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Nava Spurthi wishes all of you a Blessed Holy Week.

“Whoever came into this world, came into it to live. He came into it to die.”

News from Alakode

Sr. Daisy was away in Mumbai, on official duty to attend the Regional Councilors’ meeting as well as to search for new pastures for our apostolate. She brought Sr. Reshmi along so that she could brush up the English hymns which the students had learnt earlier. After fulfilling her task well, Sr. Rashmi left for Umralla on 19 February. Thank you dear Sr. Rashmi, you have done a wonderful job!

11 February was a memorable day for Class XII as it was their farewell day. Class XI did their utmost to make the day special for their seniors. On the 14th Sr. Amala received the sad news of the death of her second eldest sister who suffered a massive heart attack. Sr. Teresina accompanied her and attended the funeral. Our primary school celebrated their Annual Day, based on the ‘**International Year of the Forests**’. Our children put up a spectacular show for their parents.



The month of March saw the nervousness and excitement of students for Board Exams. Our co-workers celebrated their Festival, Shivaratri in Aluva. Srs. Teresina and Daisy accompanied them. The train journey was a thrilling experience for some of our co-workers as they had never travelled by train. They were extremely happy and grateful for the trip.

Our senior students were given a program on Personality Development and Career Guidance by Rev. Fr. Jaison and Mr. Jaison

from Thalassery. Classes IX and XI appreciated Soft Skills (Transactional Analysis) given by Mr. Jojo. On the feast of St. Joseph, the community went on an outing to Muzpanagady beach which is about 4 km. in length. We had a lovely drive on the beach and on our return, we visited the Kanjirangad Park. We came back refreshed in mind and heart.

Sr. M Teresina C.J

News from St. Mary's Convent, Mulund

On 5 Feb., 55 students [ClassXI] of our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation after a year of preparation. Sr. Smitha was one of the animators who prepared them. His Lordship Bishop Percival Fernandes, the chief celebrant conferred the sacrament. The candidates were escorted by their parents and the animators for the Holy Eucharist while their god parents accompanied them while they received Confirmation. On the following Sunday was the First Holy Communion of 55 children.

On 18 Feb the school staff enjoyed a picnic at a farm house and nursery to revamp themselves from the hubbub of activities.

Srs. Smitha, Divya and Usha made a pilgrimage together with the Holy Spirit zone of the parish to the Shrine of Infant Jesus, at Nasik to celebrate the feast.

We were privileged to attend the magnificent, and grace filled celebration, at St. Stanislaus School ground at Bandra, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Late Holy Father John Paul II's visit to India, **The Examiner** has given the full coverage of this spectacular event, last month.



The brutal demolition drive of the historical Crosses at a few places in the city of Mumbai and the atrocities committed against Christians, were decried by His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracious and some political leaders. All the believers were encouraged to condemn this crime against God. Sr. Lucia attended the "Morcha" organized by the Archdiocese of Mumbai at Cross Square.

St. Mary's is a centre for the SSC Board Examination and 350 students sat for the exams this year.

Our sisters are the animators of the Basic Christian communities of our parish in different zones. Zonal meetings, Bible Sharing, Quiz competitions, Stations of the Cross, Recollection, Family Visits, Pilgrimages, etc. are some of the activities that we are actively involved in.

Sr.Smitha

Srs. Sheetal, Vidya and Shradha have completed their BA exams and now Srs. Rose Mary (MA), Seema and Sanjana are getting ready for theirs. We wish them God's blessings.

The following members are missioned as animators of communities:

Sr. Deepti	-	Alakode	-	installation on 23 May 2011.
Sr. Georgia	-	Mittappally	-	" 13 May
Sr. Anisha	-	Pizhaku	-	" 19 May
Sr. Alma	-	Puthenvelikara	-	" 16 April

Sr. Linda - Begur - " 05 May

Others who are missioned to various communities are:

Sr. Teresina	-	Begur	-	Teacher
Sr. Angeli	-	Alakode	-	Teacher
Sr. Annette	-	Puthenvelikara	-	Teacher
Sr. Thomasina	-	Mittappally	-	Teacher
Sr. Shradha	-	Alakode (3 months)	-	Teacher
Sr. Elsa	-	Begur	-	Teacher
Sr. Prasanna	-	Umralla, MW Niwas	-	Nursery in charge
Sr. Vidya	-	Pizhaku	-	School Office
Sr. Carina	-	Mulund	-	House in charge

Srs. Sheetal and Suchita would continue to facilitate Vocation Promotion.

Sr. Sherly will take charge of the School in Puthenvelikara, Sr. Mercy of the school in Mittappally and Sr. Amala in charge of the primary section in Alakode besides teaching in the +2 section.

Our newly appointed superiors attended a Leadership Course in Prerana in Bangalore. They spend two days in Maria Sadan where they were given an orientation before they take up their new responsibility. We wish them God's abundant graces. May you be a **BLESSING** for your community.



Our three candidates, Mary, Rita and Agnes have come away from Umralla, to make place for the new comers. They will be going home to spend a few days with their dear ones.



A **vocation camp** was conducted for the girls from Kerala, in Puthenvelikara, by Srs. Sheetal and Suchita. Please pray that a few of them at least would be our future members. A special word of gratitude to Srs. Thomasina and Jyotsna and the community for seeing to all their needs.

Mary Ward Sadan, Puthenvelikara

Sr. Esther suffers from Chronic Bronchitis and so was admitted in West Fort Hospital at Trissur for a week. She now has regained her health and she looks energised. At present she is as active as ever. In order to bid farewell to Sr. Nilima, the community gathered together for a Eucharistic Celebration in our chapel, to praise and thank God for her and to implore God's blessings upon her and her new mission at Shapur. Thank you, Sr. Nilima for your services to our community, school and the parish.

The month of March saw our students, gripped with exam fever. The students of classes LKG to IX had their Annual Examination from 25 February to 23 March. 35 students of ours appeared for the ICSE

Examination. The school bade farewell to Srs. Thomasina and Nilima, thanking them for their valuable services.

Sr. Feby paid us a visit to see the progress of the construction of our building. She, together with a few sisters, paid a courtesy visit to the new Bishop, his Excellency Dr. Joseph Karikkassery of Kottappuram Diocese. Srs. Esther and Thomasina went to Vechuchira for vocation promotion and Sr. Esther stayed on for her home leave. We were happy to house 26 girls for a vocation camp for three days.

Sr.Thomasina CJ

Your Prayers are requested for the sick:

Sr. Manju's Brother and sister who are admitted in the hospital

Sr. Feby's Sister who had a fracture of the hip bone and was operated

Sr. Elsa who is under treatment in Kerala

Sr. Suchita who will be undergoing a hysterectomy.



Rejoice! The Lord is Risen!

Nava Spurthi wishes all its readers a Very Happy Easter filled with the Joy and Peace from the Risen Lord!

“There are two ways to live your life, one is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle” *Albert Einstein*

