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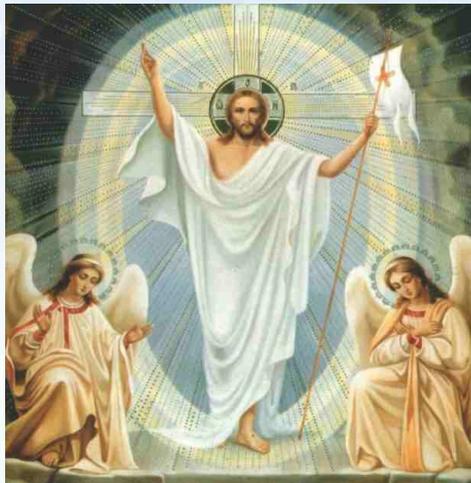
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Resurrection

The present St. Paul's cathedral in London stands over the site of an older cathedral which perished in the great fire of 1666. The new structure was designed by the famous architect Christopher Wren, and took 35 years to be completed. It is reported that when the construction of the new cathedral was about to begin Wren stepped on the ruins of the destroyed church and picked up a stone. He was surprised to read the Latin inscription that it bore, "I shall rise again". "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (cf. John 11:25-26).



This is an incomprehensible remark: Jesus is the resurrection. Those who believe in him arise from death to life even now. They have already passed over from death to life. Anslem Grun, a Benedictine monk, reflecting on the Gospel passage quoted above says, "John thinks that many people are alive and yet dead. They aren't alive. They live only on the surface. But those who believe in Jesus, who understand who Jesus really is, rise now from the tomb of their fear and self-pity, from the tomb of their paralysis and their inhibitions, their darkness and weakness. Resurrection takes place in their everyday life. They arise from the narrowness into broad space, from darkness into light, from rigidity into liveliness."

John tells us a story to show what Jesus means by saying, "I am the resurrection." Jesus raises up dead Lazarus, who had been lying in the tomb for four days. His feet and hands were wrapped in strips of linen; his face was veiled with a linen cloth. He was lying behind a stone and was already stinking. Those who lie behind the stone for the lack of relationships are cut off from life. For them everything rots away. Everything takes on a bad smell. They have a cloth over their faces. They wear a mask. They are bound hand

and foot. They are not really free. Resurrection means Jesus' words of love reaching his friend through a stone. A loving word brings the friend to life. It frees him/her from the mask behind which he/she hides himself. The resurrection of Lazarus makes it clear that one who believes in Jesus will live, even if he/she dies. Love will prevent him/her from falling victim to death. Love is stronger than death. It penetrates any hurdle and loosens up all rigidity. Our bodies may die but not our true self. Love reaches beyond death into eternal life. In faith we have now already passed from death to life, from rigidity to liveliness, from

lack of relationship to love.

Flor Mac Carthy, SDB says, "We all experience our moments of dying in our lives. We get a foretaste of death when we live in bitterness, when loneliness enfolds us, when fears oppress us, when sadness overwhelms us and when we give into despair. In those moments the world is closing in on us. We have one foot in the grave already.

But we also experience moments of resurrection in our lives, when we know true love, when we are accepted, when we are forgiven, when we open our hearts to our neighbour and when hope returns. In those moments our horizon is widening and we are emerging from the tomb.

Lord Jesus, may the power of resurrection touch whatever is dead in us and bring it back to life. Let the splendour of your resurrection light up the world, scattering the shadows of death and helping all of the Father's children to walk in radiant hope towards the Kingdom that is to come."

+ Salvadore Lobo

Celebration of International Women's Day



The International Women's Day was celebrated in our diocese on 11th of March 2018 in Dishari pastoral centre. The celebration began with an Eucharistic celebration. Representatives from 11 parishes were present for the glorification of our authentic day. The programme started with a welcome dance organised by Thakurpukur women's commission committee members followed by lightning of lamp by our honourable guest Bishop Salvadore Lobo, Chief guests Sr. Talisha Nadukudiyil SD Secretary of CBCI Council for Women, Fr. Pradeep Roy Director of Family Commission, Fr. Kanauj Roy Parish Priest of St. Anthony's Church Keorapukur, Fr. Himangshu Poti Parish Priest of Secret Heart Church Thakurpukur, Fr. Saumen Malik Director of Dishari pastoral centre, Sr. Mukta A.C superior, Mr. Bishwajit Mukherjee and Mrs. Teresa Tobias ex-women's commission secretary. These guests were greeted and welcomed by flowers and small gifts of gratitude.

