



Rev. Fr. George Thailammanal, PIME, (Pontificium Institutum Missionum Exterarum: The Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions) after a brief pulmonary illness and cardiac arrest, passed away on May 30, 2020, at 3.30 pm at Fr. Luiggi Pozzoli Memorial Hospital, Eluru. He was 78!

Fr. George was born on November 27, 1942, in Chennad, Kerala. He was a proud son of Jacob and Mary. He had four brothers and five sisters.



EDUCATION

He did his orientation at Ambrose Seminary, Nuzividu, from 1961-1964 and did his Philosophy studies from 1964-1969 and Spirituality in Maryglade College, Memphis Michigan, USA. He did his Regency in 1969 at Port Huron, USA, among the physically challenged people. He did his Theology from 1969-1973 at Milan, Italy, and was ordained a Priest on June 28, 1973.

HIS PRIESTLY JOURNEY:

1. 1973 - Assistant Parish Priest at Pezzonipeta for 9 months, in the erstwhile diocese of Vijayawada.
2. 1975-1983: Correspondent of R.C.M Schools and as Assistant Parish Priest at Darbhagudem and later as Parish Priest.
3. 1984-1986: Warden, St. Xavier's Boarding, Eluru.
4. 1986-88: Assistant Parish Priest at Our Lady of Good Health Velankanni parish, Irla, Mumbai.
5. 1990: Warden, St. Xavier's Boarding, Eluru for the second time.
6. 1991: did Licentiate at Urbaniana University, Rome.
7. 1992-1998: was appointed as the first rector of Queen of the Apostles Seminary, Eluru.
8. 1998-2003: Parish Priest of John Mazzucconi Parish, Khammam and Director of Catholic Centre.
9. 2003-2009: served as the parish Priest of Church of Our Lady of Health of Velankanni, Irla, Mumbai, for the second time.
10. 2009-2010: served as the rector of PIME Regional House, Eluru.
11. 2010 - May 30, 2020: has been serving as the Correspondent of St. Xavier Institutions, Eluru.

Fr. George was a devout, systematic in administration and meticulous by nature. He was a Priest of friendly nature and approachable to all, full of enthusiasm and exuded confidence and joy wherever he worked.

The funeral service will be held by Most Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera, Bishop of Eluru at 10.00 a.m. The mortal remains which had been kept for public viewing at St. Xavier's Boarding, Eluru, will be interred at MSI Cemetery, the next day, i.e., May 31, 2020.

May his soul rest in Peace!

- Rev. Fr. Ravi Thanaiah, Regional Superior, PIME

DEATHS

Ms. Theresa Mascarenhas, St. John Bosco's Community, Up-Pakhadi - 8th May, 2020

Mr. Louis Vaz, St. John Bosco's Community, Up-Pakhadi - 21st May, 2020

Mr. Mervyn Pereira, St. Paul's Community, Lallubhai Park - 28th May, 2020

Fr. George Thailamannal, P.I.M.E (Former Parish Priest) - 30th May, 2020

Mr. Harold Pereira, St. John Bosco's Community, Up-Pakhadi - 2nd June, 2020

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VELANKANNI IRLA CALLING

JUNE 2020

Church of Our Lady of Health of Velankanni

Dear Parishioners, Pilgrims and Devotees of Our Lady of Velankanni,

Following Pentecost, the Church begins her slow descent from the great peaks of the Easter Season to the verdant pastures of Ordinary Time; the longest of the liturgical seasons. The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. This month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical colour green. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus recalls Christ's love for us. Here are five facts that you may not know about this important feast of Our Lord.

A) The Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus took centuries to become a universal celebration
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back to the 11th century. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque had multiple visions of the Sacred Heart between 1673 and 1675. However, it wasn't until 90 years later in 1765, that the feast was officially celebrated in France. In 1856, Pope Pius IX made the feast of the Sacred Heart into a universal celebration.

B) The first Feast of the Sacred Heart was actually celebrated in 1670

C) The feast takes place on the 19th day after Pentecost

D) Jesus made 12 promises to those who honor the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life. 2. I will establish peace in their families. 3. I will comfort them in their trials. 4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death. 5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings. 6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy. 7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent. 8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection. 9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored. 10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts. 11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out. 12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

5. Congregations, States, and Groups are Consecrated to the Sacred Heart

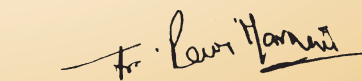
In 1873, President Gabriel Garcia Moreno issued a petition that led to Ecuador becoming the first country consecrated to the Sacred Heart. As we begin to feel the warmth of summer, we can reflect that we celebrate the feasts of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** (June 19) and the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** (June 20). God is Love and the Sacred Heart of Jesus — present on earth in the Blessed Sacrament — is the human manifestation of God's Love for men.

Focus of the Liturgy: The readings for the Sundays in June 2019 are taken from St. John and St. Matthew and are from Year A, Cycle 2.

June 7th - Trinity Sunday	"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."
June 14th - Corpus Christi	"I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."
June 16th - 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time	"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."
June 28th - 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time	"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Recently, PIME missionaries have lost our own dear Priest Fr. George Thailammanal, PIME. He was Assistant Parish Priest from 1986-88 and 2003-2009 Parish priest of Church of Our Lady of Health of Velankanni, Irla. We will have Month's Mind Mass and Memorial Mass at Our Church on 30th June 2020 at 7:00 pm. May his soul rest in Peace!

God Bless you all.



