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Maria Sadan, Bangalore

Corona virus, as it proved to be a threat to life, affecting everyone, every where, was declared to be a pandemic in the beginning of this year. A virus so deadly, that targets the immune system of a human being but traps all other system along with it. As the cases in India increased by each passing day, the desperation of people and hunger pangs rose too.

The beginning of the pandemic the community was busy with helping out the diocesan charitable activities those who are affected by this crisis. We were also struggling to keep ourselves socially distant, clinically sane and physically fit and well. The community took prayer turns and adoration for all those who have been infected by Covid-19.

In our community students were busy with their final exam preparations and assignments. Month of July regional superior Sr. Daisy along with the candidates went to Begur community for a month. On 1 August we celebrated Sr. Alphonsa's feast and had a Holy mass after a long time. On 15 August we had the postulancy of Bioyna along with the celebration of the Assumption of our blessed mother and the Independence day. Our sisters from Shanti Sadan, Begur joined us. Bioyna left for Patna on 11 September for her further formation studies and we wish all the best..



Sr. Lima joined our community after her hectic work in the national office of prison ministry. Sr. Daisy is busy completing her online visitation and meetings.

We bid farwell to Srs. Cyrilla, Prasanna and Rupali and wished them well in their new mission. We welcomed our new community members Srs. Linda and Elsa. Month of October bought us more devotion to Mother Mary while reciting the Holy Rosary as a community. We had dual celebration in the month of October feast day of Sr. Daisy and Birthday of Sr. Vidya. These occasions were celebrated with Holy Mass followed by festal meal. Due to pandemic situation we have no hostellers at present. All the students are busy these days with online classes and teaching practices. Sr. Alphonsa one of our senior members keep herself and community hearty with her wits and jokes. For the blessing of life, for the gift of each new day' Lord of Abundance we thank You. We give thanks to you for all that we have, all that we are.

Mary Ward Convent, Pizhaku

Ever since the Pandemic started all of us are going through challenging times. We have taken on the challenge and arranged for virtual classes to take care of the teaching- learning transactions in our school.

Teachers have been trained for several days how to take virtual classes either by on-line classes in Zoom App or by preparing videos and posting them in Telegram App. They are also trained how to correct students' answer scripts by using WhatsApp and Google Form. So now our teachers are competent enough to conduct Teaching- Learning process, Examinations and Evaluations using new technology. After the Evaluation **E- Report** was sent to every student. The parents are happy and satisfied with the students' performance and the use of technology in the Teaching – Learning – Evaluation process.

On 10th June Sr. Theresa joined our community. Sr. Ann from Delhi Province came to stay with us for some time as she could not go back to her province due to Lockdown.

Sr. Basilia the manager of the school hoisted the national Flag in the presence of Sisters.

Since Sr. Ursula 's health was deteriorating we informed her family members. So a number of her dear ones paid visit to her. Rev. Fr. Thomas Illimootil, a close friend of Sr. Ursula came along with our Parish Priest to see her. The former offered prayers for her and prepared her to meet her Heavenly Spouse. On 31 July, the feast of St. Ignatius, Sr. Ursula's nephew Fr. Joseph Parapuram came to see her and offered Holy Mass for us and thanked the community for the way we were taking care of her. From August 1 – 21 the community joined with the Shalom Television in '*Daniel Fasting Prayer*' to arrest the spread of Covid -19 Pandemic from the surface of the earth.

On 16 morning, after the Holy Mass we noticed Sr. Ursula's breathing difficulty. Immediately we called the Parish Priest. He came at once, prayed and prepared her to enter peacefully to her heavenly abode. At 9.00 a m in the presence of all the community members she breathed her last.

Due to Covid- 19 we were not permitted to keep her body in the convent for long. So the funeral service had to be conducted on the same day. Priests, Sisters, the relatives of many of our sisters, well wishers, people from our parish and neighbouring parishes paid homage to her.

Sr. Ursula's family members and sisters from Puthenvelikara, Thuruthipuram and Alakode joined us in the funeral service. We thank you dear sisters for your valuable prayers for Sr. Ursula. On 22 we had 'Mantra' (7 day prayer). About 40 people, including Sr. Ursula's dear ones, neighbours and sisters participated in it. After the church service all came to the convent for special prayers (Anitha) followed by breakfast.