The first welcome speech was addressed by Bishop Salvadore Lobo, he expressed his happiness to see the presence of so many from all over the diocese and their effort in participation in the celebration. In his speech he also specified that whatever he is today it's just because of his mother and female members of his family and moral teachings.

Next speech was given by our Chief guest Sr. Talisha Nadukudiyil SD who elaborated on our women's day theme Gender Equality. She particularized about the empowerment of women and extended her talk by saying that even now many women are deprived of their rights. Women are still ill-literate, right to education is denied. She emphasized her speech by giving us a valuable thoughts that charity begins at home so the same way a mother plays a big role in improvising the thinking abilities of every man regarding a woman. If a man receive positive thinking about a girl that they are also same like us, they also need to be respected and not dominated and used for own satisfaction that day the society will change and that day it will be the actual day of celebration.

There after a speech was given by Fr. Pradeep Roy he began his speech with a quick hilarious song "denadena" which had a lot of intellectual meaning indeed, demonstrated in his speech that a vital role of a family in empowerment of the women.

The secretary of the diocese presented her speech through a power point presentation based on women's day. There was a short lunch break. There after it was followed by a debate on the topic Gender Equality. There were two group for and against the topic and participants were from individual parishes the debate was organised by Fr. Kanauj and Fr. Himangshu. Mr. Bishwajit Mukherjee, Sr. Mukta A.C and Sr. Sikha DSA were the judges. Each of the participants elaborated and defined their topic clearly; Women who are always associated with kitchen and cooking spoke from their heart to justify Gender Equality.

The programme came to an end with a vote of thanks by the secretary. She expressed here gratitude to Sr. Talisha Nadukudiyil SD for her presence in our celebration. She also thanked to Bishop Salvadore Lobo, Fr. Jonas, Fr. Pradeep Roy, Fr. Faustine Brank, Fr. Kanauj as well to all the priests who supported and sending their participants from their parishes. Fr. Saumen Malik for generously giving us the pastoral center and helping us with whole heartedly, thanks to Fr. Himangshu and Secret Heart Church Committee members for their co-operation to the commission. Lastly everyone received a small gift and dispersed.

- Ms. Babli Das



Pilgrimage to Bandel

Each year during the Lenten season parishioners of Sonarpur Parish organize a day of pilgrimage to Bandel Basilica. This year on 17th March 2018 was the most expected day of pilgrimage from different corners the parishioners gathered at Sealdah station and reached Hoogly Ghat Station by train. From there they started the procession by praying and singing. At 11.00 a.m. in the Basilica the Holy Eucharist was celebrated Fr. Jonas Singha offered the Mass.

On 23rd March 2018 a day of recollection has been organized for the parishioners of Holy Cross Church, Sonarpur in preparation of the Easter. Fr. Montu Kanji will conduct the recollection.

- Fr. Jonas Singha



POCSO and Child safety measures in schools



The growing concerns of the safety and security of the children in schools has necessitated that we be well informed about the POCSO Act and its implications on the various staff of the schools and those administering them. In view of this, a meeting of headmasters, headmistresses and those in administrative positions was conducted at Palli Unnayan Samiti, Baruipur on Sunday, March 18 2018 at 10 am by Baruipur Gyan Deep. The meeting began with a graceful introduction by Bishop Salvadore Lobo, in which he highlighted the importance of the safety and security of the children in our schools. Fr. Britto enlightened the gathering about All India Catholic Education policy of 2007 through a meaningful power point presentation. A detailed discussion and clarification was done about All India Catholic Education policy 2007 and National Assessment and Accreditation Certification Compliance of Catholic Bishops' Conference of India. Thereafter Bp Salvadore Lobo recommended few important points for safety in Christian schools which are to be implemented as early as possible in our educational institutions. The participants thanked Bishop Salvadore Lobo and Fr. Joh Britto for organizing this informative and important seminar.

- Fr. Joseph Kochuparambil, C.M.

Raghabpur St. Joseph's Church

Fr. Patrick Walsh s.j. left for due home visit to Australia on 24th of February. He reached safely and sent his regards to all. Raghabpur is a place of happening. St. Joseph's Church had 142 confirmation on 18th February by Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvadore Lobo. The children were carefully prepared by Sister Rikta DSA.

12 SVP team members had gone for a pilgrimage to Krishnagar cathedral with their Parish Priest. Fr. Anshu Gayen took care of them spiritually. He showed and explained the Khirtomondir, Bambina sister's museum when a novice got cure from tumor by visit of Sister General, of where doctors had given up hope. Also we visited Late Bishop Moro'

museum maintained by the FMA sisters. He was the one who initiated the catechism in Vatican II in 1962. His written books on catechism are well preserved.

