conducted for the post of assistant professor at Tenkasi



## **WORKSHOPS:**

On 25.02.2021 workshop was conducted for “Advanced Embedded systems using communications”. All the final year students of ECE and EEE attended through offline.



## **ELLUPATTI**

On 10.02.2020 We regularized first year class. On 13.02.2021 MR. Kiruba kalam gave motivational talk to First year students .



We had discussion about IQAC & RESEARCH CELL. Mr. Kiruba Kalam motivated staff how to monitor Research cell.





# TENKASI COMMUNITY

Vincentia Paul Society had arranged two days seminar in Tenkasi campus.



Former Bishop from Palaiyakottai Diocese was the Chief guest of the Seminar so he visited our community assured his prayers to all the DMI and MMI fathers.



All Department HOD's had arranged motivation and activity based program for the first year candidates on 09.02.2021 and 10.02.21.

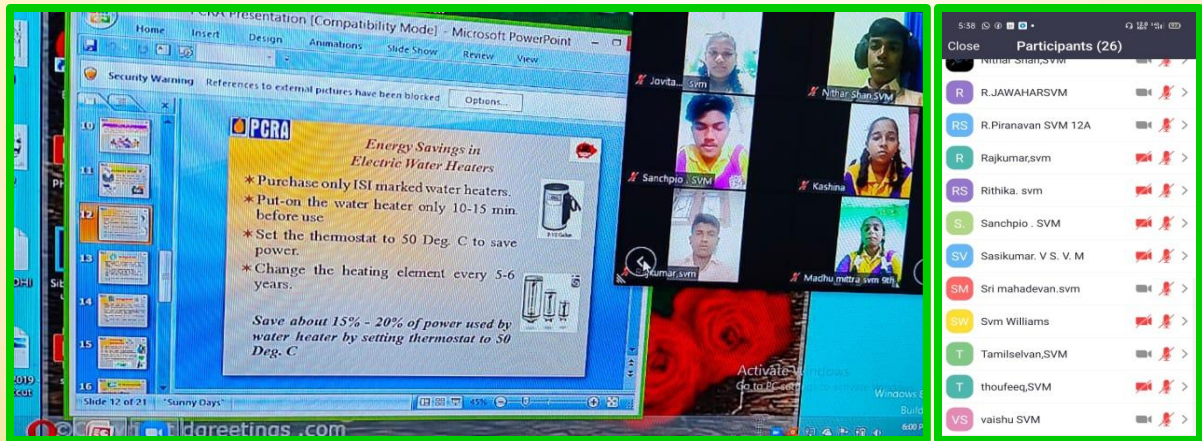


On 13.02.2021 our teacher Mrs.Praba from Aralvaimozhi School attended NEP 2020 MASTER CLASS Webinar Series.



### TRICHY COMMUNITY

26 students from Trichy school participated in PCRA student group talk competition on fuel conservation and green energy organized by Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas on 11.02.2021.



X std. Parents came to school checked nominal roll declaration form and sign on 04.02.2021





# KARAIKAL COMMUNITY

On 10.02.2021 we elected the SPL, ASPL, Class Leaders, Captains and House Captains for our School.



## INVESTITURE CEREMONY

As per the election result we honoured the Leaders on 12.02.2021 in a simple manner. Mr. G.K. Karikalani is the Parental Guest.



## GREEN DAY CELEBRATION

On 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021, we celebrated Green day in the theme of “Save Trees” for Grade I and KG. Mrs. Karpagam is our Parental Guest. KG attended the Green day Celebration through Zoom app. We planted Saplings in our School Campus.





# Reopening of school

## YAGAPURAM COMMUNITY

On 8<sup>th</sup> of February we reopened our school for IX grade.



## RAJAPALAYAM COMMUNITY

On 08.02.2021 the school re-opens for Grade IX



## ARALVAIMHOZHI COMMUNITY

On 08.02.2021 we have started the first day offline class for IX.

## PALAYANKOTTAI COMMUNITY

Zinc sulphate Tablets and Multivitamin with Folic Acid Tablets were given to the students of IX & XI STD with consultation.



## TRICHY COMMUNITY

We collected multivitamin and zinc tablet from SSA office and distributed to IX and XI students on 11.02.2021.