From September 1 to 8, we observed 8 days fast / abstinence as was advised by our Major Arch Bishop Mar George Aalencherry to cease the spread of Covid -19 Pandemic from the universe.

The shooting for the '*Koodathai*' short movie was done in our school campus.

On 5 September the school celebrated Teachers' Day in a unique way. Teachers, Parents and Students joined in the virtual prayer assembly and entertainment programme conducted by class X students under the guidance of the sisters.

We thank Sr. Nelcy for her magnanimous contribution towards the growth of the mission and in the community during the past one year and four months.

On 26 we commemorated the 41 day of demise of Sr. Ursula with Holy mass in our parish church and prayers at her grave.



Friends of Mary Ward-Education becomes a complete concept only when it creates a warm, sensitive, compassionate heart along with a strong intellect. It is with this ideal in mind the programme 'i-share' was initiated in our school. The 'i-share' programme helps to nurture and develop the habit of sharing with the less privileged and create awareness in social responsibilities among the children thus enabling the development of leadership qualities and true global citizenship.



The 'i-share' fund was generated by the voluntary contribution of our students. Each student contributed Rs.1 per day and in each term the contributions were collected by the teachers or the students of JPIC and their animators. From the fund collected last year Rs.10,000/ was spent to feed-in loving memory of Sr. Ursula-143 inmates of Kunjachan Missionary Bhavan in Ramapuram who are mentally challenged and physically handicapped. Sisters, teachers, parents and ex-students went with JPIC students to Kunjachan Missionary Bhavan to serve them lunch. They were very happy and expressed their gratitude in their own way which indeed touched all of us.



On the same day a team of 'i-share' and JPIC leaders along with Manager Sr. Basilia, Principal Sr. Suma, Sr. Berny, teacher representative and Parent representative donated Rs.

50,000/- from the 'i-share fund' to

our co-worker Mrs. Saly Kumaliyil for the purchase of a plot for the construction of a house Rs.7000/ to Mrs. Monica wife of Mr. Manichettan in favor of her medical treatment and Rs. 5000/- is given to Kumari Neha Augustine for her education purpose.



From the fund received from Sr.Ursula's benefactors, we gave Rs. 30,000/- for the education of the children of our supportive staff.

Due to Covid – 19 Pandemic and its apparent lockdown we sacrificed everyday something or other and contributed Rs. 25,000/- to purchase a plot of land for the construction of a house for our domestic staff, Mrs. Saly Kumaliyil. Mr. Jebean Prem, a friend of Sr.Ursula donated Rs. 25,000/- to give it to Saly for the same purpose. We, Mary Ward's daughters, believe that we need to go a long way to reach out to many. We are certain that in the years to come we will do our best to spread happiness, joy and bring forth a radiant smile to as many as we can.

Shanti Sadan Convent, Begur

We thank God Almighty for keeping all of us healthy of body and mind. We are blessed to have Holy Mass in our Chapel most of the days.

On 28 June we bid farewell to Sisters Angeli and Auxilia who were on transfer to Mittapalli. We reached them up to the border by our vehicle. On the same day we welcomed Sr. Sanjana to our community. We had farewell mass for Sr. Lima who served our community as our animator for three years. We thanked Sr. Lima for her selfless service to the community, school and the parish. As Sr. Lima left for Prison Ministry, we reached her to the office.





Sr. Deepti came from Mittapalli and spent a few days with us. Sr. Daisy and two candidates, Biyona and Beena arrived from Maria Sadan. Srs. Daisy, Feby and Deepti took classes for the candidates. We celebrated the birthdays of Srs. Daisy & Deepti.

Anu CJ (Delhi Province) came to stay with us. She does her online work being in the house.

On 2 Sep. we had farewell mass for Sr. Susan who was missioned to Puthenvelikara. The next day Sr. Susan left for home to meet her mother who is ill.



On 16 Sep. Sr. Mahima was missioned as the Animator of the community. After the missioning we had Holy Mass offered by our



parish Priest Fr. Shant Kumar. Sr. Feby goes to St. John the Baptist Seminary to teach English to the brothers.

On 4 October we welcomed Sr. Jyotsana to our community.