Raghabpur Church celebrated its feast day on 18th of March where the church was full to its capacity. It began with a Khristyo Kirtan procession. After the Eucharist all were given little sweets. At present Gobrachok formation house the DSA tertian sisters having their theological courses. On Saturday they go to different sub centers and visit families. It is a great boost for the Parish.

- Fr Salvatore Murmu sj

Baruipur Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service

Bishop Salvador Lobo, Bishop of Baruipur Diocese along with Fr. Himangshu Poti, the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church Thakurpukur and Br. George Kumbanaden, founder of The Good Shepherd Mission School together decided upon the spiritual development of the diocese, which led to the formation of the Baruipur Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team. It was decided that the BCCRS would conduct a three days inaugural retreat which would announce the birth of the group. By the grace of God, finally the BCCRS came into action after it was inaugurated by Rev. Bp. Salvadore Lobo on 13th March 2018.

The day started with the Holy Rosary followed by Praise and worship led by the BCCRS team. There was a powerful time of surrender conducted by Br. George Kumbanaden with a beautiful hymn "All to Jesus, I surrender" and Fr. James V.C. from Emmaus Retreat Center gave the first talk on how Peter and his friends caught the miraculous catch of fish on being obedient to the voice of Jesus.

Bishop Salvadore Lobo was brought in by a welcome dance as he was the main celebrant of the days' Holy Eucharistic Celebration; Bishop was accompanied by Fr. Himangshu Poti, Fr. James V.C. and Fr. Sarajit Das. Before starting the Holy Mass the inauguration was done by lighting of the lamp. His grace during his heart inspiring homily officially inaugurated and established the **Baruipur Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service**.



After Lunch a session of praise and worship was conducted by Mariah Munshi, Jessica Daniel and Susana Jana. After the anointed worship session the word was broken by Enoch Kumbanaden who spoke on why prayers don't get answered based the message on Psalm 1: 1. After the session, everyone was prepared for the Eucharistic Adoration led by Fr. James V. C. He continued on his topic about Peter and then spoke of King Jehoshaphat from 2 Chronicles 20: 1, and the message about being fishers of men from Luke 5:11.

The second day began with Holy Rosary and also surrendering at the throne of Grace by Br. George Kumbanaden, sharing God's word on how we need to hope for eternal things and not temporal things of this world. The next session started with the word of God broken by Enoch



Kumbanaden where he spoke on willingness to be used by God and who would God chose to use. During this talk the example of Apostle Peter was looked into. After the session, the Holy Eucharistic Celebration was celebrated by Fr. Himangshu Poti.

After lunch a session of praise and worship led by Mariah Munshi, Susanna Jana and Roseann Kumbanaden which was again followed by God's word shared by Enoch Kumbanaden on the same topic being chosen by God for His work. After the session people were led into adoration by Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes who helped people to get into a spirit of Prayer by stressing on scripture passages like Philippians 2: 6 – 11, Exodus 13 : 21 and Matthew 26 : 36 where Jesus asked His disciples to pray. People were so blessed with the presence of God filled the church during the adoration. This anointed adoration ended the day leaving the people hunger for more.

The final day already vibrating with God's holy presence began with the blessed intercession of our Holy Mother as everybody joined in the Holy Rosary led by Infant Jesus Charismatic Team. Br. George Kumbanaden spoke on Emmanuel, God with us. He also spoke from 2 Peter 3 : 7 that we should be fixing our attention on heavenly things as the present world will be destroyed and we need to strive and wait for the new heaven and new earth. This session was followed by Holy Mass presided by Fr. Sarajit Das who gave a thought provoking homily on forgiveness.

People came back only to be surprised with a question and answer session conducted by Br. George Kumbanaden, the questions were asked from the sharing of God's word from the very first day. Many people answered and were awarded a small gift to remember this day. After this session confessions were heard by Fr. Himangshu Poti and Fr. Sarajit Das, as people were led into an inner healing session conducted by Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes who spoke on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and His death on the cross. The adoration concluded with testimonies of healing and deliverance.

- Fr. Himangshu Poti

Swearing in Ceremony of Cabinet Ministers of CP

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur organized a District Level Meeting for election-formation and Swearing in Ceremony of Cabinet Ministers of Children Parliament on 22.02.2018 at PUS Baruipur. The project has formed 29 Children Parliament in Basanti, Gosaba, Canning-I, Canning-II, Joynagar-I, and Baruipur Blocks. Each Children Parliament consists of 20 members. Altogether 47 members of children parliament had participated ensuring as representation from each 29 children parliaments.