# KG ACTIVITIES:

## JUICE MAKING ACTIVITY BY I-V STUDENTS



## GARLAND MAKING


KG Children had paper craft activity – Garland making



## PAPER CRAFT ACTIVITY

KG Children had paper craft activity – making flower and hen

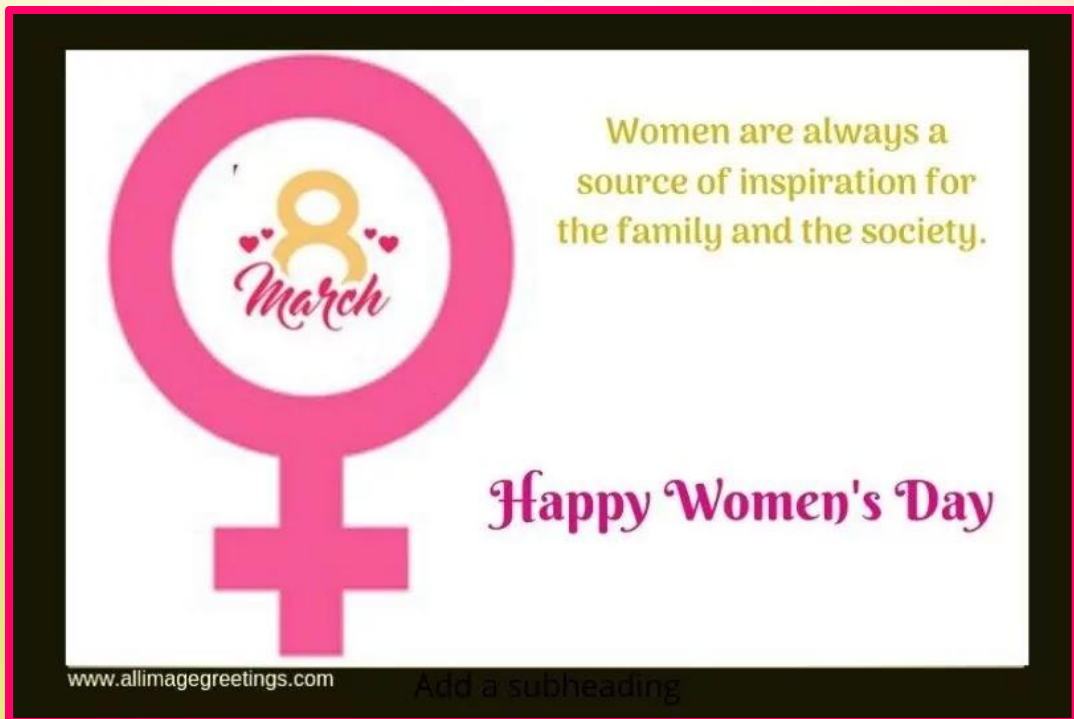




# *Important wishes for month of march*

## *International women's day*

International Women's day is an annual day of awareness-building towards women and celebration of Womanhood. Throughout the globe, people dedicate this day to the welfare of women in social, economic, cultural, and political aspects. It is also a celebration for those women who achieved success in their professional or personal level.





# St. Joseph feast



*March 19*  
*St. Joseph*  
*Pray for us !*

**St Joseph, be always our protector.  
That your internal spirit of peace,  
silence, honest work and prayer  
in the service of the Church  
give us life and happiness  
in union with your blessed Spouse,  
our Sweet and Immaculate Mother  
in the strong and mild love to Jesus,  
Glorious and Immortal King  
of the centuries and the people. Amen**







## *Annunciation Prayer*

Peace be unto thee the ship full of blessings, the fruit of your virginity is blessed, Holy Mother please pray for us, so that we would also be holy like you in our lives.

**-Amen**







# ARTICLE

## THE POWER OF SILENCE:

Silence is spirituality  
Silence is simplicity  
Silence is satisfaction  
Silence makes you smile  
Silence is sweetness  
Silence makes you sensible  
Silence is sincerity  
Silence is stability  
Silence creates solution  
Silence makes you strong  
Silence removes all selfishness  
Silence makes you stress- free  
Silence puts a full stop to worries  
Silence makes you sing in happiness  
Silence creates your inner strength  
Silence makes you sacred  
Silence is a symbol of sympathy  
Silence brings safety  
Silence is solitude  
Silence is serenity  
Silence is stillness of mind  
Silence develops self – respect  
Silence makes you spontaneous  
Silence enables you to know all secrets  
Silence makes you success of life.



## JOKE:

**Ant:** O elephant! Why are you running like this?

**Elephant:** Somebody is chasing me.....

**Ant:** Come and hide behind me! .....

BY  
J.VICTORIA AMALI






## REFLECTION ON THE RETREAT

### **Retreat Is a Great Luxury in Life----Fr. J.E. Arul Raj**

I am **A. Janet** belong to **26<sup>th</sup> group**. I am very happy and thankful to our major superior for giving me this good opportunity to attend this meaningful retreat with the appropriate topic on **“Let Your Sorrow Turned Into Joy”**. I was in little anxious and troubled about many things. God had compassion on me and called do not trouble yourself come and rest in a while. I have taken this one week time to recollect myself and delivered me from different sorrows. The first two days topics really strengthen and motivated me to be owner and protector of my own happiness. Every day the way of conducting prayer was diverse and helpful for us to have intimate relationship with God and oneself. The decision what I made is, the sorrow and joy is like double sides of the coin I have to face it without separating one from another. Nothing is permanent in the world so till I live I have to make an extraordinary memory in a right manner. I thank Tenkasi community sister for giving good accommodation and taken care of very generously. Our father also enlightens us his valuable thoughts through homily. I unconditionally thank our vibrant retreat preacher for their hard work and consequential thoughts. I thank our provincial and community sisters for giving me this opportunity.

**BY**  
**Sr.Janet**



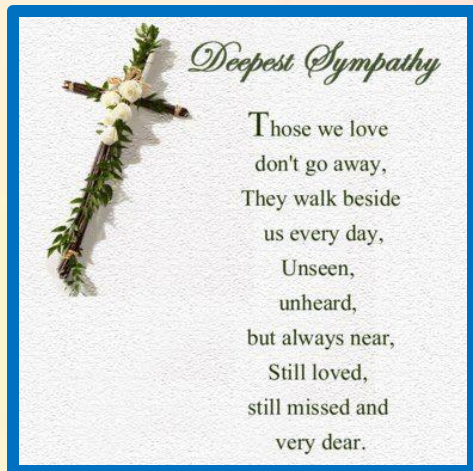




## CONDOLENCES & ASSURANCE OF PRAYERS

We express our heartfelt condolence and prayers to Sr. Medilta Mary at the loss of her Father Mr. Augustine on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**May his Soul Rest in Peace!**



## BIBLE QUIZE FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY -2021

**1st**

Aralvaimozhi, Yagapuram, Palayamkottai, Nagapattinam, Trichy & Eraiyur.

**2nd**

Elupatti, Annai Nagar, Kodikottai & Salem

**3rd**

Chettiyapatti, Kavunji, Shenbaganur & Rajapalayam.

**CONGRATULATIONS**



*Thank you*



*“To forgive is the highest,  
most beautiful form of  
love. In return, you will  
receive untold peace and  
happiness”.*