School activities: The new Academic session began with a lot of uncertainty. However, we began online classes for classes KG- to 10. It was a new learning for all of us and the staff. The willingness to learn and explore made all the difference. We arranged a webinar for the students of classes 9 & 10 on the theme “Study skills & Time management” and for the parents, “Creating a learning environment”. It was appreciated by the parents and students.



It enabled the students to get into the seriousness of learning and preparing for their Board exams.

Independence Day: This year we had online Celebration. Different activities were organized for KG, Primary and High School. KG had the Traditional costumes of different parts of our country. Primary had Drawing

competition on the theme “India my Country” and High school had paragraph writing on the theme “The Future of my country”



Teachers’ Day Celebration: Virtual Teachers’ day celebration was held on 5th September 2020. The celebration began with a short prayer service, followed by entertainment and showcasing of love and respect for the teachers by the students. The teachers were moved by the thoughtfulness of the management and the students.



Orientation Programme:

Motivation plays an important role in the living of our lives meaningfully. The students and teachers were given an Orientation to review, reflect and reinvent for themselves.

St. Mary's Convent School
Begur- Koppa Road, Hommadevanahalli,
Bangalore -83

Organizes an Orientation for
Teachers
On 26th September 2020 at 10:30
through

Resource person
Mrs. Marie Gaspar, M.Sc. M.Ed.
Academician, Administrator
and an Agent of Change

St. Mary's Convent School
Begur- Koppa Road, Hommadevanahalli,
Bangalore -83

Organizes an Orientation programme
On 19th September 2020 at 10:30 a.m
For classes 9 & 10

Theme

- ♦ SELF ESTEEM
- ♦ VALUES & CHARACTER FORMATION
- ♦ HEALTH & HYGIENE

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Mary Ward Illam, Mittapalli

During the pandemic school was closed yet our teachers conducted farewell program for Srs. Deepti and Sanjana. They appreciated their dedicated service while they were part of school team. Sr. Sanjana left for Begur and Srs. Auxilia and Anjeli reached Mittapalli. Due to strict lockdown, the duties of our supportive staff were rearranged.

On 3 July the Feast of St. Thomas, at 6.30 am Sr. Deepti - as delegated by regional superior Sr. Daisy installed Sr. Auxilia as Animator of Mittapalli community. The choir led by Sr. Japa added to the solemnity of the High Holy Mass and festivities.

The community gave a fitting farewell to Sr. Deepti before she left for Begur from there to proceed to Puthenvelikara with Sr. Susan. The community had one day recollection on the topic "Community life".

Sr. Usha shared her reflection on the above topic.

Independence Day was celebrated on 15 August with Flag hoisting and prayer service and the school welcomed the correspondent Sr. Auxilia and Anjali. The day held a great significance to our community as we had triple celebrations- The Assumption of our Blessed Mother, The Independence Day and the Feast Day of Sr. Smitha. We had Holy Mass in the morning. With an organised recreation the day's celebration ended with a happy note. We had one-day recollection on the topic "The call of God". We used the resource material sent by the COIN process group.

The community celebrated on 10 October Sr. Lawrentia 's feast with Holy Eucharist and festal meal followed by common recreation. Thanks be to God! This year we are blessed with sufficient rain. We are able to cultivate some crops in our field. We are already enjoying the home grown fruits and vegetables. Our campus also looks bright with colourful flowers and shelters for several beautiful birds. Due to strict lockdown, the duties of our supportive staff were rearranged. Some our sisters had their holidays during the pandemic.

The month of June was with uncertainties as the board examination was not over in the school. Due to Covid 19 we faced continuous postponement of examination dates for class X and XI. It was ordered that each school would be the exam centre as per norms and regulations. However, the exam was cancelled on 15 June, and the promotion solely depended on marks scored in 1 and 2 term and attendance along with the required documents. The government declared all promotion for the students up to class 9. Sisters and a few teachers went to Mathur and submitted marks, report cards and log books of the students of Classes 10 and 11. In the board examination Harish M topped class XII, Nikhil Ramsamy scored highest in class XI and P.U.Varsaa



and Jagan Singh are toppers in Std X. We started with the Online class from 8 June and for board exam students after their results in July.

St. Mary's Convent , Mulund

Amidst lockdown we too were 'off'; and went online for everything. As many of us actually became part of 'Go Digital'. As it is said that Learning is a womb to tomb process and so all of us: sisters, teachers, parents and the students were trained for online schooling by our computer teachers. 'Hats off' to you dear teachers.