Mr. Sumon Mandal, the forum Coordinator of ABCD facilitated the programme as resource person. The Programme started with a prayer song "Aguner Parasmari Chhoyao Prane". Rev. Fr. Parimal Kanji, Director of PUS welcomed the participants with a short introductory note on the formation of Cabinet Ministers.

After the introductory session, the district level forum has been formed. The name of the forum is **Rupantar Cabinet Ministers of Children Parliament**. The name was proposed by Pinky Khan, consequently the name **Rupntar Cabinet Miniters** was approved by the members present. Mousumi Sardar, from Gopal Kanta Children Parliament, Gosaba Block, has been elected as the Prime Minister. Then other 9 Cabinet Ministers and 10 Deputy Ministers have been elected by the members present in the meeting. They then took oath in the presence of Fr. Parimal Kanji and Mr. Sumon Mandal, ABCD.

After the swearing in Ceremony Session Mr. Pralay Bayen, Coordinator of Children Parliament Project concluded the programme at 5:30 p.m. with a sincere thanks and gratitude to all the participants.



Volunteers' Training on Disaster Management



Caritas India conducted 3 days volunteers training on disaster management at Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur from March 13 to 15, 2018. It is a joined venture of Caritas India, Caritas Asia and Caritas Austria. Mr. Rahul and Mr. Prabir from Redr and Mr. Bablu Sarkar, Caritas India facilitated the training. The objective of the project is to strengthen organizational and technical competencies of Caritas partner organizations and their networks partners across the country.

On the second day Rt. Rev. Bishop Salvadore Lobo was invited to give an input in which he said to the participants that disasters are of two types' i.e. man-made disaster and natural disaster. What we need to do is to light the candle wherever there is darkness instead of cursing darkness. Be the light to the world and give hope to the people who are in difficult situation. We need to prepare people who live in a disaster prone area to prevent and reduce the occurrence of such situation.



The participants were trained in following the most widely known and internationally recognized sets of common principles and universal standards for the delivery of quality humanitarian response as rights to the disaster affected populations to life with dignity. It promotes the active participation of affected people and national and international authorities. The minimum standards cover four primary life-saving areas of humanitarian aid namely water supply, sanitation and hygiene promotion; food security and nutrition; shelter, settlement and non-food items; and health action. The participants were given certificate which has been signed by the Executive Director of Caritas India.

GRACE: Support to children's Education

GRACE is a Sponsorship Programme initiated by Ms. Rosa Verhaege and her late husband Gaby Vromant, Belgium. The objective of this sponsorship project is to render support to the students who are good at studies but cannot afford to continue their formal education. The right now project supports such 32 children from the different blocks of South 24 Parganas. A one day programme was conducted for these students on March 17, 2018 at Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur. Fr. Parimal Kanji welcomed all the children and their guardians and explained to them the goal and objective of this project. He also said to them that there are many children in Belgium who sacrifice their own comfort to support to our children of GRACE. A drawing session was conducted where children were asked to draw the pictures according to their imagination. Each child wrote a thanksgiving letter for the donor. It will be sent to Ms. Rosa, Belgium. All the children received health and education materials along with funds for school admission fees and text books. They also expressed sincere thanks and gratitude to Ms. Rosa and the children of Belgium and wished them a Happy Easter.



Youth Orientation at Bamanpukur Parish

4th March, 2018, was a unique day for the youth of Bamanpukur. On this day, the youth commission of the Diocese of Baruipur conducted a youth orientation programme. This gave great joy to the participants as it was held for the first time in their parish. Kumrokhali and Nazat also joined the programme. A beautiful prayer dance, chandan tika and flowers welcomed the Youth Director - Fr. Ramen Pailan, DEXCO members and the working committee members. Fr. J. Pathinathan, the parish priest of Bamanpukur, began the programme with a motivating speech. The youth director made his presentation on "The Youth and the Church" and "The Goal of Youth".



With sound clarity, he explained the multiple role play of a youth as a son/daughter, a student, a parishioner and as a member of the society. He emphasized the vital role of the youth in the Church in restoring the communion. In this regard, Fr. Pathinathan gave three catchy phrases during his homily – "I can do"; "We can do"; "Youth can do". Towards the end of the programme, Anup Mongal proposed the vote of thanks. Fr. Ramen thanked the parish priest and the youth for taking up this noble initiative and for their participation.