Fr. Ravi Thanaiah Marneni, PIME
(Parish Priest)

Parish Team:

Parish Priest – Fr. Ravi T. Marneni,
Asst. Parish Priest – Fr. Jaya Prasad
Yekula, CPPS

Sisters of St. Ann:

Sr. Fatima
Sr. Teresa Elamthuruthyl

Parish Office Timings:

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday: Closed.
Sunday: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Donation & Mass Offering:

At donation stall from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Book stall:

Monday to Thursday:
2 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. FRIDAY HOLIDAY.
Saturday: 7 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Sunday: 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Mass Timings / schedule:

Saturday (Novena):

6.30 a.m.	English
8.00 a.m.	Tamil
2.30 p.m.	Marathi
3.30 p.m.	Marathi
4.30 p.m.	Konkani
6.30 p.m.	English

Sunday:

7.00 a.m.	English – Parish Mass
9.00 a.m.	English – Children's Mass
6.30 p.m.	English – Youth Mass

Weekdays:

6.30 a.m. & 7.00 p.m. (English)

Baptism:

Sunday during 9 a.m. Mass.

Confessions:

Fridays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
or on request

Sick calls:

Anytime on request.
SCC animators / PPC member /
Eucharistic Minister to be informed.

Funeral:

To inform Parish Priest or
SCC Animators.

Sunday school:

7.45 a.m to 9 a.m.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020

The Way of the Heart: We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020.

In View of the Coronavirus Pandemic, All Meetings and Activities are cancelled.

Please Continue to Recite the Prayer for the Control of Coronavirus

Almighty and merciful God, who show your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the coronavirus in various parts of the world.

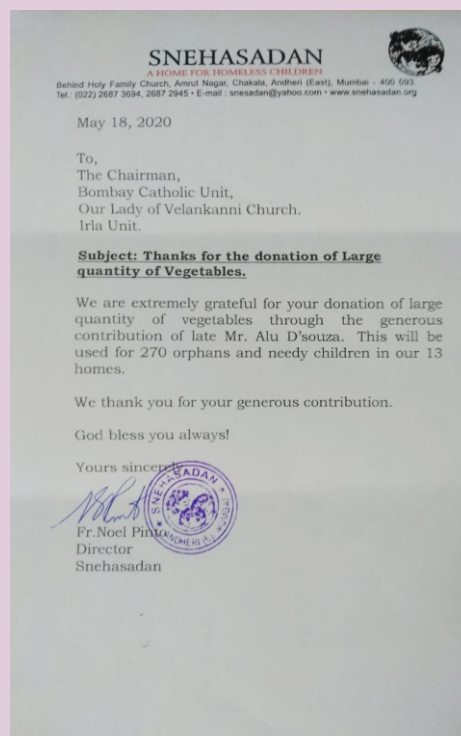
We come before you asking for a quick control of the outbreak, for healing of those who are affected, for the victims and their families. We pray for the doctors doing research that an effective vaccine to combat the sickness is speedily found. We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

PANDEMIC RESPONSE: BOMBAY CATHOLIC SABHA UNIT REACHES OUT

In continuation of our efforts to reach out to the poor, the Bombay Catholic Sabha, Irla Unit assisted our parishioner, Mr. Rodney Misquitta from feedmymumbai, in distribution of 1000 food packets to the needy people and migrant labourers at Irla, Andheri East and Vakola on two occasions.

Further, Bombay Catholic Sabha Irla Unit also donated large quantities of vegetables to Snehasadan Orphanage and Shelter at Andheri East, thanks to the contribution of late Mr. Aluu D'Souza a non-parishioner.

-Stanley D'Souza



ADIEUS, FR. GEORGE: THE FINAL JOURNEY OF FR. GEORGE THAILAMMANAL, PIME.

Fr. George Thailammanal, PIME passed away on 30th May, 2020, after a brief illness, at Fr. Luiggi Pozzoli Memorial Hospital, Eluru. The funeral mass was presided over by his Excellency Jaya Rao, Bishop of Eluru in the Chapel of St. Xavier's boarding, Eluru on Sunday 31st May 2020.

After mass, in procession, we took his body to the cemetery of MSI (Nirmala Sisters) at Vegavaram. Burial service was done by Fr. Ravi Thanaiah, Regional superior of PIME India. Sr. Lea, Fr. George's sister was able to attend the funeral service. His family members were not able to come due to the imposed travel restrictions.

A memorial Mass for late Fr. George Thailammanal, PIME was held on 3rd June 2020 at 6:00 pm at St. Xavier's Aided school ground. Fr. Ravi Thanaiah, PIME Regional Superior presided over the Eucharist celebration. Fr. Melchior Raja delivered homily. Bishop Mathew and other PIME and diocesan priests, religious and teachers participated the memorial mass. May he be always remembered amongst us. God bless his soul and may he rest in peace.



IN MEMORIAM

Saying Goodbye

As this day of sorrow comes,
tears in our eyes, loneliness in our hearts,
we say goodbye.

Thank You for sharing your life with us,
without you, we will not know
the love of God for us.

For you are a blessing in our eyes.

We thank the Lord for sharing you with us.

He has given us a great gift that we will never forget.

Even as the sun sets and the rain falls down.

God is indeed amazing, for knowing who we need.

-Grace Noll Crowell



We wish to thank Fr. George, belatedly, for his life as a dedicated priest in our parish and as a steadfast Christian. We will all miss him, but in the meantime, we will remember him in our prayers and Masses.

On behalf of all the Parishioners of Our Lady of Health of Velankanni, Irla, we pray for the departed soul of Fr George. May his soul rest in peace.