Month of July brought us dual birthday celebration of Srs. Leonie and Mercy. The occasions were marked with Holy Eucharist and festal meal. We started online classes for high school students followed by primary and K.G. London Bridge is falling down Was one of the favourite rhymes for many of us in our school days; and we revised it again as we witnessed our convent compound wall falling. Our MP and BMC Corporator have promised us that they would do the needful as it happened during the road drainage work. We wait in hope. Our student Gayatri Badrinarayan added one more feather to our cap by scoring 98.60% in SSC exams. Words of appreciation travelled from all directions to our door steps on 100% results of our school. Our students did very well. We celebrated the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola. We prepared ourselves spiritually for the same and turned the next page of our calendar.

The month of August kept us all active as the community took active part in attending webinars, meetings, celebrations and programmes online. We attended webinar on "Emotional Well-being" by Sr. Prisca CJ and Mary Ward by Sr. Carmel IBVM. We bid farewell to Sr. Divya, who was missioned to Alakode and at the same time we got the news that Sr. Divya's father was sick, so she flew to see her father. Our Students both from Primary and secondary participated in interschool competitions at Seven Isles International School and bagged a few prizes. Vianney Sunday was yet another exciting programme. With the combined efforts of Parish council and youth of our parish, the online programme came out to be an excellent one. Our community sang a wishing song which was well appreciated by our parish priest. Freedom festival was celebrated online with prayer service and programmes.



Sr. Edwina hoisted the national Flag in the presence of Sisters, few teachers and co-workers. We had online mass to mark the Assumption and Independence.

Our Parish celebrated the feast of St. Pius x, our Patron Saint. Three days' preparations went prior to that. Online mass and Reflection talks by notable speakers were telecasted on YouTube which dealt with various themes applicable to present situation. This spiritual journey was appreciated by the Parishners. The climax was online 'Pius Fiesta 2020' which was filled with games, fun and surprises. It was an excellent evening

amidst lockdown and Pandemic Trauma. The community celebrated Sr. Seema's birthday with community mass and festal meal.

Corona managed to close down the schools but not Teaching and learning. Our teachers had been learning and teaching online. To appreciate their hard work on the occasion of teachers' day, Sr. Edwina arranged for a prayer service and a short entertainment programme, with a message online. The preparations of nine days for the feast of Nativity of our Blessed mother were well arranged by our parish. We celebrated it as St. Mary's day. To mark this auspicious occasion both Primary and Secondary sections put up prayer services which Sr. Christine concluded with a message.

Due to lockdown our KG admission process was incomplete for both SSC and ICSE (first batch of 83 students). However Parents were called in groups to complete the formalities. Distribution of rice and pulses was carried out in the school to students of std 5-8 as per Govt. Mid Day Meal Scheme. Surplus rice and pulses were then distributed to all the other students too.

To cope up with the present Covid times, the school has arranged counselling sessions for students of standard VII to X - four sessions for each std. through out the academic year 2020-21 including two sessions for parents of these students with the help of Prafula Counselling Centre an NGO run by Don Bosco, Matunga. Already one session for parents and two for students have been completed.

In the beginning of October we witnessed **Exodus** experience with sisters coming in and going out. Srs. Linda and Jyotsana spent a day with us before they left for Bangalore on 3rd morning. Our Contractor, Mr.Thomas was generous enough to take them to Bangalore in his car



and bring Srs. Cyrilla, Georgia and Prasanna from Bangalore to Mumbai. On 10th morning Srs. Mercy, Christine, Edwina and Seema accompanied Srs. Cyrilla and Georgia to Umralla. On the same day Sr. Cyrilla was missioned as the Sister-in-charge of the community followed by a Thanksgiving Mass and a festive lunch.



We welcomed Sr. Prasanna to our community with a prayer service and wish her all the best as she takes up the responsibility as In-Charge of Primary. Competitions were held for classes 5th to 10th to mark 'Gandhi Saptaha'.