- Alex Tirkey

DISHARI AT A GLANCE

This is the first time Dishari organized four days catechetical seminar for the new catechumen from 14th to 17th February, 2018. Altogether 58 people came from four places namely Dakshin Gobindopur, Netaji More, I-plot and Bokkhali. Among them some are newly converted and some are yet to be converted. On 16th February, first Friday of the Lent they were taken to Bandel Church for the Lenten pilgrimage. They interceded to the feet of our heavenly mother for the first time. They were extremely happy to be there and taken up by the faith and devotion of the people to Mother Mary. They were given catechised by Fr. Saumen Malik, Fr. Uttam Naskar and Sr. Binoy MC. They learnt that by holding holy hand of Mother Mary, it is easier to reach her son Jesus during this season of Lent.

On 2nd to 4th of March, 2018 Dishari organized a retreat for the Parishioners. All together 52 people came from six parishes attended the retreat. Fr. Augustine Gomes was the preacher for the Retreat. Through his preaching he helped people to experience mighty power and unconditional love of God for the fellow human. Many of them came with broken hearted but they went back home with peace and joyful heart. A Hindu lady from Pathor Protima got healed completely from her physical sickness through this retreat by the grace of Jesus and continue to proclaim Christ as her savior.

- Fr. Saumen Malik



- 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
- 21 Fr. Dany Mathew OIC
- 23 Fr. Francis Baraik
- 29 Fr. Daniel Makhal
- 30 Bp. Salvadore Lobo

Priestly Ordination Anniversary

- 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 Makhal
- 27 Fr. Jonas Singha
- 28 Fr. Remmy D'Sa SFX
- 29 Fr. Prolay Boidya
- 30 Fr. Biju M J, CM

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer, Month of April 2018

Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters
That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

NOTICE BOARD

The following people are appointed to the "Vocation Commission of Catholic Diocese of Baruiipur" from March 01, 2018.

- 01. Fr. Ramen Pailan - Vocation Director
- 02. Fr. Tushar A. Gomes - Rector of Samarpan Minor Seminary
- 03. Fr. Kanauj Roy - Director of Seminarians of Catholic Diocese of Baruiipur
- 04. Fr. Deepak Ekka
- 05. Sr. Asha Jyothi A.C.
- 06. Mr. Sarjbeswar Chakrobarty

The works of Vocation Commission is:

- 1. To encourage vocations in the diocese
- 2. Keep in touch with prospective candidates
- 3. Visit the families of prospective candidates
- 4. Plan and conduct vocation camp in general for vocations and vocation camp for diocesan priests separately.

Paribar Jyoti:

Marriage Preparation Course (for the unmarried): April 21 - 22, 2018.
Training on Mobile Videography for youth: April 21-22, 2018
(April 21, 03.00 PM to April 22, 01.00 PM)

Bishop Lobo's Programme for the Month of April 2018

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Sun	07.00 a.m.	R. B. Nagar, Baruiipur	Easter Mass
03	Tue	11.00 a.m.	Budge Budge	Silver Jubilee of Sr. Daisy CMC
04	Wed	10.30 a.m.	Thakurpukur	1st Profession of Loreto Sisters
08	Sun	08.00 a.m.	Behala	Joins Mass at Behala Syro -Malabar Church
13	Fri	04.10 p.m.		Goes to Mumbai
14	Sat		Mumbai	1st Communion of Aaron Noronha
15	Sun		Mumbai	1st Communion of Tiara Gideon
16	Mon	12.00 Noon		Returns to Baruiipur
19	Thu	09.30 a.m.	Baruiipur	Meeting of Board of Consultors
21	Sat	10.00 a.m.	Morapai	Takes a class of Catechism for the children of Confirmation
22	Sun	06.30 a.m.	Morapai	Mass & Confirmations
24	Tue		Amghata	Annual programme of Propaedeutic Seminary
25	Wed	06.30 a.m.	Amghata	Mass
26	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Baruiipur	G. B. Meeting of Dishari
27	Fri			Goes to Bangalore
30	Mon	09.30 a.m.	Bangalore	G. B. Meeting of Caritas India at St. John's Medical College

In Your Charity Kindly pray for

Smt. Bijali Dhara went to her eternal abode on 7th March 2018. She died at home at 79 years of age. Her funeral was conducted in St. Joseph's Church Raghampur with concelebrated mass and she was laid to rest in the Raghampur cemetery. There were eleven priests from different places were present and a large crowd and religious sisters that attained her funeral was proof of her popularity. She left behind 5 daughters and 1 son. Out of five daughters 2 are religious nuns, namely Sr. Subrota belongs to St. Anne's Congregation and Sr. Pronomi a Missionaries of Charity sister. We pray for the repose of her soul. May her soul rest in peace.

- Fr. Jonas Singha



Easter and Bengali New Year wishes

Bishop Salvadore Lobo and all the Fathers

at Bishop's House wish all the readers

A very happy and grace filled Easter

and

A happy and Prosperous Bengali New Year - 1425.