SMAART, our SMC Alumnae Association was very active during the Corona Pandemic season:- There are about 1800 resident doctors and healthcare workers in the Municipal hospitals in Mumbai. One of them, Dr.Ashima, is one of our former students. Through her we came to know the pitiable condition of the doctors who missed their mid-day meals as they were very busy at that time, with the Corona patients.

she arranged for snack boxes for them so that they could eat when they could be free. SMAART members have joined Dr. Ashima in her effort to help the doctors, by shouldering part of the expenses incurred by supplying snack boxes to the doctors. This will continue until the epidemic is brought under control.

St. Mary's Convent, Alakode

Our Parish Church re-opened on 20 June after three months' gap and we were very happy to attend Holy Mass daily, once again in the church. After seven years of zealous and committed service, Rev. Fr. Siby Anakallil, the Vicar of our parish church, bid goodbye to us on 27 June. He was instrumental in constructing a beautiful church at Alakode. On the same day, the parishioners welcomed the newly appointed parish priest Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Attel and the assistant parish priest.

We had twin feast day celebration of Srs. Gladys and Thomasina on 2 July. Rev. Fr. Johnson offered Holy Mass for their intentions. The fathers joined us for the feast day dinner, during which we welcomed them. The community was happy to celebrate the 86 birthday of our dear Sr. Carina with Holy Mass and sumptuous meal thereafter.

In spite of the lock down in our area, we managed to plant rubber saplings in our land on 27 July.

Mr. Kuttichen, Sr. Basilia's brother was a great support and he gives us timely advice to take care of the saplings.

Our senior citizens, Srs. Esther, Imma and Fransica were brought to our community by Srs. Georgia and Amala on 2 August. Their presence made our community more joyful and we had a lot of fun and laughter. They remained healthy and happy here. Our Parish Priest was generous enough to offer Holy Mass daily in our chapel during their stay here. Srs. Anisha and Sherly reached them to their respective communities on 25 September. On their return on 26 Srs. Divya and Nelcy, the new members our community joined from Angamali and the community happily welcomed them. .

We celebrated Onam with a variety of dishes. The three priests from our parish too joined us for the Onam sadhya. The feast of St. Theresa of child Jesus, the patron saint of Sr. Sherly was celebrated on the 1 October. We had a meaningful Holy Eucharist offered by our Parish Priest in our chapel and thereafter a delicious meal was served.

On 11 October, Srs. Anisha and Nelcy reached Sr. Gladys to Mysore by our vehicle to attend a course at Dhyana Sadhana.

We began the new academic year on 1 June 2020, imploring God's blessing up on the school through an online prayer service. During the first week of June, online PTA meetings were organized for all classes by Sr. Sherly to convince the parents about the necessity of starting online classes due to Covid 19 pandemic. By 6 June we started regular classes for the students of LKG to XII using Microsoft Teams online platform. The teachers, parents and the students are very co-operative and our endeavour to reach out to the students to

impart knowledge during the lock down has been effective .We have also integrated Art, PT and Moral Science classes along with other subjects. We conduct Unit Tests and Terminal Examinations with the help of Google forms and Microsoft Forms 365. The class teachers organize online classes. Online PTA meetings are held after the Unit Tests and Terminal Examinations to get feedback from the parents.

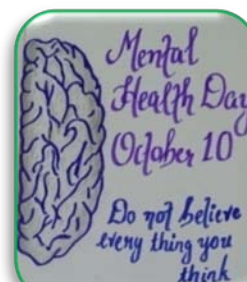
We conducted various online competitions such as Poster Making for Higher Secondary, Patriotic song album making for the High school students T-shirt painting for the UP section, Speech and Action song for primary section . As a part of FIT INDIA



programme,for LKG and UKG Fancy Dress competition was held .It was observed



from 3 September to 2 October as Freedom Run Week. The participants had to run 2km. every day. 850 students participated from



our school and they were given e-certificates. As a part of Mental Health Week observation all the students from classes 10, 11 & 12 participated in poster making competition on mental health.



Celebrations and observation of special days through Microsoft Teams ensured complete participation of the students and cheered them up. Independence Day and Onam were celebrated class wise under the guidance of the class teachers. Students performed various cultural items like songs, dances, fancy dress etc. from their homes which were watched by the students and parents from their homes. During



the Onam celebration “Maveli” visited every class with the principal and it was indeed a pleasant surprise for the whole school. Teachers’ Day was celebrated by the students on Google Meet to wish and thank their teachers in a fitting manner.

The ex-students too made it a point to appreciate their teachers on the occasion.

We paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi on 2 October through video presentations by KG, Primary and High school sections which were sent to class whatsapp groups.

This year our school was a centre for NEET examination and we conducted it very successfully. It was indeed a very tedious task as it



was the first time we conducted NEET in our school. It had to be conducted following Covid 19 protocol.



10.10.2020 turned out to be one of the saddest days for all of us at St. Mary's Alakode as our dear loving student JOZEN JIMMI JOSE of class 8B succumbed to death due to Covid 19. He was a vibrant, intelligent and affectionate child. He is the eldest of three children of Mr. Jimmi & Mrs.



Sindhu Cherukarakunnel. We organized a prayer meeting on the day of his burial and a Holy Mass was offered for him which was live streamed in the Youtube channel.

Most of our students, staff, parents and relatives of Jozen participated in the Holy Mass and prayed for the departed soul. Dear Jozen, You are gone from our sight, never from our hearts.

CBSE has introduced Art Integrated Learning from classes 1 to 12 as one of the subject enrichment activities. The students are fully engaged in preparing art integrated projects under the guidance of their teachers.

We were very happy to receive the letter from the CBSE, informing us that the school has been granted Extension of Affiliation, for which we had worked very hard since 2018.

[Mary Ward Sadan, Puthenvelikara](#)

The new academic year began on 1 June with the introduction of whats App classes. The teachers began to take Whats App classes for the students for the classes K G to X. Though it was a struggle for the teachers, students and parents to cope with online classes, finally these lessons were appreciated by the parents. A video was prepared as part of Independence Day celebration and uploaded to the students wishing them happy Independence Day. For Onam celebration online competitions were held such as OnamPookalam,



Fancy dress competition and Onapattu. A video also was forwarded depicting the story of Onam and a few items based on Onam celebration. Sr. Rosemary, The newly appointed Principal of the school was welcomed by the community on 1 September and kept her under strict quarantine giving her freedom to attend

her online classes and to prepare her B. Ed Exams. She was introduced and welcomed to the teachers and students through a short video on 5 September. A message of Teacher's day was given by Sr. Rosemary as an introduction to the video prepared on the occasion of Teacher's Day Programme. On the same day Sr. Rosemary had a short meeting with the teachers through Google Meet. On 8 September some representatives of the parents met Srs. Georgia and Rosalia to discuss about their problems and expectations. On 11 September the community welcomed Srs. Deepti and Susan. Sr. Divya came along with them to proceed to Alakode.



On 12 Morning Sr. Deepti was missioned as the new superior of Mary Ward Sadan Puthenvelikara. Thuruthipuram community too was present for the celebration. We wished God's blessings on Sr. Deepti as she took up her new mission. We bid farewell to Srs. Georgia and Mahima who were missioned to Umralla and Begur respectively. We take this opportunity to thank Sr. Georgia for animating the community for the last 6 years, for her tireless service to the community and people, in and around the Parish. Thank you Sr. Mahima for your hard work in the school and wish you God's blessings on your mission in Begur.

On 19 September parents of Classes 8, 9 and 10 were welcomed to the school for a Parent Teacher meeting giving them a chance to hear them as well as to share the expectations of the Management. Keeping the Covid Protocol the meetings were held class wise. They were very hopeful and cooperative and the attendance was very encouraging even though the weather was not favorable. Because of the increase in Covid in our area class wise meetings were held on different days through Google Meet for the rest of the classes. It was very encouraging for Sr. Rosemary to listen to the parents and their promise of support. They too sounded very hopeful. In the meeting we decided to start online classes for the students of K G to X twice a week to clarify their doubts and to have interaction with the teachers. The first Terminal Examination was conducted from 25 September onwards. On 26 September we welcomed back Srs. Esther,



Fancy dress competition- U K G

Francisca and Imma who were taken to St. Mary's Alakode to protect from the flood that were expected. In order to celebrate Ghandijayanti.

in a grand scale, competition were held and a meaningful video put up by the students was uploaded, reminding the

students the values upheld up Ghandiji. Srs. Deepti, Rosemary and two students gave short messages. On this occasion Pencil Sketch and Fancy dress competitions were organized and conducted through Google Meet in which a good number of students participated. The cooperation and support that we received from the parents during the various competitions held at different occasions gave us the impression that the parents really appreciate these activities. 4 October was a special day in our community as we celebrated the Feast day of Sr. Fransisca and the birth day of Sr. Elsa. We offered a thanksgiving Mass and bid farewell to Sr. Elsa before she left for Bangalore on 8 October. Thank you Sr. Elsa for your service in the school and community. We had our monthly recollection and we made use of the material sent by the process group for our prayer and reflection. The students of class 10 are having their 2 terminal exams these days. We thank Sr. Sherly for organizing the webinar for all the C. J Schools. 'The Teachers Tool Kit' is very practical and beneficial. The program was highly appreciated and our teachers are well motivated. October being the month of Rosary we pray daily rosary as devotion to Mother Mary.

Jyothir Bhavan, Thuruthipuram

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission". Cardinal Newman.

After four years of Sr. Theresa's stay in Jyothir Bhavan, she was transferred to Pizhaku. Fr. Shubin, our assistant parish priest offered a thanksgiving Holy Eucharist. Fr. Joy Srampickal, the vicar of Japamala Church, joined us for lunch. Fr. Joy expressed his gratitude for the generous services in her pastoral ministry. Thank you dear Sr. Theresa for the services rendered to our community, Mary Ward school as well as the people of Thuruthipuram Parish. We Wish you all the best in your new mission field. On tenth June early morning, Srs Amala and Georgia accompanied Sr. Theresa to Pizhaku community. Srs. Amala and Georgia got a chance to visit Sr. Ursula who was already bedridden.

We listened to the inspiring talks of Fr. Daniel to make our three days recollection. Fr. Shubin offered Holy Mass three days and we renewed our Vows. St. Francis Assisi parish started the Catechism classes on 5 July. Groups were formed to get in touch with the children on line. On 15 July Sr. Amala was taken home by her dear ones for holidays. Due to corona many roads were blocked and there was fear of total lock down. So Sr. Amala asked her people to reach her back on 23 morning. On 29 July we were happy to have the first Holy Mass offered by our new parish priest Fr. Joshy Kallarackal. The assistant parish priest Fr. Jibin, too reached on time for lunch specially prepared to welcome our new parish priests. On 16th morning, Sr. Daisy informed us that our Ursulamma took flight to her heavenly home. Around 10.a.m we left for Pizhaku to attend the funeral service of Sr. Ursula.

Sr. Alma stayed back for her home leave. In her absence Sr. Amala was given night refuge in Mary Ward. Sr. Alma was privileged to attend the seventh day memorial of Sr. Ursula. On 23 she was reached back by her dear ones. In spite of corona season, Srs. Alma and Amala were blessed to represent the Congregation at the funeral of Sr. Gretti's father's funeral in Mampra near Angamaly. We also attended the Holy Mass on the occasion of the first death anniversary of the mother of our parish priest.

To bid adieu to Srs. Georgia and Mahima, we invited them for a midday meal. Thank you dear sisters for all the help you have given to Jyothir Bhavan community during your stay in Mary ward.

In spite of the heavy rain on 12 September, we participated in the Holy Eucharist and the installation ceremony of Sr. Deepthi. As the warning about the big flood was going on, all were very anxious and concerned about the safety and security of our elderly sisters Imma, Esther and Francisca from the month of June already. At the end on 1 August, we received from Sr. Daisy that they were to be reached Alakode the next day. Accordingly Srs. Georgia and Amala accompanied them to Alakode on 2 August early morning.

Due to the thoughtfulness of Sr. Georgia, we had our breakfast and lunch in the vehicle itself. In spite of that, we reached, Alakode by 12. 30 pm. Sr. Imma had the best of time in Alakode, as she had the opportunity to visit her two niece's families and stayed with them. It is commendable that the parish priests made it a point to offer Holy Mass practically every day of their stay there. As the days went by, they were longing to be back in their own communities. At the end, on 25 September Srs. Anisha and Sherly accompanied them and they reached around 2.0 clock. Sr. Imma is very grateful to Sr. Anisha and community for the care and concern shown to them. They enjoyed their stay in Alakode.

In spite of the lock down and all the inconveniences attached to the corona virus we are all keeping well. Let us all pray that this virus be wiped out of the earth so that we can all live in peace and freedom once again.

Thank you